



## Rosewood Foundation is established

Rosewood now has its very own foundation, officially established in October when the first meeting of the board of directors was held.

The Rosewood Foundation will be responsible for developing funds for improving Rosewood facilities, as well as enhancing the programs and services provided. The first goal of the foundation is to raise funds for the new fitness center and indoor pool. A campaign to raise money for the pool was launched in the summer of 2004. Concept drawings were unveiled at a special event in March.

Rosewood residents serving on the board of the Rosewood Foundation include Beryl Corrie, Ken Atken and Marie Myers. They join Rosewood's executive director, Ted Burgess, as well as Gloria Marshall, chairman of the Board of Advisors for Rosewood. Also serving on the board are staff members Gary Bashor, Robin Rocha, Joe Thomas, Penny Marshall and Jay Hunter.



*The first project of the Rosewood Foundation is to raise funds for the new fitness center, which will include an indoor swimming pool.*



*Amanda McNamara visits with resident Ruth Lowrey.*

### Grandparents Day

A student from West High visits with Rosewood residents during Grandparents Day held in September. Students from the school's marching band performed for residents.

## *Why we chose Rosewood...*

"My mom always knew that the time may come that she would need assistance in her day-to-day world, and that Rosewood could provide her that help. She has settled in and now calls it her home. That security means so much to my sister and me."

—Sandi Schwartz with her mother, Helen Fote, at a recent Rosewood event.



# Happy New Year Party...

## *Rosewood celebrates successes!*

New Years came early for the Rosewood community, with a special celebration held to recognize successes of the past 12 months. The event, held at the conclusion of Rosewood's fiscal year, brought residents and staff together to hear the good news, including the community's low vacancy rate, plans to build an indoor pool and upcoming enhancements to programs and services.

Because of Rosewood's success over the past 12 months in reaching near capacity, the facility's staff was recognized with an award for "Outstanding Sales Performance" by Seniority, the marketing organization of American Baptist Homes.

*Residents and staff celebrate the successes of the past 12 months with a special meal and presentations.*



## New Faces at Rosewood

Rosewood is pleased to announce the selection of three new members to the leadership team: Cille Hightower, Jane Custer and Joe Thomas.

Cille was appointed assistant to executive director, Ted Burgess, after working at Rosewood in several other positions. She joined Rosewood in 2004, bringing with her a wealth of experience in office management and training.

After two years serving in the human resources department at Rosewood, Jane Custer has been promoted to the position of human resources manager. Jane has more than 20 years of experience working in payroll and related services.

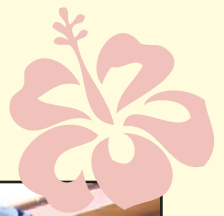
Joe Thomas, new finance director, is a certified public accountant. He brings extensive experience in accounting to his position. He also taught math and computer courses at the high school level.



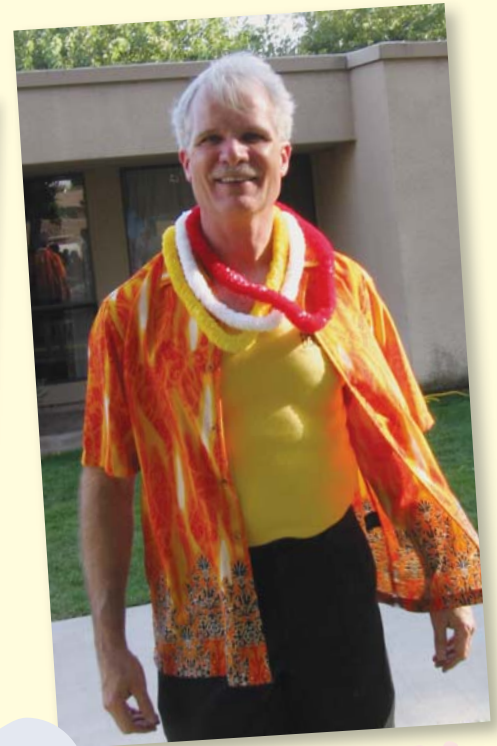
Jane Custer,  
Human Resources  
Manager

Joe Thomas,  
Finance Director

# Hawaiian Luau at Rosewood



*The weather cooperated beautifully when Rosewood treated residents and their guests to a Hawaiian luau in August. The event included a special menu, music, hula dancers, and entertainment for the kids in attendance.*



**Pictured, left to right:**

*Resident Margaret Root in her Hawaiian best. Staff member Lisa Small enjoys the event with daughter Tara. Ted Burgess, executive director, welcomes guests and visitors.*



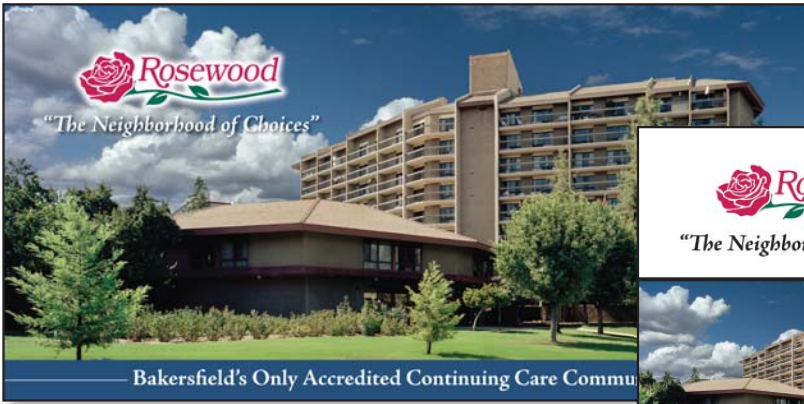


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## Rosewood featured at new airport terminal

When the new airport terminal opens later this year, it will feature signage from Rosewood and other prominent local organizations and businesses.



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## Coming Up...

### The Lighting of Rosewood: Dec. 2

Join us for caroling at 4, followed by a special holiday dinner and the countdown and lighting of the “Rosewood Christmas Tree” adorning the outside of our building.

This annual event has become a tradition in the neighborhood to kick off the holiday season.

Join us!

### Christmas Light Tours

We will be taking bus trips throughout Bakersfield’s best-decorated neighborhoods again this year. The trips are expected to start the second week of December.

*Please call to make arrangements to attend these and other events at Rosewood. We welcome you!  
Please call 834-0620.*

