

## ***It Won't Be Long Now!***

Construction on Phase II of Saratoga Retirement Community has continued to progress and the new Continuing Care Retirement Community's Grand Opening is now just months away. At this writing, everything is happening so fast on campus that by the time you read this article, even more will have taken place! The Grand Opening is scheduled for late Fall 2004—most likely in November. Plans for the big event are already well underway. As construction progresses day by day, everyone on campus—residents of Assisted Living, staff, and construction crew members—become more excited about the new community taking shape. Prospective residents and depositors are also enjoying the progress and they are looking forward to the day when they can move to their beautiful new home at Saratoga Retirement Community. To learn more, call 1-800-996-3467. The Marketing Staff will be happy to help you!

## ***Brand New Signage Across Campus***

As part of the \$80 million Phase II construction financing, Saratoga Retirement Community (SRC) is receiving \$250,000 worth of new signage across campus. In January 2004, the Board of the Odd Fellows Home of California (OFHC; the joint Board overseeing SRC and the Meadows of Napa Valley) began selecting new names for the main historic building, Apartment Buildings #1 and #2, the three dining rooms, the private wine tasting room, the club lounge, and the many common areas. Once names are chosen, handsome new signs will be created for each building or room. This signage package also includes external and internal signs that are regulatory, informational, and directional as well as those required by Fire Safety and Traffic Control.

## ***SRC to Obtain a Wine/Beer License***

Saratoga Retirement Community has applied for a Beer and Wine License from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC). The Administration's goal in applying for the license is two-fold: 1) to create a new revenue stream of \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year, which could offset other costs for residents; and 2) add yet another convenience to campus. If the license is granted, residents will be able to enjoy a glass of wine or a bottle of beer before dinner or while dining.

It's quite difficult for businesses—even non-profit organizations like SRC—to obtain a liquor license in California. Saratoga Retirement Community must first complete a Zoning Affidavit listing the addresses of all residences within 100 feet of the premises where the liquor will be sold. It must also complete a Statement Form ABC-251, listing the names and addresses of all schools, churches, hospitals, public playgrounds, parks, and youth facilities located within 600 feet of the premises. In addition, each member of the OFHC Board of Directors must undergo fingerprinting and fill out an Individual Personal Affidavit ABC-208 form, on which they must provide personal information and employment history. When this entire

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background process is complete, the ABC will visit the SRC campus to inspect the facility and surrounding area. During this period, local residents who live around either Saratoga Retirement Community or the Meadows of Napa Valley (which is also overseen by the OFHC Board) will have the right to object to a permit being granted.

## ***OFHC Board Retreat***

In April, the Odd Fellows Home of California will host its annual retreat for the Board of Directors. The featured educational session will be devoted to Board governance. The retreat will also give board members an introduction to new regulations, state statutes, and standard operating procedures for a continuing care retirement community (CCRC), which is what Saratoga Retirement Community will become in November 2004, when Phase II construction is scheduled to be completed.

## ***New Resolution Passed Regarding Food Donated To Odd Fellow Homes***

**SARATOGA** - For many years, dating back to the early 1900s, Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have donated cakes, candy, cookies, canned fruits and other foods to the residents at the Odd Fellows Home. The federal, state and local health departments prohibit such food items being donated to public facilities unless such items are commercially prepared.

During the January Odd Fellows Home Board of Directors meeting, a resolution adopted a policy for both Saratoga Retirement Community and The Meadows of Napa Valley that any food to be served or made available to residents will meet all applicable federal, state and local regulations, Title 22 §72335(6).

The facility will ensure that state or federal authorities have properly inspected all meat, poultry, and meat food products. The policy requires that foods prepared off the premises are prepared in a manner that meets all applicable requirements for commercial service. Foods that have been home canned will not be used in the facility, Title 22 §87576 (12), (13), (14).

The facility will ensure that catered food, and beverages from a source outside the facility will be prepared, packed, properly identified, stored and transported in a manner that complies with all applicable requirements, Title 22 §73949 (5).

Gifts of cakes, candy, cookies, etc., prepared by individuals, may be given to an individual resident (a friend or a member of your lodge), but such items may not be given to the facility for general distribution to the residents. The lodges located on the campuses of each facility, may provide refreshments for members only, provided they are made available to lodge members and are not for consumption by the entire population of the facilities.