

MIKEY HOVEN AND MONICA HANNAN SPEAK AT MOTHER-OTHER TEA

The Mother-Other Tea on May 8, 2008 was a special event. Tables decorated with beautiful porcelain cups and saucers welcomed the residents and their guests to sit down and enjoy a time to socialize. Music was provided by pianist Barb Zimbelman, Ward Clerk and vocalist Sandy Fischer, DON. To accommodate the great number of residents and guests wishing to attend, tea was served in the morning and again in the afternoon.

At the morning tea service, the First Lady of North Dakota, Mikey Hoven, was the guest speaker. She related the legacy of faith her mother left behind. A woman who led by example, she taught her children many life lessons. "We will all have crosses to bear in life" was one of them. Mikey quoted James 1:2, which stresses, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds."



First Lady Mikey Hoven visits with resident Evelyn Larson

The power of prayer also became a reality for this mother's children, one day brought home in a dramatic way when they prayed for safety from a typhoon while in the Philippines. The Lord miraculously answered their prayers, teaching them yet another lesson: we are not alone - God is always with us.

Mrs. Hoven further testifies that she begins each day in prayer, seeking God's guidance for large and small decisions. Recalling the Prayer of Jabez and his plea for God to enlarge his territory, Mikey reminded us that we influence people every day. We have a very large territory if we will only realize it.

First Lady Mikey Hoven left our residents and their guests with this concept to reflect on: "If we know

that God has His hand in everything, we can leave everything in His hand. God is always with us."

For the afternoon tea, local TV celebrity Monica Hannan regaled the crowd with humorous stories of her own childhood. In the presence of her mother, who accompanied Monica that afternoon, she spoke of the durability of family relationships and how often her mother has been there to help her through tough times. She says of her mother, "In a crisis, hers is still the first face that I want to see."



Monica Hannan speaking at afternoon Tea

All in all, the day was a wonderful reminder of the impact mothers have on our lives.

You probably thought of your mother on Mother's Day. It would be good if each of us remembered to thank a mother each day. Any mother – maybe the young mom you see shopping with two toddlers, or the mom eagerly watching her child's soccer game. Thank her for the love she is pouring into her children's lives and remind her that she is making a difference.

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