

Well, here we are finishing up the first month of the new calendar year! We start out with a 'bang' with turmoil in Washington and world wide health issues involving a pandemic illness in China. I have a saying, "shit happens!" It is up to us to pick up the pieces, think positive and put it into positive action, within our own circle.

Even around us here in Lakeside Community that is growing in size, which produces change for those who were here when it was small and more intimate. We are a community though and when something happens within, it affects us all. Personally, we have lost some dear friends and neighbors this past year, which is part of what life is all about. Lakeside is special though.....when something happens, sad or happy, it brings the Community together! We help each other handle the stress and we help celebrate the joys we experience. The pictures to the right help demonstrate this. I have shown these pictures before but there is reason to show them again.

Many of us have been quite involved with a much loved friend and neighbor, Doris Daughaday, seen in top picture, she is on right standing behind the chair. At that time we were all celebrating, the life of Charles, her husband, who had passed a few years back. Then as fate would have it, Doris had a couple of falls in her home during the month of November, which has incapacitated her to the point where she needed intensive physical care due to injuries. Here is where the love of the Lakeside Community comes into the picture. In addition to biological family members, who travel distances to be with her, Doris's second family, her Lakeside neighbors, friends, and Church members have been with her daily to support and encourage her recovery. Because of her injuries, some of us have participated in helping Doris eat her meals, open her mail, bring some extra food treats for her, and help entertain her. I know that her biological family appreciates the extra assistance, and together we have made a difference. Needless to say, it is this love that is helping her fight her battle.

This is important to all of us and it was a big part of our January experience! It is so much about what Lakeside is all about. We are a senior community within a larger community, an aspect I may write about at another time. Back to the atmosphere we are living in, a world of turmoil, changes in government, climate, world health threats, we all need to stay together, focus on our respect and love for each other and our love of God!



On a lighter note, here is a couple of different ways to look at change. Our clubhouse was closed for two weeks, during which the floors in the entire building were redone...great job! How about a change in the Family Car? No, not the color, the brand, a Lincoln, and of course with a 'higher level of technology'!