



July 2009

JUNE PLUS 5 MONTHS=FESTIVAL

November 13 and 14 are much nearer than we might wish, but all things Festival are progressing “decently and in order.” The order for all rental items has already been placed, a few minor changes in booth locations are anticipated and individual members of booths are hard at work preparing items for sale.

The design team for the program to be presented on the Festival stage is hard at work. Under the leadership of Dale Morgan, the group members (Lou Ann Parsons, Mary Russell, Beryl Moore, Jim Manley, Don Chatfield and Stan R. Moore, plus Chairperson Dale) have met numerous times filling many sheets of newsprint with possibilities and inspirations, and report they are excited about the emerging experience.

Vice Chair Pudge Hartmire and Personnel Coordinator Janet Evans have plans in place to meet with new residents to invite each one to contribute two hours each day to various Festival opportunities and still have ample time to get a “feel” for Festival. A WORD TO CURRENT RESIDENTS: *It is a serious breach of Festival protocol for any new resident to be approached by booth and activity member for Festival work. ONLY the Personnel Coordinator is to arrange Festival work with new residents.* The Personnel Coordinator is *the person who has the total picture of needs by booths and activities.*

Mary Russell has volunteered to chair Pilgrim Costume needs. She has patterns and ideas as well as some materials available. Festival guests often remark how much costumes add to their Festival experience. Now's the time to begin planning yours!

-Byron Light, Chair

NEED A PATIENT ADVOCATE?

See Donna Ambrogi, Dick Moore or Wally Brownlee.

SUMMER AT THE PETTERSON MUSEUM

On Wednesday, July 15 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, the Petterson Museum Friends at Pilgrim Place will host an “International Games Day” for adults and children (especially ages 6 to 12). The event, to be held outside the Museum under the oak tree, will feature games from around the world, from long ago to today.

Examples of featured games include: Mah Jong (China), Backgammon (Middle East), Parchisi (India), Kala (Africa), Sungkha (Philippines), Sugaroku of the 535 Stations of Tokaido (Japan). It's a wonderful chance to share a fun event with your own grandchildren (or children of friends).

On Wednesday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m., “An Evening of Enlightenment” at the Museum will feature residents who will share their artifacts and “stories” from different cultures. Speakers and countries will be announced in August NEWS.

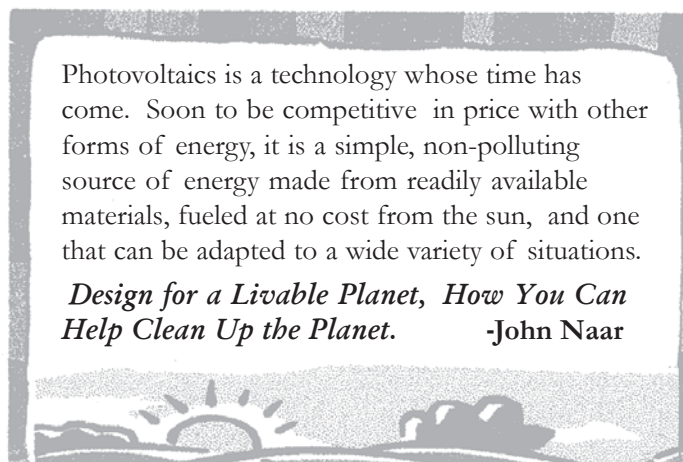
Docents are always needed. By serving as a docent one day a month, you have a wonderful chance to learn more about the treasures displayed at our Museum. A training session will be held in September.

Finally, remember to include the Museum as a campus feature to share with visiting friends and family during the summer months. Currently, the Museum features a stunning exhibit of artifacts and fine art from Southeast Asia.

-Dwight Vogel, President
Petterson Museum Friends

Photovoltaics is a technology whose time has come. Soon to be competitive in price with other forms of energy, it is a simple, non-polluting source of energy made from readily available materials, fueled at no cost from the sun, and one that can be adapted to a wide variety of situations.

Design for a Livable Planet, How You Can Help Clean Up the Planet. -John Naar





Introducing Susan Craig & Bear Ride

Susan Craig grew up in Princeton, NJ, the eldest daughter in an academic family. She was drawn to the church in her youth, but saw no future for herself in ordained ministry. Susan married after college and had two children. Later in the Choir practice of singing sacred music she experienced a deepening of her faith, and again the church beckoned.

When she and her husband divorced, she earned her M.Div. at Princeton Theological Seminary, and participated in the Global Women Church Leaders D.Min. program at San Francisco Theological Seminary.

After ordination, Susan's service focused on university ministry, women's and gender justice issues, ecumenical and interfaith relationships, and peacemaking. She served as a Chaplain at Princeton University from 1988-91 and Chaplain and Assistant Professor of Religion at Baldwin-Wallace College in Cleveland from 1991-93, where she taught Christian Ethics and Feminist Theologies. Appointed as National Director of Women's Ministries for the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1993, she participated in many joint ecumenical and global projects, and led a women's delegation to the U.N. 4th World Conference on Women in Beijing. In 1996 she moved to California when she was called as the Pastor of "UUC," United University Church [United Methodist and Presbyterian Church (USA)] and Religious Director at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. In California she met Bear Ride.

Bear Ride grew up in Encino CA, the second child of an activist mother and an academic father. She was called "Bear" because her older sister, Sally Ride the Astronaut, couldn't pronounce her name and so called her Bear - and it stuck. Both parents were elders in the Presbyterian Church, and Bear was active in the church all during high school. She attended UCLA and graduated from Westmont College in Santa Barbara with a BA in religious studies. Her dream was to work in the church, but only in seminary did she realize that she could be ordained as a minister! She earned her M.Div. and D.Min. degrees from San Francisco Theological Seminary and was ordained by the Pacific Presbytery in 1978. Married during seminary, Bear and her husband became co-pastors of churches in Brentwood and Pismo Beach. Then for three years she worked for the Synod as a high profile woman clergy person.

Bear was Associate Pastor at the Claremont Presbyterian Church from 1984-1991 and then served as Dean of Students and Coordinator of the Program of Contextualization and the practice of ministry at the San

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As a routine follow-up of my annual physical exam, my doctor advised me to get a series of blood sugar readings which could be done at our Clinic services of Pilgrim Place. These several weekly finger pricks were performed by Sharon Berry or Liz Kelly. "Okay," I said, "No big deal." One morning, Sharon got ahold of me and said, "Take off your coat and get on those scales. I want to get a reading of your weight, plus blood pressure and pulse." "But," I said, "I just need you to draw one tiny drop of blood in order to get the blood sugar level." Sharon looked at me straight in the eye in a very determined way and said, "You heard me, now take off your coat and get on those scales." Since I wanted to get out of there alive, I did what I was told. This nerve-challenging experience has led to my reflections.

I recently noted a couple of sentences that appeared in the May 27th Wednesday Weekly Announcement sheet, "Come see us ... we want to assist you with any health need. We are all about preventative medicine," signed by Sharon and Liz. My curiosity grew! What's with this business of maintaining a healthy community? I checked with Margaret Porter who oversees the health care commitment of Pilgrim Place. Wow, I got an earful of things I had not previously focused on. We have an impressive group of health care, community wellness staff people who are committed to helping us sustain a healthy community. Note: Sharon and Liz are available during Clinic hours, give or take home visits or emergency calls. At the same time, Rhonda Ray works closely with Morrison Dining Service in making certain we have a healthy diet; Monica Mathews gives enthusiastic leadership to several exercise programs; Donna Ambrogio, our Pilgrim volunteer chairperson, along with other volunteers, enables the patient advocate program to continue to expand. And of course, Margaret Porter makes sure that all of our wellness activities function smoothly. Now it all makes sense to me: aerobics, yoga, weights and treadmills at the Exercise Center, the Aquatic Fitness Center with its programs organized and staffed by Pilgrims, tai-chi, speed walking groups, horseshoes, gardening and carefully tutored programs of mind-body exercises conducted at HSC and Pitzer are all pieces of the big picture. Now that I have placed these efforts within one frame of reference (others may have been overlooked), I understand more fully the meaning of "The Healthy Community." Certainly, our many interactions including dining room conversations, committee and Festival activities, lectures, music, films, vespers, and spiritual growth groups are vital components for maintaining a healthy community. But, my main point in this investigation

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Guidelines for Seeking Approval for and Using Official Channels for Fundraising at Pilgrim Place

Pilgrim Place Town Meeting By-Laws, Article 7 includes two provisions regarding financial appeals to Pilgrim Place residents. These are:

Section 4. Appeals for funds for special projects within Pilgrim Place may originate in Town Meeting, TMX or through the initiative of one or more residents. Implementation of such appeals shall require the prior approval of TMX.

Section 5. No financial appeals for outside causes shall be made to residents through the official channels of the Pilgrim Place community without prior approval of TMX.

To implement these two By-Laws sections, the Town Meeting Executive Committee unanimously approved the following at its April meeting:

1) To seek approval for an appeal for a special project within Pilgrim Place or for an outside cause, please submit a proposal to TMX in writing indicating the nature of the project, a description of its engagement of a broad sector among the residents, and the duration of the project.

2) Solicitation of funds shall be described as any direct request for funds or in-kind services within or outside Pilgrim Place.

3) Communications Guidelines have been established by Town Meeting and are applicable to any fundraising activity.

Prior to soliciting funds, please follow these guidelines. If you have questions, speak with Moderator Dean Freudenberger.

-Janet K. Vandevender for TMX



Pictured at the recent Pilgrim Place Board Retreat are (l to r) John Mills, Board Chair; Bryan Sickbert, President/CEO of UCC's Council of Health & Human Services Ministry; Bill Cunitz, President/CEO, and Board member Shirley Rude. Rev. Sickbert led the retreat on topic: "Governance as Leadership: Reframing the Work of Nonprofit Boards."

"THINKING ABOUT A WIDOW'S 2 MITES AND A NEW GOAL FOR RAG"

This year is the first time I have served on a committee whose primary purpose is to raise funds for a specific cause. I must say it has been an awareness-enhancing experience! The timing could not have been worse for me to have this new adventure due to the economic situation in our country just now.

At our June meeting we discussed our monetary goal \$230,000 which at this point in mid-2009 is perhaps beyond our reach. One of our members suggested perhaps we should have another kind of goal: 100 % participation by those residents in Independent and Assisted Living (Pitzer). Would that not be a more realistic goal?

We are all quite familiar with the story Jesus told about the widow who contributed two mites—"all her living" (Mark 12:42 and Luke 21:2). We, your committee, feel it would be just great if we could ALL contribute to the cause of Residents' Annual Giving no matter how small or how large the amount might be.

There are many family members, church organizations, friends, etc. outside of Pilgrim Place who are very generous in supporting us financially. We feel it would be regarded as an excellent testimony to our involvement in our own welfare if we could report that 100% of our residents actually support RAG! It might also inspire them to even greater involvement.

Could we please ask that those of you who have yet to contribute or make a pledge for 2009 think about this new goal? ANY amount would be greatly appreciated. You could even pledge now and wait until the end of the year before making a contribution.

For almost all of us this will be our final home, so let's work together to keep it going in the spirit of Intentional Community. *Respectfully submitted by William S. Cundiff
Residents' Annual Giving Committee*

RESIDENTS ANNUAL GIVING		
	GOAL: \$230,000	
	2009	2008
Cash Received	\$91,052	\$107,705
Pledges Outstanding	\$58,590	\$76,888
Total	\$149,642	\$185,592
Units participating:	126 plus 9 who have made pledges but not paid. Total = 135	135 plus 12 who have made pledges but not paid. Total = 147

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Francisco Theological Seminary Southern California Campus in Claremont. She also was the first woman admitted to the University Club in Claremont and the third woman in Rotary! During most of those years she was a member of the Board of More Light Presbyterians, a national group working toward full equality of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Christians in the Presbyterian Church.

Bear and her husband were divorced in the early 90s. She and Susan became partners in 1996. Given the denominational prejudice against LGBT persons in ministry, she moved on and began working as the “Intergalactic Field Organizer” for sister Sally Ride’s initiative promoting “Science, Inc, science, math, and technology” by coordinating festivals for middle school girls across the country. Bear and Susan are both active and involved at All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena, and are members of the Abrahamic Faiths Peace-Making Initiative there, a program of interfaith education and celebration in southern California.

Susan and Bear each have two children, each of which has had their mother officiate at their wedding! A year ago, when the California Supreme Court pronounced same sex marriage legal, Susan and Bear quickly got their marriage license on the first day. They were married at All Saints Episcopal Church in a path-breaking celebration co-led by George Regas, Ed Bacon, and Rabbi Stevens Jacobs, and surrounded by their children, parents and friends. When the legality of their marriage was recently upheld after being challenged, Bear commented: “I’m glad we’re still married, but I wish this great institution of marriage might be open to all who seek the joy and responsibility.”

Susan currently serves on the Board of Progressive Christians Uniting and continues to work with More Light Presbyterians. Bear continues to work half time with “Science,Inc”. Both Susan and Bear love music, art, reading books, the daily New York Times, travel, laughter, and their small rescued Tibetan Terrier “Pace”. We are happy to have them with us! They are living at 755 N. Cambridge Way.

-Polly Gates

MY SPACE *(continued from page 2)*

is to explain why I am now fully able to appreciate Sharon and Liz’s insistence on taking off my coat and getting on the scales when I arrive for a pin prick on my index finger. They are a part of the program of keeping track of my health and well being. We are blessed with the Pilgrim Place program referencing wellness and preventative medicine for actualizing our healthy community. A large thanks to all of you who serve us so well in these many health-sustaining ways.

-Dean Freudenberger

ANNOUNCING

ALTERNATIVE POTLUCK ♣ JULY 7TH

The topic will be “The End of Overeating: Taking Control of the Insatiable American Appetite” —the title of a new book by David A. Kessler M.D., former Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, and former dean of medical schools at Yale and UC-SF. Eleanor Loeliger will review this “groundbreaking book which will change the way you look at food forever.”

Michael Pollan, author of DEFENSE OF FOOD, writes of this book: “A fascinating account of the science of human appetite, as well as its exploitation by the food industry. The End of Overeating is an invaluable contribution to the national conversation about the catastrophe that is the modern American diet.” Scrooby Lounge at 6:00 p.m.

-Bill Moremen

CLAREMONT FIREWORKS 5000

The first event on the 4th of July in Claremont is the 5K run/walk starting at 8:00 a.m. It is a great festival of fun and fitness for people of all ages. The race begins at Memorial Park on 8th and Yale. The race winds through the scenic streets of Old Claremont and the beautiful tree lined streets of the Claremont Colleges. You can run, walk, or stroll, or simply come and watch. There is also a 1K Family Fun Walk beginning at 7:30 a.m. There is a continental breakfast for all participants after the race. There is still time to register. Register by July 2 for \$25. Registration on race day is \$30.00 which includes t-shirt. Race day registration starts at 6:00 a.m.

-Bill and Grace Moremen

SAVE ENERGY ♣ AND TREES

Contact me at jarborough@pilgrimplace.org to have the monthly NEWS sent to you online. And remember it is also posted monthly on our website.

-Joyce Yarborough

<p>IN REMEMBRANCE</p> <p>Ruth Cadwallader June 6 Entered Pilgrim Place 2003</p> <p>•</p> <p>Fred Sontag June 14 Entered Pilgrim Place 1998</p>

As I See It

*A supplement for Pilgrim Place NEWS
for expression of mind and heart offered
for common thought.*

REFLECTIONS ON PILGRIM PLACE AND PEACE-MAKING

On July 4th our grand Mayflower, navigated by Captain Joe Bartz, will sail proudly down streets of this fair city. Fellow citizens will clap and cheer, further enthused by the joyful music of our amazing Pickers aboard that noble vessel.

Some of those Pickers are also members of the Peace Vigil Committee (PVC) which will march directly behind. The PVC will probably again include some 40 marchers including several local war veteran companions. As always, ALL Pilgrims are invited to march spiritually who cannot join us physically. Pilgrims will be acting as *Peace-Makers* since genuine “**Peace**” means relationships actively characterized by mutual respect, justice and good will. (Not simply interludes between organized violences) In fact, these fundamentals identify intentional community.

Henri Nouwen writes:

Prayer and resistance can be expressions of Christian peacemaking only when embedded in community... The community of Peacemakers is much more than a supportive context for peace activists. **It is that joyful and grateful place where the New Jerusalem becomes visible.**

What is it that Pilgrims have been doing at the Four Corners **every** Friday afternoon since January 2003? The U.S. Military was already in Afghanistan and preparing to invade Iraq. We held yellow signs faithfully: *Bring our Troops Home! Peace! No More Wars!*

Reality shifted. Once we were frequently verbally abused, cursed or even threatened. That time has passed. Now many drivers constantly wave, honk, or thank us. Simultaneously, much greater economic hardship and pain has descended on many in this land and others. Nevertheless, the Occupation continues, the Afghan War and Pentagon Budget expand.

Now we need to focus our energies as **witnesses and educators** – and as **friends**. More and more, citizens need encouragement to stand up themselves. *Healthcare not Wars! Jobs not Wars! Schools Not Wars! Bring Them Home!* Those smiling, waving kids demand our personal responses. They will ask their parents what the yellow signs mean.

Nouwen is profound and wise. By our actions we can offer those going by “a joyful and grateful place.” We can **manifest** the practices of the faith-full Place from which we come, and the intentional community Pilgrims strive to build. The signs are needed more than ever!

At our last planning session 25 Pilgrims who could participate demonstrated that very spirit and dynamic. It was life-giving, out-flowing, empowering - and birthed needed decisions. Newest and oldest Pilgrims are always a blessing: **Come Join Us!!**

-Jim & Joanne Lamb

Calendar

Thursday, July 2

7:00 p.m. Vespers
Leader: Jean Rosewall

Friday, July 3

Office Closed

Saturday, July 4

8:00 a.m. 5K Run/Walk •
Memorial Park

Sunday, July 5

10:15 a.m. HSC Worship
Leader: Dean Gilliland
Musician: Halee Spriggins
Soloist: Dean Gilliland

Tuesday, July 7

6:00 p.m. Alternative Potluck •

Thursday, July 9

7:00 p.m. Vespers
Leader: Charles Bayer
Musician: Donna Danielson

Sunday, July 12

10:15 a.m. HSC Worship
Leader: Henry Hayden
Musician: Eleanore Hire
Soloist: Hayden Adams

Wednesday, July 15

1:00- "International Game Day" •
4:00 p.m. Petterson Museum
7:00 p.m. Emily Dickinson Conversation

Thursday, July 16

7:00 p.m. Vespers
Leader: Connie Kimos

Sunday, July 19

10:15 a.m. HSC Worship
Leader: Leo Marmol
Musician: Cathy Thompson
Soloist: Dale Gilliland

Tuesday, July 21

1:30 p.m. Copy Deadline for August News

Thursday, July 23

7:00 p.m. Vespers
Leader: Henry Hayden
Musician: Bill Cundiff

Sunday, July 26

10:15 a.m. HSC Worship
Leader: Laverne Tengbom
Musician: Bill Cundiff
Soloist: Donald Deer

Thursday, July 30

7:00 p.m. Vespers
Leader: Jean Underwood

HSC Chaplain

Dean Gilliland

July Guest Rooms

Primary / Eleonore Powell / 621-9369
Back-Up / Carolyn Loper / 625-4882

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