

Pilgrims show ingenuity with sustainability goal



Andrew Durban of Every Watt Matters, left, recites a prayer with Glenn Trost, center during Celebration of Campus-wide Energy Use Assessments on Friday at Pilgrim Place.

Pilgrim Place is taking on a new initiative over the next 5 years that calls for its community to reduce energy usage by at least 25 percent by 2015.

The actively engaged senior community held a ceremony last Friday to celebrate campus-wide energy use assessments, learn what the assessments mean through PowerPoint presentations, and announce more information regarding the energy savings pilot project.

The project involves collaboration between Pilgrim Place's management team and Energy Retrofit Group, as well as the City of Claremont, Hartman-Baldwin Design/Build and Every Watt Matters.

"When [Pilgrim Place CEO] Bill Cunitz, [Hartman-Baldwin President] Devon Hartman and I met last year and talked about it, we were very excited about it," said Steve Rogers, Pilgrim Place vice president of campus services. "Based on the data from the assessments, we will be able to make the entire campus a model to the community for environmental efficiency."

Along with Mr. Rogers, Pilgrim Place Board of Directors Chair Diana Owings, Claremont Mayor Linda Elderkin, Every Watt Matters representative Andrew Durban, Mr. Hartman and Pilgrim Place residents Judy O'Neill and Jane Douglass were featured speakers at Friday's event. Ms. O'Neill said the event was just the beginning of the work that will take place over the next 5 years.

"I feel like it's report card time and I really had that sense when everybody walked into the room," she said. "This is the beginning and not the result of the complete process. Assessing is just one step."

All 164 independent living spaces will be part of



COURIER photos/Steven Felschundneff
Tom Ambrogi greets Judy O'Neill following a Celebration of Campus-wide Energy Use Assessments on Friday at Pilgrim Place. The residents of Pilgrim Place partnered with Every Watt Matters as the first step in an effort to make every building more energy efficient.

the energy reduction effort. One way Pilgrim Place will reduce energy is by retrofitting its residential units through upgrades such as better insulation, double pane windows and solar roofing. One hundred percent of the Pilgrim Place residents are in favor of the sustainable effort.

Pilgrim Place is no stranger to ambitious efforts as the community reduced water consumption by 50 percent in the 4th year of a 5-year goal. Now the community hopes to fulfill its 25 percent goal and set itself up as a national model of energy reduction.

"One of the goals is to enhance the environment and [increase] sustainability on the Pilgrim Place campus," Ms. Owings said. "The board is very proud of the vision for the future."

According to the present plan, Pilgrim Place will have audits conducted on some of the residences and analyze data from assessments and audits in order to come up with a strategic plan. The final step in the plan will be the retrofitting of residential units with

rebates and incentives involved.

City of Claremont Senior Planner Chris Veirs was present during Friday's celebration and offered his support for the Pilgrim Place endeavor. The city is currently hoping to retrofit approximately 1300 homes through Claremont in collaboration with community organizations and local businesses.

According to Mr. Veirs, there are multiple programs and incentives for Claremont residents to consider in retrofitting their homes.

"Our goal is for the city and community to reduce energy by 20 percent by 2015," he said. "The city has already done things in its own facilities to push towards that goal. Energy is going up because a lot more energy is being used. So we're looking for ways to convince residents to reduce energy and there are both loans and incentives available for doing so."

—Landus Rigsby

AYSO marathon final decided by penalty kick

It took all of regulation and 5 rounds of penalty kicks before a winner was decided between the Claremont United Lynch and the Claremont United Maxson teams in the finals of the Area 1B Boys U10 Select championship.

Claremont United Lynch goalie Andrew Pugno provided the defense at the goal and teammate Travis Coombs supplied the winning shot in the left corner of the goal to lift their team to victory in an all-Claremont final on April 11th at the Ontario Soccer Park.

"It was awesome," said Claremont United Lynch head coach Terrence Lynch. "Both teams played incredibly

and it was exciting for everyone involved. There really was no loser."

Claremont United Maxson head coach Josh Maxson also enjoyed the experience even though his team came up short in the championship match. According to the coach, for both teams to not score a single goal during regulation proved how evenly matched they were.

"To have it tied 0-0 all the way through is incredible because we both had teams that scored a lot of goals throughout the year," Coach Maxson said. "Both goalies were outstanding. And one of the kids told me that no matter what, Claremont wins."

Coach Lynch's squad only lost one match during the entire season en route to capturing the crown. Derek Ayala, Travis Coombs, Marcel Demidov, Anthony Farraj, Jackson Loeffler, Benjamin Lynch, Brandon Mikasa, Andrew Pugno and Wolfie Wilborn made up the 2010 roster. Andy Pugno rounded out the coaching staff with

Coach Lynch.

Rated the top team in its pool, the Claremont United Lynch team tied both Phillips Ranch and Claremont United Maxson in the first 2 games of pool play last weekend. Earning a spot in the semifinals, Claremont United Lynch defeated Chino Hills to advance to the championship match, 3-2.

"We had 2 ties but we still advanced and the boys played hard," Coach Lynch said. "Our only loss during the season was to Chino Hills and we beat