

# “*For Your Information*”

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I would like to thank everyone — residents, staff, board members, and others — for the wonderful cards, notes, well-wishes, and the farewell reception. It was truly touching and very much appreciated. A resident has asked that I re-publish the remarks I shared at the March 2026 SORA quarterly meeting. Those remarks appear below.

I’ve had the privilege of working at Sherwood, on and off, for the past 25 years — and I can honestly say I love this place. I was fortunate to know three of the four remarkable women whose vision-built Sherwood Oaks back in the 1980s. They imagined a community where seniors could live safely, comfortably, and with dignity — a place that felt both supportive and neighborly. Looking around today, I believe they succeeded in turning that vision into a lasting reality.

Over the past 25 years, I’ve witnessed many significant changes.

- The *First Impressions* improvement project transformed our community center lobby and dining areas and filled the building with natural light.
- The *Renewing the Dream* capital campaign reshaped the health center, making private rooms the standard, and creating an exceptional environment for memory care.
- And more recently, our partnership with Presbyterian SeniorCare Network has strengthened our mission. Their commitment to “Making Aging Easier” aligns beautifully with the intentions of Sherwood Oaks’ original founders.

But when I think of my fondest memories, they always come back to the people — the residents, staff and volunteers who make this a special place, and a vibrant welcoming neighborhood.

Looking ahead, I know there will be more changes and new challenges. But I truly believe that Sherwood Oaks is well-positioned for continued success, and its best days are still ahead.

Sincerely,  
Mark D. Bondi