

Presidential Ponderings - December 2024



It has often been said that “all good things eventually come to an end”. That is now where I find myself as I prepare to enter retirement in January of 2025. However, whereas my role as President/CEO will come to an end, I don’t expect that my relationship with Londonderry Village will be ending anytime soon. I may stop by on occasion to play some pickleball! I plan to attend fundraisers, look for a meaningful volunteer opportunity, continue as a Buddy Society member, and perhaps one day move-in as a resident. Londonderry Village is not done with me, yet!

This is my last “Presidential Ponderings” column. After 200+ columns spanning two decades, I find it amazing that there are still new topics to discuss. I enjoy writing and some folks seem to think I have a gift for it. It has been my vehicle of choice for communicating with the residents and staff, because it is the most widely read publication on our campus. I have “pondered” on a wide variety of topics over the years, and tried to inject some humor, some insight, and occasionally some pathos into the discussion. For some folks, the columns have been a ‘window into my soul’ and they feel like they know me better as a result; I appreciate that because it is not easy to know everyone personally on a campus of 600+ residents and 200+ staff.

I have one “Christmas Wish” for Londonderry Village this year, and only you (collectively and individually) can grant it. I wish that you will give our incoming President, Alicia Titus, as warm a welcome as you gave me upon my arrival in 2004. Be patient with her as she learns your names and absorbs our campus culture. Know that she will do some things differently than I did, and she will offer some new insights and perspectives based on her experience and background. Just like I did! I think Alicia was a fine choice, and I commend our Board of Directors for their diligence in carrying out a very thorough search process.

As I noted last month, the pleasure has been all mine, and I am very grateful for the support and good tidings that I have received as I get ready to depart. Keep in mind that this is not Goodbye, however, but more like Farewell for Now. Blessings!

*Merry Christmas Everyone,
Jeff Shireman, President*

