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## SUMMERTIME FOR FESTIVAL

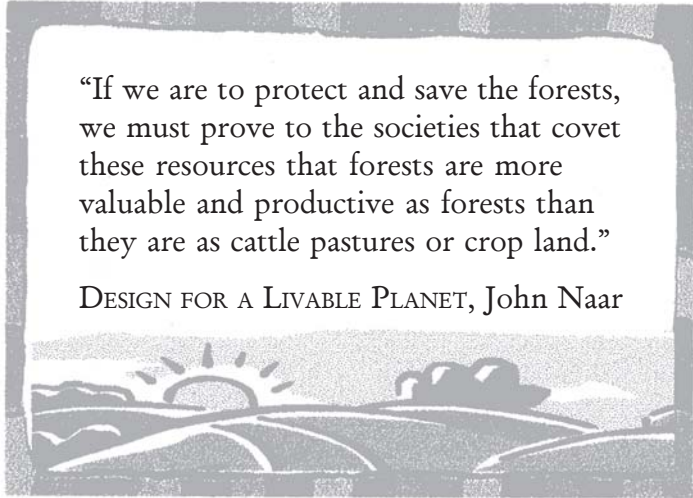
“Summertime and the Livin’ is Easy” go the lyrics to that great old song. Here at Pilgrim Place “It Ain’t Necessarily So”!! Festival is still three and a half months away but a lot is happening on various activity spots on campus.

Nijiko Bergh reports that Rosemaling has 27 items ready as of today and expects many more beautiful plates and bowls by Festival time. Woodworking (according to Stan R. Moore) is slow in gearing up because of a busy schedule of repair and commissioned items. But they already have 15 of Gordon Douglass’ stools and will get themselves in high gear by Sept to churn out their high volume of impressive wood products including clocks, trucks, and gag gifts. Fabrications has over 250 items prepared and by Festival weekend will offer in the neighborhood of over 1000 beautifully crafted products such as bonnets, dresses, decorations, pillows, etc. that Donna Klein and Judy Manley have organized.

According to Anna May Towne 22 women have been working on 21 Quiet Books this year. Fourteen pages have been completed out of 26. These pages will be assembled and ready to sell by the deadline. Pilgrim Place’s 16 weavers under Audrey Lightbody’s leadership have 25-30 items ready for sale now and expect close to 40 by Festival including towels, placemats, scarves, and rugs. Pat Hynds reports she has trouble keeping her silver jewelry in stock since everyone keeps buying it! So she is starting to make jewelry now and storing it away so she will have some in her festival booth! The International booth under Elden Buck and his “8 ladies” have cleaned and stored over 1000 items and expect several thousand to be on their table by Nov.!

Let’s hope everyone loves jams and jellies because Byron Light told me that they have 786 jars ready as of this printing. By Festival, Bakes’ n Sweets expects over 1500 jars ready to sell as well as contributions of cakes, cookies, brownies, breads, pickles, and last, but not least, dog biscuits. There are 200-300 pottery pieces awaiting an owner and by Festival our 5-6 potters chaired by the Loeligers anticipate over 500-600 pieces ready for sale. Whatever qualifies as a collectable (and there are over 500 of those presently) is being cleaned and sorted by Suzanne Brown and Nancy Rice and they plan on having 1000 more by Festival. They said anything old is a “collectable,” so I guess that all of us Pilgrims are “Collectables”. Kay Brown is moaning over the fact that more Stained Glass workers are needed. There are only 5 or 6 active folks who have produced around 20 pieces but Kay anticipates 60-80 ready for sale by Nov. Judy Wallace’s Plant committee is currently cultivating 200+ plants and plan to have 500-700 available for Festival! The Costume Jewelry workers under Lois Thompson have readied over 700-800 jewelry pieces and will have 3000 on hand by this fall.

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“If we are to protect and save the forests, we must prove to the societies that covet these resources that forests are more valuable and productive as forests than they are as cattle pastures or crop land.”

DESIGN FOR A LIVABLE PLANET, John Naar

## Moderator's Musings

Today during the meal in Abernethy, a person at the table described how, as he faces a particular health struggle, others on a committee that he chairs have stepped forward to cover for him. His gratitude was profound. So, I would suggest, is the gift given to him by the others on the committee who are making it possible for him to continue to serve in a modified manner.

At this midterm of my service as Moderator, I find myself regularly humbled and delighted with gratitude for the many ways that you all contribute to this community and to the world beyond it. In the past six months, you have participated in more than the usual number of Town Meetings, making decisions in good spirit and kindness to each other. Some of you have served on special task forces formed for a short period and demanding an intense amount of activity. Many of you work regularly on assignments that make life flow more smoothly for the rest of us. While we were traveling in early July, we received email photos of the Fourth of July parade. Hurray for all of you who participated—and for those of you who cheered from the sidewalks! You are health advocates for your neighbors, enabling them to listen more deeply to their physicians. You take friends to the store or the airport or wherever they need to go. You volunteer in all sorts of activities on this campus. You who live in Pitzer have been amazingly patient with a renovation that is taking longer than expected because of the problems hidden in the walls of the existing building.

Our staff has been remarkable in these past months as we have all tried to manage the disruptions we find on a daily basis because of the construction projects. Hopefully by the time you read this we will be eating in a renovated Abernethy dining room. Our Dining Services staff have had to handle so many changes in food preparations, service, cleanup, and even the number of seatings for the meal in the past few months. I am particularly appreciative of their efforts these days.

Meanwhile many of you use this community as the base from which you move in the broader world. You run universities, stand faithfully against war, serve as interim pastors nearby and on distant islands, tutor students in elementary school as well as in graduate study, serve in your local congregations, care for your families and friends, lead national discussions on theological issues, publish books, feed the hungry at the Beta

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## CAN I AFFORD TO GIVE A LARGE GIFT?

When you are considering giving a large gift to Pilgrim Place or to the charity of your choice there are a number of concerns you may raise, especially if you are an older person.

- Outliving your resources
- Providing for your loved ones
- Depleting your resources if long-term health care is required

Although those concerns are very real, they don't have to be a barrier to integrating your personal and philanthropic objectives. Many people are discovering the surprising benefits of making larger charitable gifts in the form of a gift annuity. Gift annuities not only support the efforts of the organization you want to help, but they give you a life time cash flow with significant tax savings. Not only are you entitled to a federal (and possibly state) income tax deduction the year you make the gift, part of each payment is tax free for a period of years as well. Payments made to you are calculated at the time you make the gift. Those payment rates depend on the amount you place in the annuity and the age you are when you make the annuity...*they may be higher than you receive from other low-yielding investments.* And, payments are assured for the rest of your life.

Are you thinking about giving a gift annuity? Call the Pilgrim Place Development office (399-5511) and we will create a sample calculation to help you determine whether a gift annuity will benefit you.

- Joyce Ewen Yarborough  
Director of Development

## MODERATOR MUSINGS

Center, and so many other things.

The Fall will bring a different pace: Festival preparations, the completion of the Norton Garden Building, the arrival of many new residents, the resumption of programs. In this last month of summer, I am taking time to appreciate each of you and to remember that it is through our generosity we receive abundant life.

-Janet Vandevender

## IN REMEMBRANCE

Peg Goff

July 3

Entered Pilgrim Place 1989

## *Considerations from the CEO*

### CHRISTA'S VISION

I had only been working at Pilgrim Place for three days when the late resident Christa Stump visited my office and made an impassioned plea for us to consider hiring a social worker to be a resource for independent and assisted living residents. It was a request that she revisited regularly with me over the years. Christa was eventually joined by a chorus of others who also acknowledged the need. I became convinced, but there always seemed to be more pressing budget issues and other staff positions that needed funding. Besides, we could always fall back on our intentional community of residents who would listen to and help address our assorted problems. Couldn't we?

Twelve years later, we had an opportunity to fulfill Christa's vision when a need arose to hire a new social worker at the Health Services Center. But it soon became clear that our budget would allow only for someone with entry-level experience or for a part-time position, not the more experienced MSW so many residents had requested. Given our financial limitations during this first year of CCRC licensing, the newly launched construction project and the recessionary uncertainty many were experiencing, our options seemed rather limited.

We considered a number of alternatives. Adding an hourly fee for those who needed social service assistance, might discourage those with limited incomes from seeking help. A general mid-year fee hike to all residents was eventually dismissed as impractical. Would the Residents' Health and Support Program Committee consider a one-time grant for the second half of 2010 to enable us to offer a salary that would attract an experienced MSW who would be available to all Pilgrims? I decided it was worth a chance.

After two month's discussion and many questions, the RHSP Committee voted unanimously with one abstention to provide the Administration with a grant of \$5000 for 2010 only to augment our proposed salary package to hire an MSW for all Pilgrim Place. Our CFO and I made a commitment that the full salary would be incorporated into the 2011 budget without compromising any existing programs or adding new fees.

We were very fortunate, as a result, to be able to hire Briana Fernandez who began work at the Health Services Center in March. Beginning in July, she will be designating the equivalent of seven hours per week to serve the wider Pilgrim Place community as follows:

- Office Hours at the Health Center:  
Monday and Wednesday afternoons  
3:00 – 5:00 PM
- Additional appointments as necessary
- Services to include:
  - a) information and referrals;
  - b) linkage to community resources;
  - c) consultation of mental health issues/  
concerns;
  - d) family support services;
  - e) assistance with completing forms/  
applications;
  - f) advocacy with community agencies
- Memory Support Group – date and time to follow based on member preferences.

I sense that Christa Stump would celebrate these outcomes which reveal the constantly renewing partnership between the residents and administration of Pilgrim Place to address community concerns.

*-Bill Cunitz*

### **PITZER FRIENDSHIP COURT UPDATE**

Construction is moving along with amazing speed. And, I am moving along in filling the apartments. I am developing a list of persons who have requested that their name be placed on my "wait" list as long ago as last year when construction was just beginning; others have contacted me in more recent days. There are a total of 14 units ... and, there are units available for YOU! I am now confirming those commitments and having residents select their desired unit. Three persons have made their selection. To further stimulate interest in their new units, Pilgrim Place is offering a "move-in special" of a 10% discount on rent for the calendar year 2011 to those persons who make their commitment prior to February 1, 2011. At this time, occupancy is anticipated for April-May 2011. Please contact me at 399-5502 to discuss your interest in living in Pitzer Friendship Court.

*-Margaret Porter*

## ANNOUNCING

### COLLEGE STUDENTS SPEAK

Six outstanding students from the Claremont Colleges will complete class requirements in advocacy public speaking and present their talks on Wednesday, August 11 and Friday, August 13 right after noon meal, in the Porter Conference Room. Last year's similar presentations inspired those of us who witnessed such youthful passion for various social changes, and the students treasured having us as their audience.

*-Gene Boutilier for Scrooby Club.*

### "TREKKING THROUGH NEPAL"

On Wednesday, August 18, 7:00 p.m. at the Petterson Museum, Pilgrim Place resident Donna Blackstock will talk about her journey through Nepal with a friend in 1996. You will have a chance to see photos and hear stories of this experience of a lifetime! Refreshments will be served.

*-Lou Ann Parsons*

### PILGRIM PLACE SING-ALONGS

For many years the Scrooby Club Music Committee has sponsored group singing every week in Pitzer Lodge and at the Health Services Center. These community sing-alongs are led by skilled Pilgrims, a tradition started by Davie Napier, Bob Dewey, and Constance Waddell.

This weekly tradition continues; only the name, time, place and schedule will be changing!

☐ Starting Monday, August 2, the usual Thursday "HappyTime" in Pitzer Lodge will change to a weekly "SING FOR FUN" on **Mondays, 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.** We will continue to sing in Pitzer North Lounge until the enlarged, restored South Lounge is available.

☐ Starting Thursday, August 5, the usual Monday "Music Fest" in Mabel Long Dining Room will change to weekly "LET'S SING FOR JOY" on **Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 pm in the Solarium HSC.**

All Pilgrims and guests are welcome to come and sing along, even if you don't live in those facilities.

*-Duanne Welsch*

### GUEST ROOM REMINDERS

Festival is only four month away, so residents should start thinking about their Guest Room needs. Since we are within the four month reservation period, you are welcome to contact the person in charge of the reservation book to see if a room you'd like to reserve is available for November dates. Guidelines that apply are:

- Keep in mind that more than one Pilgrim will be requesting rooms and do not reserve more rooms than you know you will need.
- Confirm your reservation one month prior to occupancy.
- If your guest cancels, notify the reservation clerk immediately as there will be a waiting list.

Thank you for your support as we try to make our guests feel welcome and comfortable as possible during this very busy time in our Pilgrim Place year.

*-Jean Rosewall, Chair*

### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Jerry Eaton, Project Manager for Sunseri Construction, the General Contractor for our campus development project, reports the following as the work to be done in August:

#### Norton Garden:

Complete exterior landscaping and lighting  
Complete most finishes inside the building

#### Amistad Apartment/Friendship Court:

Install drywall throughout the building  
Complete the stucco exterior

#### Pitzer:

Complete the new food service areas

#### Abernethy:

Will be complete

#### Library:

Will be complete

Our continued thanks for Jerry and his crew and the many trades he has coordinated to move us along ahead of schedule.

*-Paul Kittlaus, resident liaison*

### RESIDENTS ANNUAL GIVING

<b>Goal #1</b>	100% Participation 200 Pilgrim Households	<b>Goal #2</b>	\$210,000 - 2010 Annual Giving
	70% of Pilgrim Households Contributed so far		\$99,803 - Donations received
			\$63,146 - Pledges to be paid
<b>To Meet Goal #1</b>	30% of Pilgrim Households Yet to contribute		\$162,950 - Giving to date
		<b>To Meet Goal #2</b>	\$47,050 - Giving remaining

## ARCHIVES UPDATE

Lots of activity is taking place in Archives as we move toward Pilgrim Place's 100th anniversary in 2015.

- The work begun in the 1980's in the abandoned kitchen in a Porter apartment is moving toward providing digitized access to our records.
- Efforts begun by Kay Bower, Frances Bray, and Sylvia Shen are now being continued by Elizabeth Clarke and Teresa Wilson.
- New volunteers are Pat Patterson, Eleanor Dornon and Judith Favor, joining our long-hoped-for CGU intern, Christina Perris, who is working eight hours a week assessing our collection and preparing recommendations for web access. Christina is very enthusiastic about what she's finding and congratulatory to original planners of these archives. CGU History Department and Honnold Library academics are eager that our records be available for research by students.
- Gene Boutilier has researched and obtained a software program which the Pilgrim Place Library is using and with which Archives and the Sights and Sounds collection will provide access to the story of Pilgrim Place as it unfolds.

Now, our goal is to provide a ground floor location that will invite use of the Archives and make possible the necessary expansion of our records.

*-Teresa Wilson, Chair*

## WEBSITE REMINDERS

Current and past issues of the Pilgrim Place NEWS, Wednesday Announcements and Campus Services newsletter are posted on our website in the Residents' Section. Click "Campus News" to see listing.

Online photo directory contains up-to-date contact information for residents. In addition, the "annual" calendar is also kept updated and available online; copies can be printed from your computer.

*-Sue Likens*

## FESTIVAL *(continued from page 1)*

Barbara Coates and her loyal stamp workers have 120 books(1000+ stamps per book) ready and they also give out hundreds of stamps at Village Venture. At Festival thousands and thousands of stamps are sold by country. There are approximately six Pilgrim knitters here on campus. These folks are coordinated by Liz Moore and have produced over 60 items thus far in addition to large contributions by the surrounding community. By Festival time this booth will offer scarves, hats, slippers, sweaters, and afghans plus much yarn! Lapidary is staffed by three Pilgrims including chair Barrie Gray. They already have prepared hundreds of geodes, polished rock jewelry, and thunder eggs Ward McAfee has 12 Pilgrims who love to paint and their work will number in the 50's by Festival! Ruth Brown reports over 100 items plus origami cards and quilling items presently available and that number will probably double in 3 months to adorn the Natural Décor booth. Treasures handles the expensive items such as china, silver, and fine jewelry. Donna Danielson stated that her booth table would hold 200 pieces and by November it will hold 400-500!! There are 11 Pilgrims working with these treasures.

WHEW- you can see how busy many, many Pilgrims are this summer and I haven't even mentioned Russ Becker and his furniture crew, Marie Losh and Eleonore Powell's Miscellaneous workers, Barbara Mensendiek's Glue-In staff, Bob Smith's books, Glen Trost's earth care, Eleanor Scott Meyer's fine arts framers, and clothiers- Toni Shimer, Bill Kroehler, and Mary Yonan. Last but not least by a long shot ..... Dale Morgan has completed the first draft of the new Pilgrim Thanksgiving Show!!!!

So.. as anyone can see not everyone is laying back and doing nothing, not when it comes to Festival preparations! I don't know about you, but I can't wait to see all these wonderful results! A BIG THANK YOU to all you hard working Pilgrims who make our Pilgrim Festival happen year after year!!!

*-Pudge Hartmire, 2010 Festival Chair*



*President of the United Church of Christ Geoffrey Black (second from left) and Donaldson Hill, financial development executive with UCC national, join President/CEO Bill Cunitz and Town Meeting Moderator Janet Vandevender for a photo during a supper at Pilgrim Place held in Mr. Black's honor. He was in town to preach at the Claremont United Church of Christ.*



*Pilgrim Place residents participated in Claremont's 4th of July parade.*

# Calendar

Sunday, August 1

10:15 a.m. HSC Worship  
Leader: Gene Boutilier  
Pianist: Miriam Olson

Thursday, August 5

7:00 pm. Vespers - Hymn Sing  
Leader: Donna Danielson  
Pianist: Mary Hornberger

Sunday, August 8

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

Wednesday, August 11 & Friday, August 13

1:20 p.m. College Students Speak •

Thursday, August 12

7:00 p.m. Vespers  
Leader: Carolyn Kingshill  
Pianist: Yasuko Shorrock

Sunday, August 15

10:15 a.m. HSC Worship  
Leader: Barbara Troxell  
Pianist: Yasuko Shorrock

Tuesday, August 17

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

Wednesday, August 18

7:00 p.m. "Trekking through Nepal" •  
7:00 p.m. Emily Dickinson Conversation

Thursday, August 19

7:00 p.m. Vespers - Taize

Sunday, August 22

10:45 a.m. HSC Worship  
Leader: Audrey Sorrento  
Pianist: Cathy Thompson

Thursday, August 26

7:00 p.m. Vespers – Outdoor Stage  
Jim Manley and Pilgrim Pickers

Sunday, August 29

10:15 HSC Worship  
Leader: Virginia Nickerson  
Pianist: Donna Danielson  
Soloist: Shirley Washington

• Denotes NEWS Item

**Health Service Center Chaplain**

Barbara Troxell

**August Guest Rooms**

Primary: Alice Cook (626-7471)  
Secondary: Nancy Rice (626-2707)

*Today's Thought*

## SUMMERTIME

Low humming sounds and sun-baked hazy days lull us into the slowed pace of summertimes. When we were growing up nothing was more magic than summertime. The hot-sweet-smelling days seemed to stretch on forever then. Summer was play itself, a seemingly endless string of months to work off energy and dream about the possibilities of everything and anything. Long daylight hours gave us a world that seemed boundless in its capacity to soothe and delight.

Children know best how to settle down into the heart of summer, to let go in deep down ways, to simply "be" and enjoy.

How long has it been since we sat down with summer and let her envelop us with smells, sounds, and memories? Just sitting still outside on a summer night, getting reacquainted with the season, can make us feel like kids again.

Today, let me make the time to relax into a summer day in the way of childhood.

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