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WATER VOLLEYBALL COMING TO AFC

Just in time for summer fun and friendly competition the Buildings and Grounds Department has ordered water volleyball equipment for the Aquatic Fitness Center pool and expects delivery before this newsletter is published.

Major funding for the equipment has come from the Scrooby Club augmented by funds from the Pilgrim Place administration. Early this year the AFC Committee surveyed the residents and found considerable interest in having water volleyball as a pool activity, which would not only provide vigorous exercise for Pilgrims and also be an opportunity of having fun together.

Water volleyball is a game which can be played by as few as two people and as many as two dozen. The equipment will be set up in the shallow end of the pool, so that the deepest water will be no more than four feet. It is not a game that involves swimming, or the need to duck the head under water. The water volleyball is smaller and softer than the standard volleyball.

The equipment to support the net is inflatable by an electric pump, which has already been delivered, and can easily be set up and taken down by the Pilgrims using it. It will be available whenever the AFC is open (daily from 5 a.m. to noon and 2 to 9 p.m.), except when water aerobic classes are in session or during the daily monitored swim (3 to 5 p.m.).

Watch the Wednesday announcements for a notice of when the first demonstration of setting up the equipment and practice game will be held at your Aquatic Fitness Center. *-Ken Houglund*

HEALING COMMUNAL VIOLENCE IN NIGERIA

Nash Pwol, a Nigerian Christian and recent PhD graduate of Claremont School of Theology will speak at Pilgrim Place on Wednesday, June 9 at 11:00 a.m., before he returns to Nigeria and to his work of social healing.

Dr. Pwol will speak about communal violence and violation of children and about his planned program of group therapy involving Capacitar, a world-wide movement popular in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Some descriptions of cultures and of recent history of Nigeria will be given with analyses of communal tensions and violence, notably between Muslims and Christians. Dr. Pwol will focus on the importance of help for children in overcoming cycles of communal violence and preventing brutalization of the young.

Questions and comments will be expected. Venue? Probably Porter Conference Room.

-H. J. Ruether

“Ocean energy from waves and tides is being developed as a source of electricity in several experimental and a few commercial systems. They have long-term potential for generating considerable amounts of electricity with less ecological impact than large scale dams.”

-DESIGN FOR A LIVABLE PLANET

Jon Naar





Introducing Joanna Harrington

Joanna Harrington rode her bicycle through our campus in the 1950's when she attended Pomona College, and never dreamed that she would live here. She graduated there *cum laude* in 1959 with a religion major and no firm plans about how to apply it; only a deep assurance that God is a calling God.

Joanna earned a Masters in Social Work from the University of Washington and completed a post Master's fellowship from the National Institute of Mental Health at the University of Washington

She traveled around the country during various pastoral moves with her husband, the Rev. Jay Lintner (he and Joanna are well known by many of our Pilgrims because of Jay's work with the UCC in two churches, as an Associate Conference Minister in Washington/N. Idaho Conference, and finally on the National Staff for the UCC in New York). She pursued a profession as a Social Worker in community mental health centers.

Divorced in 1983, Joanna continued her work as a social worker on the professional staff of a prestigious pharmaceutical company.

"I'm glad to be at Pilgrim Place," says Joanna. "I'm happy to join my friends, make new friends, and be living in Southern California again." Joanna spent a recent period of time in her life caring for her aged mother in New Mexico and managing the health care system there as a patient advocate for her mother. That time has given her a passion for our "culture change" and she is eager to begin exploring how she can be of use in the Health Center.

Joanna lives at 687 Alden. Her telephone number is: 991-4815.

-Peg Wallace



CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Sunseri Project Manager Jerry Eaton reports the following work to be done in June:

- Norton Garden: Landscaping, interior finishes, stucco for carports
- Amistad Apartments, Friendship Court: Interior mechanical infrastructure, roofing
- Pitzer: Drywall inside new entry, new food service areas in Dining Room
- Library: Framing and finishing new entry structure
- Abernethy: New food service areas

-Paul Kittlaus, Resident Liaison

Moderator's Musings

Bring on the summer! Because I grew up in a home in which my father was a school teacher, the summer meant a very different schedule and pace. Daddy's summer job took him away from home for most of each work week. My sisters and I took swimming lessons and participated in community activities in the municipal park. Mother was always a teacher in our Vacation Bible School so we got to spend much more time with her during the day. At night we would sit in the back yard in our pajamas, watching the night sky and talking with our neighbors.

Pilgrim Place also has a very different pace during the summer months. Our regular Wednesday morning lectures and programs will be suspended until the fall. Many of you will be traveling, some for long periods of time. Light extended into the evening means we will be out in our yards and on the streets for a much longer time. Neighborhood gatherings will be more common.

This year we will have some additional wrinkles. With the renovation happening in Garden Lounge and Abernethy Dining Room, we will be experimenting with food service delivery partially in Decker Hall. Decker will be full of tables so Theater Rex and Vespers will be held cabaret style—we will need to take care to restore order to the tables and chairs so that the dining services staff can easily set up our meal for the following day.

Another adventure this summer will be landscaping at the new Norton Garden Building and at the new west entrance to the library. Over the past two years, residents have been consulted about these two projects, as well as the landscaping at the Napier Center. While not all of our suggestions have been adopted, many have been. We will have among us this fall new native and Mediterranean plants that attract hummingbirds and butterflies, that flower throughout the year, that replace a major patch of asphalt, that are surrounding paths and places to sit, and that mean, for those of us who are interested, learning lots of new plant names. These gardens will give new faces to our community and provide gathering places for informal outdoor activity.

In some ways, the disruptions that this gardening represents and the specificity of the images the new gardens evoke have created more stress among us than the digging of big holes and building of big buildings. For this reason, it will be wonderful to be past this phase of construction! It will also be wonderful as we settle into fall patterns with a new earth-friendly environment in which we can live.

-Janet Vandevender

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE, REDEEM

Glue-In, though not a big money-raiser at Festival, is a real kid-pleaser, formed in the 1970's to answer a need for a safe place for children while their parents investigate all the other booths' treasures. Hundreds of creative young minds each day of the Festival search through the materials we provide for a fantastic construction to proudly carry home and keep for years. Ultimately, these Glue-In items are discarded in the recycle bin, but before that, children get involved in totally unstructured play—a redeeming activity in our over-structured world.

You may have heard Sesame Street's Oscar the Grouch singing his signature song "I Love Trash" but anything that Oscar loves— anything dirty, sticky, sharp, ugly— is not for Glue-In. We take colorful, shiny, shapely plastic bottle caps, colorful lids, small pill containers, tiny cups, corks, cardboard tubes, wooden spools, woodworking scraps, small packaging elements, natural shells, cones, feathers, etc., nothing with advertising labels, brand names, or writing.

Glue-In team members have a fun-filled sorting session in the Festival Building monthly every third or fourth Friday morning. For more information, call Barbara Mensendiek or Connie Kimos.



2009 ANNUAL REPORT ONLINE

In an effort to protect the environment and take advantage of new technologies, our annual report is now digital and on our website. This online report combines our usual set of facts, figures and donor lists with features that showcase some of the bold initiatives undertaken in 2009 to ensure the future of Pilgrim Place. Check it out: www.pilgrimplace.org. *-Sue Likens*

RESIDENTS' ANNUAL GIVING

2010 Goal #1	\$210,000
Donations received	\$76,022
Pledges to be paid	\$70,063
Total Giving to Date	\$146,085
To Meet Goal #1	\$63,915

Goal #2	100% Participation
	200 Pilgrim Households
Contributed to date	64% of Households
To Meet Goal #2	36% of Households

A SOLUTION MUST BE FOUND!

Pilgrim Friends, we have a problem! And, we are asking for your help to find a solution. Our Plant Committee now has only about ten active members, some of whom are aging and becoming more physically challenged, to facilitate all of the many tasks required to maintain the myriad of activities necessary to sustain the work of the Plant Committee.

Our Committee annually provides between ten and fourteen thousand dollars to support the Resident Health and Support Program. At our weekly sale for the community, we provide low-cost organic fruits and vegetables. Each week we must have volunteers to pick produce, to sort and price the fruits and vegetables, as well as a volunteer to facilitate the sale. We have been scheduling one picker and one sorter/pricer each week but each of these jobs would be easier and more fun with two people doing them.

I'm sure you have heard of, or seen, our beautiful greenhouse where we cultivate plants for the Pilgrim Place Festival. The propagation and maintenance of plants there takes many hours each week. And in Plymouth Garden there are fruit trees as well as numerous shelves with individually potted plants needing water and care weekly throughout the year.

If you haven't visited the Plymouth and Berkley Gardens, we invite you to come and see all of the flowers and vegetables being grown. Dean Freudenberger has set up a brilliant compost system which has helped us to grow wonderful produce.

Community fruit trees must be monitored regularly and pruned annually. We create dish gardens, grow orchids, collect, clean and sell pots and other plant items. And, monthly, we meet to discuss business and to assign tasks to committee members.

Bottom line, by now you can see that we need more helping hands to accomplish and continue our work. SO, are there those in our community willing to join our happy crew of volunteers? OR, will you tell us what projects we should discontinue: the Plant Booth at the Festival? The Greenhouse? Flowers? The weekly sale? We simply cannot make these decisions without hearing from you.

We encourage and invite you to give us your suggestions; and, if interested and have the time, tell us you can volunteer and support one of our activities. Please contact Judy Wallace, Chair, Plant Committee.

ANNOUNCING

BOARD OF EDUCATION FORUM

The Claremont Unified School District Board of Education is interested in gathering input from the community in response to the question: "What do you value about public education in Claremont?"

To that end, members of the school board will be at Pilgrim Place on Monday, June 14, 3:30-5:00 p.m. in Scrooby Lounge to meet with residents to hear your thoughts.
-Bill Cunitz

NATIVE CALIFORNIA ART CELEBRATED

The 40th annual Celebration of the Arts will be held Saturday, June 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Petterson Museum, highlighting the arts and culture of Native California.

An opening blessing ceremony takes place at 10:30 a.m. with Jacque Tahuka-Nunez of the Acjachemen tribe, followed at 11:00 a.m. by "story telling" with Ms. Nunez. At 1:00 p.m. Steve Ruiz of Cahuilla tribe will perform on the native flute. And at 2:00 p.m., a closing ceremony and dance performance will take place with Constanoan Rumsen Carmel tribal dancers.

Throughout the day, visitors will have an opportunity to visit exhibits of historic and contemporary native California art (including art from the special collection at Pomona College's Museum of Art) as well as displays of native plants, food and crafts. Fry bread will be made on site and served with Chia lemonade. Children's activities will include rock painting and jewelry making.

Sponsored by the Petterson Museum Friends, our annual spring celebration at the Museum is a feature of life in Claremont that had it voted "one of the most festive cities in California" several years ago. Come and bring a friend.

-Dwight Vogel, President

THREE WAY OPEN HOUSE

Come celebrate Summer Solstice – the longest day and shortest night of the year – at an open house in the shared backyards of Ann Appley, David & Norma Puntney and Penelope & David Mann on Monday, June 21, 3:30-5:30 pm. Stop by, walk through our homes, then enjoy cookies, fruit and beverage in the common outdoor area.

WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL

Reserve the date and invite friends. Wednesday October 13, Pilgrim Place Residents and our World Affairs Council will host "Witnessing to Christ Today," a major celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and the Centennial of the 1910 Edinburgh World Missionary Conference. A world-wide series of events this year recalls the commitment at that event for denominations to work together to extend the gospel in a movement that developed into the World Council of Churches, and to explore the future of mission. There will be morning and afternoon programs, and the seating of a number of guests at noon tables with Pilgrims. {Detailed planning will occur this summer, and volunteers are welcome.}

An open planning meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, June 30 from 3:15 to 4:45 p.m. in Scrooby Lounge. Volunteers are most welcome!

-Gene Boutilier for the planning committee

ARE YOUR NERVES GETTING TO YOU?

Leo Marmol is hoping a "few good men" will join him in the recently formed nerve pain support group. If you're one of us, regardless of gender, who suffers from nerve pain (one of many forms of neuropathy), you're invited to become a part of our "Of All the Nerve" group. Seven of us came together a week ago, commiserated with one another and began the process of connecting via e-mail and in person to share what ailment we've got, for how long, what treatments have worked, whom we can recommend, etc. Give Lois McAfee (625-8783) a call, and we'll be glad to include you!

IN REMEMBRANCE

Fern Ebertz

May 24

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WHO'S THE ENFORCER?

At a recent town meeting forum in Decker and often as chairman of the Communications Committee, I hear the question "Who is enforcing" the rule or guideline or whatever the case may be. Usually, the inquirer is really making a statement or complaint that "someone" should be making "him/her" follow the rule or guideline that an individual seems to be flaunting.

Probably most of us have at one time or another said that question/comment to someone when we have been irritated by some action of another. Also, many of us have also made the comment "It is better to ask forgiveness than to ask permission" when we have determined to go ahead and do something we wanted to do even though we felt it probably was not going to be acceptable by many others.

And so the question, "Who's the enforcer?" As the chairman of the Communications Committee, it often falls to me when the complaint is about the length, number, repetition and appropriateness of the announcements made at the Abernethy microphone. I do at times speak to people about this.

However, I question why this should be necessary. The guidelines or rules or whatever you want to call them are discussed, voted upon and adopted by the Town Meeting – that is, all members of our Pilgrim Place community. To me, that means they are what you yourselves have voted and want.

Also, Pilgrim Place is publicized as an "intentional community." At least a part of what that means is that each of us when we come to live in and join this community, agree that we will care for each other and take responsibility for making Pilgrim Place an active, pleasant, supportive place in which to live. If that is the case, then each one of us is an "enforcer." By that, I don't mean that we each "police" other people's actions. I mean that we each take responsibility for what we ourselves are doing.

If the guideline was voted and accepted for the good of the community, then at times we give up some personal desire for the good of others. If we want to change the guideline, then we have avenues for making that happen. We celebrate the fact that we are a diverse community. We can fully enjoy our diversity when respecting one another.

-Keith Tennis

Whether you want to be PC or not, I have a personal appeal.

Growing up in the mountains of Los Angeles, as I hiked more than a mile each way to school, I heard from my classmates every word they could think of that rhymed with my first name. "Gloom" was not one of them!

We are heading into the season again. I don't know how the Mays among us feel about being associated with "Gray." Perhaps it depends on whether one likes the color? Gloom, on the other hand, is not a color but an emotional state, and not a happy one at that. I write to encourage you to detach my name from that condition.

Last year I heard this strange description of atmospheric conditions during this month and thought there must be a better way to express it. Some options could be: fog, overcast, cloud cover, even smog. Use your imagination, not time worn phrases. If you really want to describe the weather as gloomy, would you kindly leave my name out of the equation?

-June Totten

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SCROOBY CLUB'S RESPONSE TO FEWER PLANNED SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Gathering Just for the Fun of It!

Remember TV's Seinfeld Show? Nothing happened episode after episode but it won Emmys year after year. Here at Pilgrim Place we don't always have to have a stated purpose for getting together. Like the Seinfeld gang we just hang out now and then. Sometimes we unabashedly limit our gatherings to a few neighbors who comfortably fit around the coffee table. Now and then we take our chances and invite the whole crowd—usually they won't *all* show up, but occasionally they all actually do! Here are a few ways you might celebrate nothing in particular.

- Call a couple neighbors to say you cooked too much dinner and need help eating it.
- Call a couple neighbors and say you forgot to plan for supper and ask if they want to share a takeout pizza—tell them to bring the beer!
Note: neither of the above involves days of planning or cleaning
- Some folks like to invite people in for coffee after vespers. This is short and sweet, you don't have to serve much, and for some magical reason, everybody seems to know to go home at nine o'clock!
- Announce an Open House. Tell us to wear our nametags then prepare for an onslaught.
Note: we don't really care about the look of your home (chances are we already walked through before you moved in) but we are curious about your keepsakes. Treats are nice, but we're probably not all that hungry. Lack of space is not an issue, we'll be fine. We had a ball at Eleanor Scott Meyers open house in her tiny Scamp trailer. I think she served animal crackers. Ai Ra Kim did it up big in the yard adjacent to her bungalow in Bradford Court. By the way; your neighbors will be delighted to act as butlers and waiters- -we might ask you to do something for us one day!
- Have a block party—ask a West Ender for pointers, we are famous for them. Pick a likely picnic spot somewhere handy and ask B&G to set up tables for a potluck.
- Nancy and Howard Rice host inclusive but self-limiting geographical get-togethers like Chicago or the Bay Area or Wisconsin—if you somehow identify with the chosen location, you're in!
- Barrie and Anne Gray occasionally light up their neon Coffee Shop sign and have a blast on the grass. People bring a plate of something tasty or throw a bit of dough in the basket. We warm ourselves with hot cappuccinos (or cold frapuccinos if its summer). If there is music we sing, if not we visit. Be there or be square!
- Maybe you and a friend could host a morning coffee time on the back patio at Abernethy. Do as much or as little as you like, the coffee is there already!
- The Clapp Green may be no more, but the grand memory lingers. Should you spy Dale and friends on her lawn in the late day shade, do ask her to share the saga of Bessie.
- For generations, Scrooby Lounge has been considered “an extension of your living room.” Its kitchen and kitchenware have been available for resident's receptions, reunions, social gatherings, even when the event is “private.” Even when Scrooby Lounge is no more, this tradition will be continued elsewhere on campus.

So are you ready to entertain? Great—Let me know what I can bring!

-Jeanne Halverson for Scrooby Club

AFC SALT SANITATION

At a residents' forum conducted by the Buildings and Grounds Advisory Group, Steve Rogers, Vice President of Campus Services, briefly explained the purpose of the proposed retrofitting of the AFC water sanitation system from chlorine to a salt and chlorine system. Either way the safety and the freedom from bacteria in the water is checked five times daily by the B & G maintenance crew and regularly by a third party inspector. Both systems are safe. Advantages for the conversion of filtration system would be:

- Salt treatment is not salty and is more pleasant for bathing than chlorine
- It would not discolor and damage hair and swimming suits
- It has no odor
- It is not corrosive
- Maintenance expense would be reduced

Mr. Rogers also explained that the retrofitting has been included in this year's administrative budget. The actual cost of retrofitting is not known at this time, but if there are sufficient funds the work could be completed by the end of the summer. He has recently learned of a salt sanitized pool at the 24 Hour Fitness Center in Upland from a new Pilgrim who regularly swims there rather than at our pool. Mr. Rogers wishes to go soon to meet with the Center's maintenance people to learn more about their system and experience with it.

Following Mr. Rogers presentation he asked for and received questions and comments from Pilgrims about the possible change. Prior to the meeting approximately a hundred comments from Pilgrims solicited by Constance Waddell were submitted to the B & G Advisory Group by the AFC Committee.

-Ken Houglund

How about a collective noun contest of Pilgrim occupations/affiliations?

To start with:

- A staff of musicians
- A pool of Baptists
- A mass of priests

Thanks! Mary Atwood

GET INVOLVED ≠

The world is run by people who show up. (Anon)

About Pilgrims

Watercolor Landscapes by **Henry Hayden** will be featured at the Claremont Community Foundation's art gallery (in Claremont Chamber office) throughout June, with an artist reception on Friday, June 4, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Leo Marmol has become a Fellow of the American Academy of Clinical Psychology, the highest level of clinical psychologists in the U.S.

Soon-to-be Pilgrim **Margaret Meier** has composed an orchestral suite that is to be premiered by Claremont Symphony on Sunday, June 13, 3:00 p.m., Little Bridges.

WOMAN'S PERSPECTIVE FORUM

2010-2011 Steering Committee

The Woman's Perspective Forum Steering Committee does its work on a "program year" rather than a "calendar year." This is the beginning of a new year for the Steering Committee. New members of the Committee for three-year terms are Annie King, Jane Harmes and Susan Craig. The continuing members of the Committee are Judy Fiske, Judy Chatfield, Carolyn Loper, Carolyn Kingshill, Cheryl Brown and Ann Appley. Joyce Lamphere, Teresa Wilson, and Rosemary Davis are retiring after serving for three years.

A new edition of the *Purple Book* is in process and will be distributed soon. It will tell the history of Woman's Perspective Forum and provide helpful information about events and activities. In addition to the monthly Forums, the listing will include a New Pilgrim Women's Coffee, a Tea for the Pilgrim Women in Pitzer and Health Services Center, a section for women's books in the library, Sister Circles, an annual celebration of Women's History Month, and joint meetings with women students at Claremont School of Theology.

Have you noticed the purple on Thursdays? Many Pilgrim women continue to wear purple on Thursdays to stand in solidarity with women who are still experiencing the glass ceiling, the stained glass ceiling and other inequities which women continue to face in the United States and around the world.

We have appreciated the presence of Pilgrim men this year at the Forums. We continue to invite men to attend and to participate in the Forums in the 2010-2011 program year.

-Rosemary Davis and Judy Fiske

Calendar

Tuesday, June 1

11:30 a.m. Eucharistic Circle Forms

Thursday, June 3

7:00 p.m. Vespers
Leader: Lowell Larson: "Reflections
on an Ecumenical Journey"
Pianist: Miriam Olson

Sunday, June 6

10:15 a.m. HSC Worship
Leader: Ken Dale
Pianist: Eloise Dale
Soloist: Nancy Wittler

Tuesday, June 8

11:30 a.m. Eucharistic Circle Forms

Wednesday, June 9

11:00 a.m. Violence in Nigeria •
7:00 p.m. Emily Dickinson Conversation

Thursday, June 10

7:00 p.m. Vespers
Leader: Tom Ambrogi
"Hallowing Our Diminishments"
Pianist: Mary Ida Gardner

Saturday, June 12

10:00 a.m.- Celebrating Art of Native California •
3:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 13

10:15 a.m. HSC Worship
Leader: Henry Hayden
Musician: Eloise Dale
Soloist: Hayden Adams

Monday, June 14

3:30 p.m. Board of Education Forum •

Tuesday, June 15

11:30 a.m. Eucharistic Circle Forms

Thursday, June 17

7:00 p.m. Vespers
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Sunday, June 20

10:15 a.m. HSC Worship
Leader: Ken Houglund
Pianist: Laura Fenton
Soloist: Pelster Singers & guitarist
Jerry Nyskulie

Monday, June 21

3:30-5:30 pm Three Way Open House •

Tuesday, June 22

11:30 a.m. Eucharistic Circle Forms
1:30 p.m. Deadline for July NEWS

Thursday, June 24

7:00 p.m. Vespers
Leaders: Donna Blackstock & Annie
King: "The Hours of the Day"
Musicians; Yasuko Shorrock &
Susan Craig

Sunday, June 27

10:45 a.m. HSC Worship
Leader: Phil Uhlinger
Pianist: Eleanor Dornon
Soloist: Shirley Washington

Tuesday, June 29

11:30 a.m. Eucharistic Circle Forms

Wednesday, June 30

3:15 p.m. Planning for World Affairs Council •

• Denotes NEWS Article

Health Center Chaplain

Judy Chatfield

June Guest Rooms

Primary: Linda Tennis (624-1953)

Secondary: Pat Beswick (626-6624)

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