



September 2009

2009 FESTIVAL DRAMA

For many years the venerable Pilgrims of Seventeenth Century Plimouth Plantation have come to our Festival Stage to dramatically tell of their search for religious freedom in England, then in exile in Holland, and finally in a new land across the sea. Can you imagine what would happen if those same Pilgrims appeared on our stage once again demanding to know what has happened since those early struggles for liberty? If you *can* imagine this, then you have an idea of what this year's program, "The Pilgrim Festival Thanksgiving Show," will be about.

Hosts Don Chatfield and Joan Forsberg, with musical assistance from Jim Manley and the Pilgrim Pickers, will tell the First Pilgrims of subsequent warfare, the removal of native tribes, the arrival of slave ships, the influence of Puritans, and the emerging nation's confidence in a "manifest destiny" to stretch "from sea to shining sea." Some of the stories they tell will be difficult to hear; others will bring joy and laughter. Don and Joan will be joined by other present-day Pilgrims who will share their own stories: Jack Jackson, Larry Schulz, George Aki, Chris Hartmire, and Gene Boutilier, as well as familiar figures from history: John Winthrop, Abraham Lincoln, Sojourner Truth, and Cinque the slave. There will be a parade of Pilgrim Place missionaries and ministers to reassure the venerable Pilgrims from Plimouth that the quest for religious and personal freedom continues here today.

The most important players in "The Pilgrim Festival Thanksgiving Show" will be the members of the audience who, accompanied by the Pickers, will sing ten well-known songs in response to actions on the stage. It is our hope that everyone involved, Pilgrims and audience alike, will leave with a feeling of pride in our country and a renewed commitment to freedom for all people of all nations in this one world "under God."

-Dale Morgan

SUSTAINABLE BUILDING EXPLORED

Devon Hartman of Hartman-Baldwin - an award-winning architecture and construction firm known in Claremont and surrounding areas for designing and building sustainable homes, commercial and educational buildings - will speak on Monday, September 21 at 10:30 a.m. in Decker.

Mr. Hartman is an experienced consultant on retrofitting homes to be more energy efficient and to prioritize alternative products in terms of their cost-effectiveness. The meeting, sponsored by the Environmental Concerns Committee, is open to the public; feel free to invite community or church friends who would like to hear about the latest use of infrared spectrometry and Federal guidelines for energy-saving ways to address electric bills and at the same time reduce global warming. A question and answer period and discussion will be at the end of the meeting.

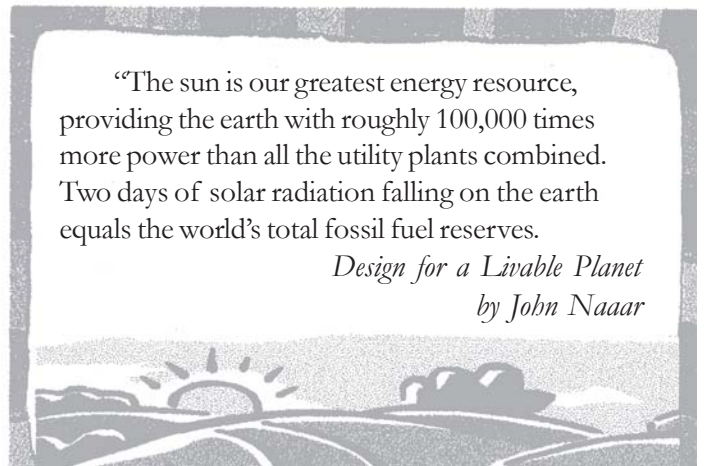
-Marilee Scaff

NEED A HEALTH ADVOCATE?

Contact Donna Ambrogi, Wally Brownlee or Dick Moore if you'd be interested in having a trained Pilgrim Place resident assist you during doctor visits, preparation for medical appointments and follow through.

"The sun is our greatest energy resource, providing the earth with roughly 100,000 times more power than all the utility plants combined. Two days of solar radiation falling on the earth equals the world's total fossil fuel reserves.

Design for a Livable Planet
by John Naaar





Introducing Donna Blackstock & Annie King

Donna's father was a lay minister in tiny congregations in Utah, so her earliest memories are of being in church. When the family moved to Duarte, California they attended the Village Presbyterian Church in Arcadia. She worked her way through college as a coach for girl's softball and basketball, as a recreation leader for the city parks and recreation department, and graduated from LA State with a B.A. in elementary education.

After a year of teaching, she applied to the Board of National Missions of the United Presbyterian Church and was sent to Truchas, NM, a tiny 200-year-old village where Spanish was the first language. She taught for five years everything from third to seventh grades, coached all the boy's basketball teams, and taught the children how to read Spanish. When offered a fellowship from New Mexico State University to study for a master's degree in school administration in multicultural areas, Donna left Truchas and earned her M.A. in Education Administration.

After one year teaching in Taos Public Schools, she co-founded and directed a learning center in Taos for children with learning disabilities. Its goal was to educate and stimulate the school system itself to meet the needs of children with learning disabilities. Three years later the public school provided both resource rooms and trained teachers for children with learning disabilities. The center's work was done!

Donna then moved to New York City to edit curriculum for the United Presbyterian Church. She led workshops across the country to introduce new curriculum. She also took on responsibility for educational resources for people with disabilities. These included a quarterly newspaper detailing for teachers how to adapt the curriculum to the varying conditions of children. Donna loved the challenge of her work, the stimulation of a brilliant, dedicated staff and her time spent travelling around the country giving workshops and participating with other denominations in the development of new church curricula. While in New York she also attended Union Theological Seminary to earn her M.Div.

After the northern and southern branches of the Presbyterian Church reunited to become the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the national office moved to Louisville, KY. There Donna met Annie King, and continued her editorial work. After 28 years of service and a downsizing, Donna left the PCUSA, and started a small business, "Words' Worth Publication Services," doing writing, editing, and formatting for two denominations, and the ecumenical consortia "Bible Quest" and "Seasons of the Spirit." *(continued on page 7)*

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For me, one of the most memorable lunch announcements I have heard was from Bill Cunitz on Thursday, August 13, "I have some bad news." Bill paused and deep groans were heard throughout Abernethy, "for those living near the green fence." With that, cheers erupted for we knew that the first hurdle in selling the \$28 million bonds was positive. Bill went on to confirm the "good news."

Thus, it is "go!" The bonds have been sold, the proceeds are in the bank; and we celebrated Thursday, the 20th, at lunch with toasts and music from Jim Manley. The big green fence is closed and the trucks will roll. The four years of planning are behind us. Indeed, we are witnesses to the opening of another exciting chapter in the history book of Pilgrim Place.

It is impossible for anyone to measure the magnitude of the years-long planning process in preparation of this start-up. A tremendous expression of appreciation goes to many who helped, including John Mills, our prophetic chairperson of the Board of Directors; Bill Cunitz who had the courage to accept the challenge; Bernie Valek and his staff who prepared tons and tons of analytic financial reports to verify our ability to do the job; to our architects who patiently worked with us and the Claremont City Council; Kathy Kirchoff, of Cain Brothers financial services; and the dozens of residents who served on task forces in the design of new buildings and the renovation of others. It's an amazing story.

We are headed towards long term financial stability given our CCRC accreditation and expansion of housing opportunities. We are also witnessing to our environmental responsibilities as expressed in our commitment to LEEDS certification. Respecting our human responsibility for the caring of creation, Pilgrim Place is emerging as a significant retirement community innovator with the LEEDS certification, resource conservation measures, some of our new landscaping along with new campus green spaces. These years of hard work and human resource collaboration have born fruit. We all need to celebrate this progress.

But now, we are also called upon to endure the consequent but necessary noise, dust, congestion and inconvenience of the construction phase of the project. Putting up with all of it must be understood in historical perspective as the contribution of our present resident population for the welfare of those Pilgrims who will follow us. Especially, we need to express our gratitude to all of you who are living on the perimeter of the great green fence. You are our heroes! When the work is completed, we will have a new and expanded community of residents through additional independent living and assisted living apartments, a much more efficient main administrative office facility, Abernethy redesign, Decker refurbishment, a lovely accessible entrance to the library, a new community activity center, enlarged green spaces, and a more efficient physical fitness center. A grateful thanks to everyone.

-Dean Freudenberger

Considerations from the CEO

Be Careful What you Wish For ...

Moderator Dean Freudenberger summed it up well. We are, indeed, thrilled that our many years of preparation and recent months of struggle to identify funding sources for our vision have now been rewarded so handsomely. The relatively low interest rates at which our bonds were sold will save Pilgrim Place many millions of dollars in interest payments over the next thirty years. In addition, we are now able to reimburse ourselves for all of our pre-construction costs related to architectural fees, permits, consultant invoices, etc... including the reimbursement of approximately \$700,000 we borrowed from the Pilgrim Place quasi-endowment to help cover expenses in recent months. Our bottom line never looked so good!

Although our successful bond financing was truly a team effort by dozens of people, two stand out in my mind.

Over the past three years, Kathy Kirchhoff of Cain Brothers Investment Bankers has demonstrated extraordinary professionalism, dedication to our project, and creativity under fire to make sure our initiative met with success. Even in the darkest days of our current recession, she spent untold hours without pay to help us identify a never-to-be-found commercial bank for a construction loan when it seemed a tax-exempt bond issue was impossible. More recently, her coordination of the successful marketing and sale of our bonds this month in an extremely volatile market with an unrealistic schedule for completion, left experts around the country shaking their heads in awe. Kathy Kirchhoff will be a major footnote in Pilgrim Place's history going forward!

In addition, no mention of our bond financing initiative would be complete without acknowledgment, once again, of the talent, dedication and hard work of our Chief Financial Officer, Bernie Valek. Most will never know the long days, thousands of e-mails and phone calls, endless recalculations and negotiations he endured to bring home our project financing. What a thrill it was for John Mills and me to have him co-sign many of the bond documents in Los Angeles last week.

So as we celebrate our teamwork and some of the many people who moved us toward the beginning of demolition and construction during the late summer of 2009, be aware that we now have much to anticipate and endure over the coming 20 months! Has there ever been a major development project such as ours that didn't irritate, challenge, confuse and confound? We must all be prepared for significant disruptions to our routines and the peaceful nature of this community in coming months. In the midst of it, I

BECAUSE WE CARE FOR EACH OTHER,

For generations, Pilgrims have sustained this community through a profound model of stewardship; all residents have the opportunity to give on a regular basis to benefit the campus as a whole. It makes residing here affordable. The spirit of sharing financial resources is a time-honored tradition at Pilgrim Place; it defines our culture and enables us to foster a unique, intentional community. Almost every year we depend on a "sacrificial" gift to reach the goal we set. We are very happy to announce that last month we received a very generous gift of \$25,000. Given anonymously, this gift embodies the spirit of our community - sharing our resources so that those of us with less may also benefit - how grateful we are to live in such an environment.

The Residents' Annual Giving fund is vital, it is used annually to help bridge the gap in the operating budget of Pilgrim Place. Its oversight is monitored by residents who also set the goal. We thought it would be helpful for you to be aware of the gift ranges and amounts that have been committed towards our 2009 goal of \$230,000. The table below illustrates the range.

We close asking you to consider a challenge - let's *match* our recent, generous gift - and propel ourselves towards our \$230,000 goal - together we can do it!

RESIDENTS' ANNUAL GIVING GIFT TABLE - 2009
(as of August 25, 2009)

<u>Gift Range</u>	<u>Number of Gifts</u>	<u>Total \$</u>
\$1-100	18	\$1,702
\$101-500	45	18,275
\$501-1,000	29	23,042
\$1001-2,500	39	65,140
\$2,501-5,000	12	40,928
\$5,001-10,000	1	10,000
\$10,001-25,000	1	25,000
TOTAL	145	\$184,087

As of August 21 in 2008, 155 units had given a total of \$192,203

Reminder ... Your RAG pledge can be paid by credit card - and easily arranged. See Joyce or Susan in Development.

hope we'll remember the exhilaration we feel today even as we strain to catch a glimpse of our preferred future! And then, as we dedicate our new campus during the summer of 2011, we can start dreaming about new challenges and more opportunities! I wouldn't be surprised, however, if we start dreaming again as early as next week.

-Bill Cunitz

ANNOUNCING

NEW RESIDENT ORIENTATION

On Thursday, September 3, 4:00-5:30 p.m. in Scrooby Lounge, new residents will learn about Campus Facilities—the physical plant, submitting work orders, gardening and greenhouses, housekeeping, and plans for new construction and campus renovations. For more information or to RSVP, contact Janet Cromwell at jcromwell@pilgrimplace.org or 399-5504.

SCROOBY CLUB SPONSORS EVENTS

On Friday, September 11, 3:00-4:30 pm in Scrooby Lounge, Karen Boutilier Kendall (daughter of Gene) will describe the writing of her newly-published memoir, *BERKELEY TO BEIJING*. In 1973, 12-year-old Karen traveled with Shirley MacLaine as the youngest member of an American Women's Friendship Delegation in China during the Cultural Revolution. This extraordinary experience was preceded by a 1960's childhood in the farm worker, civil rights, political, community organizing and liberation movements. She worried her way through amazing, fascinating and frightening situations, recalled with great detail and the profound insights of a child. Available copies to borrow; leaflet with details.

On Saturday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. in Decker Hall, world-renowned singer songwriter Jim Manley will be in concert with friends.

On Saturday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. in Decker Hall, the annual, much-anticipated concert by the Orange County Symphonic Band & Swing Dance Band will be held, made possible by Mary Hornberger. The varied program will include rousing marches along with excerpts from musical theater. After a short break the Dance Band will play well known pieces from the big Band era for your dancing and listening pleasure.

-Gene Boutilier

FALL'S LEAVINGS

For some of us, "September" almost automatically reminds us of falling leaves, and to some, leaves decomposing to compost for fertilization, even creation, of dirt. From where and how we at Pilgrim Place get our food is a global and, importantly, dirty affair. This September World Affairs Forum falls in with Environmental Concerns, Morrison Management, and Abernethy Staff for a Composting Seminar on Wednesday, September 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Decker.

-Herman Ruether

HEALTH & WELFARE FORUM

Dr. Lynn Diamond, a certified gerontologist, will speak on "Talking to Your Doctor about End of Life Issues" on Wednesday, September 16, 11:00 a.m. in Decker. Dr. Diamond is on staff at Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center and will be bringing some of her students.

-Bob Wallace

DISASTER DRILL

On Tuesday, September 15, from 9:00-11:00 a.m., a campus-wide disaster drill will be held involving both the Resident Security Council (RSC), Administration and staff. The RSC portion of the drill will involve supplies and materials involved in Triage, a system of sorting injured patients in a disaster when the number of injuries overwhelms available medical assistance.

At 9:00 a.m., Ward McAfee (RSC Chair) will make a half-hour presentation in Decker Hall on Triage Barrels that are located at the four assembly points. This presentation is designed especially for the RSC Area and Nursing Teams, but all residents are welcome to attend. At approximately 9:30 a.m., this meeting will conclude, and RSC Area and Nursing Teams will go to the four assembly points familiarize themselves with the contents of the Triage Barrels.

CHORLE REHEARSALS BEGIN

Chorale rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 24 at the early hour of 8:45 a.m. in Decker Hall. New singers are always welcome.

-Donna Danielson

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS FORUM

Next B&G Forum is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 10:30 a.m. in Decker Hall—always an opportunity to get important information and to ask questions.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The first activity in the Norton Garden construction zone can now be seen. The Sunseri General Contractor trailer/office is now in full use. The Sunseri construction supervisor, Jerry Eaton, is on site and will mobilize and guide the whole process. The Plymouth Road gates have been closed and residents are asked to stay out of the construction zone. Tree removal will begin the week of August 31. The Sunseri team, the architect and consultant teams and the Pilgrim Place team will hold an important meeting on Wednesday, September 2 to work out detail schedules. A Resident Forum will soon be announced for all the principles to be reintroduced, and they will provide a briefing on all aspects of the next 20 months of construction. Please welcome the various work crews, truck drivers, tradesmen and laborers to our campus. They're glad to get back to work and to be able to feed their families and we're glad to get their skills engaged on our project underway. May all be blessed in this big enterprise.

-Paul Kittlaus, Resident Liaison.

As I See It

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

My favorite line from the musical, Mame, is “Life is a banquet and most poor souls are starving to death” (I cleaned up part of that quote) But, I believe the years all of us at Pilgrim Place spent in service were a rich feast—no shortage of adventures to feed the soul. Still, the year Don and I moved here, from Chile, I celebrated my 75th birthday. It was our fifth retirement. Surely I was too old to do more than sit at the Lord’s table? You laugh. Now, I do, too. I learned that in the unique culture of this community, one can explore new avenues of living and giving and doing as long as you can navigate. And even then, there are walkers and wheels to assist.

Here, I’ve sampled delightful ways to serve, using talents and experiences I brought with me to the table. But, visiting a prisoner on death row and facing the injustices of the death penalty has called out parts of me I didn’t know existed. I’ve grown new synapses! I’ve braved new freeways and confronted persons in high places. Stress sometimes has shaken me. And my heart, though broken for those behind bars, has grown strangely young again.

The serendipity has been to learn that, here, we are not alone in our journey. Since I organized Inland Valley Death Penalty Focus (DPF) to educate and legislate against the death penalty, Pilgrims have alerted me daily with clippings, phone calls and even mailings from their vacations. More than 35 belong to DPF and as many more support its activities. Last year Pilgrims swelled the attendance of the Mike Farrell Rally at Pitzer College.

This year, God willing, I’ll celebrate 80 years. Again, my inner voice questions if I can do more than sit at the table. Yet news from the Supreme Court that a Troy Davis may get a fair hearing, a clipping in the mail, yesterday from Minnesota and an unexpected word of encouragement from a Pilgrim, last night, made me committed to serve as long as I’m able.

Please guard **Wednesday, September 30** for DPF’s second main event. Co-sponsored with Scripps College at 7:00 p. m., a one woman drama “A PRISON OF THE MIND” starring Marian Scherer, will be held in Balch Auditorium. Invite someone who’s “not sure” about the death penalty. The play is designed to allow each person to draw their own conclusion. We’ll use proceeds to continue public awareness by having cash prizes in a Student Essay Contest on the death penalty. (Bob Wallace is working to have the drama, also, at University of Redlands, date TBA.) Our quarterly DPF chapter meeting is at Round Building, Claremont UMC, on Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00 p. m. ALL are welcome.

As I see it, We, Pilgrims are blessed with life changing opportunities to serve and with a one-of-a-kind family whose members care, counsel and support each other.

-Constance Waddell

WHEN PREPARATION MEETS OPPORTUNITY

A number of years ago, the great Dodger shortstop Maury Wills gave an interview after breaking the major league record for stolen bases. The interviewer asked Mr. Wills if he felt lucky, to which he responded: “Yes, but luck is when preparation meets opportunity!”

Preparing for your financial future and that of your loved ones is very important. You may worry about outliving your resources and have concerns that a large charitable donation might impact your future financial security. Or you may be unwilling to do anything that could reduce the size of the estate you hope to pass on to your spouse or heirs.


These are legitimate concerns. However, charitable giving is not just about outright gifts. There are other giving options available that can allow you to assist Pilgrim Place or your

other favorite charities without compromising your financial security - and you should be aware of what they are to help you prepare for your future. These options or planned gifts can include a wide variety of assets - from cash and marketable securities to a family home or other real estate to closely held business assets, mineral rights, and intellectual property.

Whether you are concerned about lifetime income, the continued beneficial use of a property, or providing for family members, a planned gift may be a good solution for you. Pilgrim Place has been grateful (throughout its history) for the planned gifts and bequests that have helped to keep this organization financially healthy. And, we will be happy to share in person or by mail, a brief overview of several planned gift options that may interest you. Contact Joyce Yarborough.

THE SECRET RETIREE: DRUGS AND DEATH

by Rupert Nelson

The blurb on the back  of the book tells it well: *Clifford, a rather shy and inexperienced young man volunteers himself for missionary service in Thailand. In so doing, he escapes a restricted life in the American Midwest. Although a loner, and finding himself in a culture very different from his own, he learns to accept, and is in turn accepted by a wide strain of Thai society, ranging from Hill Tribe people to a police general. His involvement in providing information on drug movements to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency and Thai police places him in dangerous situations, even attempts on his life, which continue even after his retirement.*

This past year the Pilgrim Place Write Group came to know protagonist Clifford Johnson quite well as, class by class, author Rupert Nelson shared chapters of his latest manuscript, a novel this time. Clifford was not the typical missionary we know here at Pilgrim Place. He lived on no mission station, had no missionary colleagues and wrote no annual reports. During the 30+ years he lived in Thailand, he took no furlough or home leave. The small nondenominational mission under whose auspices he had come to Thailand as a young man did nothing for him beyond serving as an agency that forwarded the diminishing sums of money given by people in the states for his support.

Clifford was on his own, but he had three characteristics going for him—an unshakable conviction that he was in the place where God wanted him to be; an incredible ear for language (Thai first and after that the languages of several hill tribes to which he felt drawn), and perhaps most important of all, he was open to extending and receiving friendship with anyone he met; there was no situation where he could not unobtrusively “fit in.”

Clifford’s story begins the morning after he finishes Thai language study. In an ancient but newly purchased Land Rover, he leaves Bangkok to head north to Chiang Mai. We go with him as he goes to market and later as he rents a simple Thai house that will be his home between his visits to tribal villages the three decades he lives in Thailand. Within days we accompany him on his first visit to a Karen village in the hills in the company of two men whom he met in the Chiang Mai market the day before. Already they are friends. They drive as far as the road will take them, and then climb several more hours through steep, heavily forested terrain to the village. Two important things happen on this first trip: Clifford learns of a traditional Karen belief that speaks of a white man who will come with a Golden Book and, on his way back to the village where he parked the Land Rover, he takes the wrong fork in the path and accidentally wanders into a Hmong village. This happenstance becomes the first in a series of incidents which will inexorably lead to his death 12,000 miles away and 30 years in the future.

It is obvious to the reader that the author not only knows well the area of which he writes but that he, like Clifford, regards the characters in this story with sincere respect and without condescension. Read the book; see for yourself. It is in our library or you can purchase your own copy from Rupert.

-Virginia Nickerson

ARE YOU WELL PRESERVED?

This question could be answered in several ways—however, the Library Committee is raising the question in terms of our personal papers.

The Committee is sponsoring a special presentation about preserving your personal papers by Carrie Marsh, Special Collections Librarian at Honnold/Mudd Library of the Claremont Colleges on Wednesday, September 30 at 11:00 a.m. in Decker Hall.

Do you have questions such as: What are personal papers? Do I want to save them? If so, how do I decide what to preserve and what to not preserve? What papers are going to be of interest to future generations? How do I organize them? Who will receive them? My family? A library? An organization? What papers are libraries interested in? What papers should my children / nieces / nephews / grandchildren be saving?

With such an expert and vivacious resource person as Carrie Marsh close by in Claremont, and coming here to help answer these questions and others that you have, you will want to mark your calendars now. - Elsie Freudenberg

WELCOME TO ANDIRON

Andiron Club - made up of all residents of Pilgrim Place - will assemble around the “hearth” in Decker on Wednesday, October 7, at 11:00 for its first gathering of the 2009/2010 year. Thereafter, we will meet each first Wednesday through May 5. The objectives of Andiron are to provide an opportunity for Pilgrims to share life stories focused on their own personal experiences; enable opportunities for discussion to help better understand one another’s lives; to deepen and strengthen a sense of community here at Pilgrim Place; and to create and maintain an archival record of the lives of Pilgrim Place residents. One comment often heard after a memorial service for a Pilgrim is “I did not know that about him or her.” It is the mission of Andiron to create an opportunity for us to know things about each other that are of significant interest and may enhance and enlighten our total community life. If you have a story to tell, or know of someone who you think might have a compelling story to tell, please speak to a Committee member: Toni Shimer, Donna Klein, Bob Wallace, or me.

-Larry Schulz, Chair

BULLETIN

Sound from all programs in Decker and at mic in Abernethy is now always available in Stauffacher Lounge at the Health Services Center. If you are distributing bulletins, orders of service or background material for Vespers, Memorial Services, Town Meetings, Resident Forums, concerts and Wednesday lectures, please remember to include our colleagues in HSC Stauffacher Lounge as well as in both the Pitzer North and South Lounges. -Your Sights & Sounds Committee

WELCOME *(continued)*

Before coming to Pilgrim Place, Donna delighted in being a docent at the Louisville Zoo. She loved teaching about the animals, their habitats, and the thrill people got from touching and seeing them intimately.

Annie Wu King was born in Nanchang, China, the daughter of an American Methodist mission nurse and a Chinese graduate of Yale-in-China Medical School. At eight months she contracted polio, and traveled to the States for surgery three years later with her mother and brother. Her father remained in China and joined the family seven years later. They returned to Shanghai in 1946 where Annie lived until 1956 when she went to Hong Kong. In 1958 she received her refugee visa to the U.S., entered the University of Pennsylvania and graduated with a B.A. in Oriental Studies three years later.

Upon her return to the U.S., Annie had to face the question she had struggled with most of her life – her identity. As a bi-racial person whose two countries were, at that time, in a cold war, which was her homeland? Some said she was American and others knew her as Chinese. Her legal status was “stateless.” Later, after serving in Indonesia, she also felt part Indonesian! She finally discovered she was just “Annie” and a part of God’s whole world.

Annie and Doug King were married in 1961, and served the United Presbyterian Church USA as missionaries in Central Java from 1962-1978 at Universitas Kristen Satya Wacana. Annie taught in the History and English Departments and worked in the Counseling Center. They adopted two sons, one part Native American and one pure Chinese (from Tennessee!) In 1984 Annie and Doug were divorced.

At the age of 50, she began studying for her Master of Social Work degree at University of Louisville in KY. She worked at the Center for Accessible Living, serving people with various disabilities, facilitating accessible housing, counseling for more independence, and establishing Peer Support Groups. From 1989-2002 she served with the Presbyterian Church (USA) as Associate Director and then as Coordinator of Staff in Synods in Women’s Ministries.

From the time she earned her MSW, Annie was in part time private practice as a psychotherapist working with both women and men who had suffered from trauma, often since childhood, and with clients preparing for surgery.

Annie and Donna are settling into their new home at 791 Cambridge Way. Donna, always the writer, hopes to complete some of her writing projects, including some family stuff and more fiction. Annie looks forward to developing her interest in Asian art and writing about her parents’ life in China using her mother’s letters starting in 1923. Welcome Donna and Annie!

-Polly Gates

About Pilgrims

Donna Ambrogi has been elected to the Board of Aging Services of California as one of two residents on the Board of 32 members. Aging Services is the leading advocate for nonprofit senior living and care in the state, representing more than 400 nonprofit providers of aging services

At its August 18th meeting, the San Gabriel City Council presented a Proclamation dedicating the “2009 Los Pobladores-Walk to Los Angeles” in memory of **T. Willard Hunter** who in 1981 founded the annual walk that traces the nine-mile walk of the founding families (known as Los Pobladores) from San Gabriel mission to their little pueblo of Los Angeles.

This year’s walk - that brings together people of all ethnicities, cultures and backgrounds - will be held Saturday, September 5. Our hope is to have as many Pilgrims as possible (with commemorative T-shirts) to join in this celebratory walk, this year especially to honor Willard. You can download a registration form at sangabrielcity.com.

RACEWALKING IN FINLAND & CLAREMONT

Every two years, the World Masters Athletic organization puts on a gigantic track meet in some country of the world. This year, 5,000 athletes, ages 35 to 100, from eight countries gathered in Lahti, Finland. For 13 days, athletes competed in 32 different track and field events—including three walking races at distances of 5K, 10K and 20K for both men and women. Awards were given according to five-year age groups.

In 5K race, 100 men and women competed; Grace won a bronze medal in her age group; Bill, a gold. In the women’s 10K race, Grace won an individual gold medal; Bill won a silver in men’s. In this event, we were happy both of us had the best race times of our lives on an age-graded basis.

For men’s 20K, Bill won an individual bronze and the four-member USA team won a team gold.

One of the greatest gifts of these international events is the camaraderie among participants, especially among the competitors. After all, the word “compete” means to “seek together.” Men and women of many nations were seeking the true joy of being human together, celebrating challenge and the miracle of movement of the human body.

Racewalking is a very enjoyable sport, available to serious competitors and to those who simply wish to have a higher degree of fitness, flexibility and enjoyment in art of walking. Pilgrim residents are invited to join the “Pilgrim Pacers” who meet Friday mornings, 6:30-7:30 a.m. at Pomona College Track.

-Bill & Grace Moremen

Calendar

Tuesday, September 1

6:00 p.m. Alternative Supper

Thursday, September 3

4:00 p.m. New Resident's Orientation •

7:00 p.m. Vespers
Leader: Ernest Newborn
Musician: Donna Danielson

Saturday, September 5 - Walk to Los Angeles

Sunday, September 6

10:15 a.m. HSC Worship
Leader: Liz Moore
Musician: Halee Spriggins
Soloist: Ruth Brown

Wednesday, September 9

10:00 a.m.- How to Do Composting •
12:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 10

7:00 p.m. Vespers
Leader: Richard Harris
Musician: Bob Davis

Friday, September 11

3:00 p.m. Berkeley to Beijing •

Saturday, September 12 - Pilgrim Tour to Los Angeles

7:00 p.m. Jim Manley and Friends •

Sunday, September 13

10:15 a.m. HSC Worship
Leader: Henry Hayden
Musician: Cathy Thompson
Soloist: Hayden Adams

Tuesday, September 15

9:00-11:00 a.m. Disaster Drill •

Wednesday, September 16

11:00 a.m. Health and Welfare •
7:00 p.m. Emily Dickinson Conversation
Scrooby Lounge

Thursday, September 17

7:00 p.m. Vespers
Leader: Lois McAfee
Musician: Cathy Thompson

Sunday, September 20

10:15 a.m. HSC Worship
Leader: Jim Fiske
Musician: Eleanore Hire
Soloist: Judy Fiske

Monday, September 21

10:30 a.m. Environmental Concerns •

Tuesday, September 22

1:30 p.m. Copy Deadline for October NEWS

Thursday, September 24

8:45 a.m. Chorale Rehearsal •
10:30 a.m. B&G Resident Forum •
7:00 p.m. Vespers
Leader: Leo Marmol
Musician: Mary Hornberger

Saturday, September 26

7:00 p.m. Orange County Band •

Sunday, September 27

10:15 a.m. HSC Worship
Leader: Jackie Brown
Musician: Eleanor Dornon
Soloist: Becky Dornon

Wednesday, September 30

11:00 a.m. Library Program •

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HSC Chaplains

Liz Moore & Howard Rice

September Guest Rooms

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