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WOMAN'S PERSPECTIVE FORUM:

Talk on Residential Home for Paroled Women

Since 1989, Sister Terry Dodge has been Executive Director of Crossroads, Inc., the residential program in Claremont for paroled women. Before coming to Crossroads, Sister Terry taught in elementary and high schools for 12 years. She is a steadfast advocate for women in prison and formerly incarcerated women. Her passion stems from direct involvement with her brother while he was incarcerated. She learned first hand the difficulties and prejudices men and women face as they try to re-enter society after being in prison.

Sister Terry is one of the founding members of Women & Criminal Justice, a group that advocates for women in prison and formerly incarcerated women, and of "Get on the Bus," a yearly statewide program that takes children to visit their mothers for Mother's Day. She is a member of the California Catholic Conference Subcommittee on Restorative Justice.

Sister Terry will be with us Wednesday, May 27 at 11:00 a.m., Decker Hall, to help us strategize about how concerned women and men can help women in the California prison system. The recent parole of Connie Keel after 29 years in prison has given new interest in learning ways that other women can be helped in their search for justice in the system which has kept them in prison much longer than their minimum sentences. Many women have been recommended as suitable for parole by the Parole Board and then turned down by the Governor time after time after time. Sister Terry will share with us ways that we can impact the system and make a difference for women who have done their time, have been rehabilitated, and are now ready to get on with their lives on the "outside."

All Pilgrims (including men) and guests are invited to attend this important "how can I help?" meeting.

-Rosemary Davis

EVENT HONORS COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

The 3rd annual "Catch the Spirit of Pilgrim Place" event with community friends will be held Wednesday, May 20, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with food and drink on Porter Green.

Held each year to honor and celebrate the countless community volunteers who contribute time, talent and financial support, this year's event will focus on "Pilgrims in Africa." At the outside gathering African cuisine will be the featured fare, along with exhibits of African artifacts, drumming and a silent auction.

At 6:30 p.m. community friends and residents will move inside to Abernethy where a sampling of African desserts will be served. At that time, a program featuring stories from residents who served in Africa will take place and a "Volunteer of the Year" will be announced.

Cost of the evening is \$25 per person. If you want to participate in this special evening that celebrates our partnership with community friends, RSVP to Sharen Hodges at shodges@pilgrimplace.org or 399.5501.

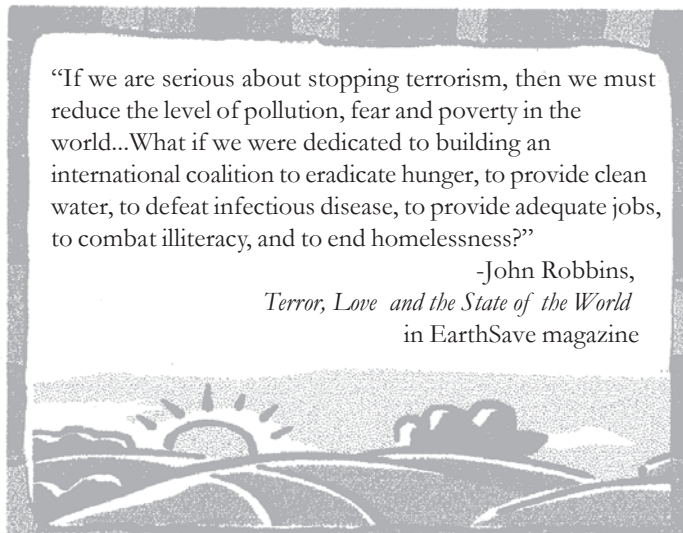
Note: African dress is encouraged.

-Joyce Yarborough on behalf of Planning Committee

"If we are serious about stopping terrorism, then we must reduce the level of pollution, fear and poverty in the world...What if we were dedicated to building an international coalition to eradicate hunger, to provide clean water, to defeat infectious disease, to provide adequate jobs, to combat illiteracy, and to end homelessness?"

-John Robbins,

Terror, Love and the State of the World
in EarthSave magazine



GIFTS OF LABOR

Pilgrim Place distinguishes itself in many ways – ways that make it virtually unique among non-profit multi-level retirement homes. One of these ways is the amount of volunteer labor that Pilgrims contribute to the smooth functioning of our community. Think, for example, of the hours we spend trimming trees and shrubs, or of the times we answer phones and assist in administrative offices. The volunteer staffs of Many Hands Movers, chaplain services, campus mail deliveries, pool monitors, audio-visual services, and other activities contribute many hours that paid employees usually provide at other retirement communities.

Have you ever asked yourself how much money Pilgrim volunteers save Pilgrim Place by contributing their services so generously, or how many dollars they add to total revenue by mounting ambitious Festivals and helping the admissions and development staffs? Their labors, even more than their financial contributions to Residents' Annual Giving, permit our Board of Directors to charge everyone lower rents and fees and to give residents in special need extra assistance through the Residents' Health & Support Program.

With the help of senior staff and many Pilgrims, I recently assembled a profile of residents' volunteer activities that affect the capacity of Pilgrim Place to *save money or increase revenue*. (To be sure, we volunteer for many other things that do not influence its bottom line.) The study shows that Pilgrims spend at least 49,310 hours each year supplementing the employed staff of Pilgrim Place. Because full-time staff members typically work 2,080 hours per year, Pilgrim volunteers probably add the equivalent of twenty-four new full-time employees to the Pilgrim Place staff — a 15 percent increase in staffing levels. Our efforts seem equally divided between saving and raising money.

And what is the dollar value of all this volunteer labor? By assuming that residents are at least as skilled as Pilgrim Place employees, and that the average compensation (including benefits) of employees is a fair estimate of the worth of resident volunteers, then the likeliest value of residents' gifts of labor to Pilgrim Place is \$1,025,648 (49,310 times \$20.80) annually. Accordingly, substituting new employees for Pilgrim volunteers would increase Pilgrim Place costs of labor by 15 percent and its total budget by 8 percent.

It is these figures, more than any others, which help to explain why rents and fees at Pilgrim Place are significantly lower than at comparable retirement homes.

-Gordon Douglass

The most satisfying work ... Helping others.

MySpace.mod

The other morning, I was helping Peter O'Reilly make compost for maintaining soil fertility at the Berkeley garden. Like other activities that involve the work of the Plant and Produce Committee, the Berkeley garden also adds to the total contribution of the committee for support to the Festival fund as it helps the Residents Health and Support Program. While working with Peter, I noticed the hustle and bustle of the Used Books, Furniture and Miscellaneous operations at the far end of the Mayflower Circle. This circle is a very busy place!

How often do we go off to help with the chores of a committee, wondering about the significance of our contributions... perhaps feeling rushed with too many other things to do or sorry for ourselves. But no longer! Two weeks ago we were able to pick up a copy of Gordon Douglass' research paper, "Volunteer Savings." (Note his article in this month's *Pilgrim Place News* entitled, "Gifts of Labor.") Together, our contributions really do make a difference. The statistics are amazing: nearly 50,000 hours of service of one kind or another, the equivalent of 23 full-time staff, or a little over a million dollars in value. This is significant! We are all beneficiaries: major savings in monthly and annual rents and fees; a realization of the dollar value of our contributions; and a sense of satisfaction that we are contributing to the Pilgrim Place culture of caring. Caring for each other and for Pilgrim Place itself is the best way of saying "Thanks" for our entire community.

Thanks also, Gordon, for your research. We should no longer wonder about the significance of our individual and corporate efforts when we go off to do chores; for example, whether helping Peter O'Reilly make compost for the Berkeley garden; making delicious strawberry jam for Bakes and Sweets; fielding telephone calls for the Building and Grounds office, the Health Services Center or the reception desk at the Administration office while Linda is on break; organizing security responses to disasters; or sorting materials at Miscellaneous. Indeed, we are members of a most significant and unique community. It's one of a kind!

-Dean Freudenberger

IN REMEMBRANCE
Dorothea Lemon
April 2
Entered Pilgrim Place 1977
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Nancy Tolley
April 3
Entered Pilgrim Place 2000

Considerations from the CEO

REFLECTIONS ON THE GLASS BEING HALF-FULL

It wasn't that long ago that I stood before residents at the January Town Meeting with a glass that was "half-full." Despite the passage of three months and little visible movement with our campus development project, the stagnant economy and going "live" as a CCRC, I still contend that the glass is half full. Let me explain:

Campus Development Project Update

We continue to negotiate with a commercial bank toward the goal of securing a loan to begin the first phase of our campus development project. Unfortunately, this unprecedented economic recession does not play by the rules to which we have been accustomed. Everything seems to take more time as business ventures receive extraordinary scrutiny and review. Bankers are still very cautious and conservative as the economy continues to sputter.

As of last Thursday, we were reassured, once again, by the bank's officers that progress toward our loan's approval was moving forward. However, they could not give us a firm schedule or any clear insights into their review process.

As a result, I have taken two steps:

1. We have requested that Sunseri Construction reschedule the "start date" for the project to late spring or early summer.

2. Pilgrim Place had a "TEFRA hearing" before the Claremont City Council on April 14, thereby qualifying us for tax-exempt bonds. If these bonds continue to come down in price, it is feasible that we might consider moving directly to a bond issue for both phases of the project if the commercial loan seems to be bogged down or the terms we eventually receive from the bank are unfavorable.

Through it all, we continue to work with the architects, the engineers, consultants and project team to refine our plans so that whenever and however we receive funding, we'll be ready to move quickly. In all this, I'm grateful for the partnership of project resident liaisons Paul Kittlaus, Audrey Lightbody, our consultants, the members of the Board and the Senior Management Team. These are extraordinary times – matched by an extraordinary team of colleagues.

CCRC Agreement Updates

Many thanks to the approximately 150 households who have signed and returned their Care and Residence Agreements! Only two people have indicated their reluctance to sign an Agreement for personal reasons. As we take up the mantle of a Continuing Care Retirement Community, Pilgrim

Place's historic trajectory has never arced more gracefully. I have great confidence in the initiatives described by Margaret Porter and Steve Rogers during the April resident Forums. We're truly on our way!

Admission Director Janet Cromwell reports that we continue to move down the list of 2009 approved applicants to fill the homes now available on campus. A few have rescheduled their entrance to another year, hoping that the economy will improve before they have to begin dipping into retirement funds. Nevertheless, five new households have indicated their intention of signing Continuing Care Contracts and moving in over the next few months. Their entrance fees will provide a big financial boost to our 2009 budget. We are optimistic for the future in that applications for admissions and general inquiries about residence at Pilgrim Place continue at a pre-recession, pre-CCRC pace.

Financial Matters and the Economy

And speaking of the recession, I have initiated conversations with members of the Board of Directors, the senior management team, the supervisors, and will be visiting every employee department staff meeting over the next few weeks to discuss how Pilgrim Place will respond to this sour economy. Cost-saving initiatives and ideas to generate additional revenue are high on my agenda.

I am acutely aware that many current and future residents suffer from a loss of income from invested funds and worry about whether you will have enough to see you through or meet your current basic needs. To this end, I also plan to initiate a series of informal resident conversations along with opportunities for correspondence to make sure we understand how the economy is impacting your lifestyle and outlook.

Members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Leadership Team are now beginning to draw a road map for this uncharted territory. I suspect that we may need to make some changes with regard to our assumptions about the future...based on a better understanding of the impact that the recession will have on those still outside our gates who might be contemplating retirement in years to come.

Through it all, I hope you see that we're being proactive in the light of these momentous challenges. By facing the present and the future openly with creative energy, while embracing new opportunities to sustain our beloved community, I still truly believe that the glass is half full. We are a strong, resilient and focused community. By working together – resident, staff and Board – I believe we *can* eventually fill the glass to overflowing.

*-Bill Cunitz
President/CEO*

ANNOUNCING

YOU ARE INVITED TO A LION HUNT

We are also hunting tigers, elephants and butterflies, Scouts and trains—all lurking in boxes of stamps donated to Pilgrim Place that needs to be sorted.

Please come and help us find these topical stamps to sell at Festival. The hunt is on Saturday, May 2 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., Porter Conference Room. Of course, there will be refreshments, too! *-The Festival Stamp Booth Committee*

MARY AND FRIENDS – MUSIC CONCERT

You are invited to an evening of music on Saturday, May 2, Decker Hall at 7:00 p.m. when Mary Hornberger along with friends will present a program of music for trumpet, clarinet, French horn, string bass and percussion along with soprano Mary Jo Wiedey. Composers represented will be Mozart, St. Saens, Menotti, and Cooke. There will be a number of selections for jazz trio and quartet by the celebrated French jazz pianist and composer, Claude Bolling.

“BRACING FOR A QUAKE”

On Monday, May 4, from 11:00 a.m. to noon, Decker Hall, the Resident Security Council will again show the KCET video “Bracing for a Quake: A Survival Guide,” which will be followed by discussion. New cluster lists will be handed out. Earthquake Kits prepared by Community Senior Services of Claremont will be on sale for \$50 each. If you missed a similar presentation that occurred in January, this event is highly advised for all residents.

-Ward McAfee, Security Chair

DRUM CIRCLES

Pilgrims have good vibes and several chances to make music with drums and rhythm instruments. Bring your own or use the dozens we will have for drum circles on Monday, May 4 at 4:45 p.m. in Mabel Long Dining Room at the Health Center or Thursday, May 7 at 4:45 p.m. in Pitzer South Lounge. A drum circle will also be held Wednesday, May 6 after lunch in Decker - or from time to time before lunch in Garden Lounge in next two weeks. Join us! *-Judith Favor*

SEE ≠ JUDGE ≠ ACT

Everyone at Pilgrim Place is a member of the Andiron “Club,” a name used for at least 50 years to enable Pilgrims to share deeply with their PP friends from their own life-experiences. On Wednesday, May 6, 11:00 a.m., Decker Hall, we will hear Lou Ann Parsons speak on what happened when the legal elimination of the apartheid system and ideology required a country to affirm equality for all people of color.

With 36 years of service there, Lou Ann participated in the course of “setting free” millions of true citizens, but that task brought new struggles. Serious social analysis, extensive dialogue, theological reflection, and carefully developed strategies - all for creating a new kind of country - was necessary.

In the process called, “See-Judge-Act,” and because of it, the partner churches in South Africa gave “a special gift” to UCC churches in the U.S. *-Jeanne Audrey Powers*

HEALTH SERVICES FORUM

The Health Services Advisory Group will hold an Open Forum Thursday, May 7, 11:00 a.m., Decker Hall. The Advisory Group will facilitate a discussion about the Functional Assessment forms and how they will be utilized by the Clinic staff and Pitzer staff as we keep all residents informed of their medical and/or functional abilities, if/when a transition to another level of care may be appropriate. A sample copy of the Functional Assessment form will be available. In addition, an update or questions will be heard about our conversion to CCRC. There will be opportunity for Q&A. *-Margaret Porter*

UNITED WAY – LAST CALL

Friday, May 8 will be last day for Pilgrim’s contributions to be counted in total amount collected for the Pilgrim Place 2009 United Way Campaign. Collection boxes are still available in Garden Lounge, Abernethy and Pitzer Lodge and Reception Desk at the Health Center. Remember, the goal is \$18,000. Thanks to all for caring! *-Janice Newborn*

New Addresses

(Since 2009 Directory was published)

Marian Hanson - Pitzer North #108

Walter & Louise Hannum - Pitzer East #209

Duane Welsch - 619 Alden Rd.

Miriam Olson - 568 W 8th St.

Paul Lewis - Pitzer North #114

Howard & Nancy Rice - 760 Plymouth Rd.

MEMORIAL OBSERVANCES

The times for the Pilgrim Place memorial services have changed this year. The Vesper service devoted to remembering the Pilgrims who have died during the year will be held May 7, the first Thursday of the month in Decker Hall. Harry Brunger will bring the message with Marilyn Brunger serving as acolyte. Yasuko Shorrocks will be the pianist, and Ruth Brown will play the flute.

Because our Pilgrim Place memorial observance at Oak Park Cemetery is always held on the Friday before the national observance of Memorial Day, it will be held this year Friday, May 22, at 9:00 a.m. in the Pilgrim Place section there. Participants will be: Willard Hunter, welcome and invocation; Ron Evans, Message; and David Held, Musician.

When strolling through the Pilgrim Place sections at Oak Park, it was noted that over 200 Pilgrims have been interred there. The earliest grave noted was of Elizabeth Russell Steele in 1915, with more recent ones being the more familiar Edward & Suzanna Reckard, Louise Giffin, Fred Schneider, Joy & Davie Napier. It seems appropriate to remember and honor these people for their contributions to Pilgrim Place - and to the world.

-Linda Tennis

My Sinatra!

**Hough Performing Arts Theater - Citrus College
Saturday, May 9 - Bus Leaves 7:00 p.m. - \$40
Includes Bus and Fabulous Reserved Seats!**

"My Sinatra" is NOT a Vegas-like impersonation, but rather a sincere artistic interpretation of the brilliant songs Frank Sinatra turned into American pop standards in his classic period from 1953 to the early 1960s. Cary Hoffman doesn't imitate Sinatra - but he sure does sound like him!
Special invitation to Pitzer residents: Bus includes a lift and most accessible seats will be saved for those who need them most. For this trip, bus will make special stop at Pitzer to pick up/drop off residents. Sign-up today in Garden Lounge *or* at poster near the Pitzer entrance. *-Jeanne & Dale*

WORLD AFFAIRS FORUM

On Wednesday, May 13 at 11:00 a.m., Decker Hall, Dr. William M. Evans, Professor Emeritus, Cal Poly, Pomona, will speak at the World Affairs Forum.

Professor Evans will help us speculate and think through issues of "race," "slavery," organized efforts and movements toward human equality and abolitionist organizations (as distinguished from personal and sectarian antislavery sentiment). He will critique some perceived notions about the nature and history of slavery, color, and inequality, through comparisons of data from both the "Old World" and the "New World."

-Herman Ruether

PIANO RECITAL

Josh Pifer has played here before - and will again delight us with beautiful piano music Wednesday, May 13, 7:00 p.m. in Decker Hall. Mark your calendar.

-Bob Smith

MEMORY SUPPORT GROUP

Through discussions held in the Health Services Advisory Group, there is an interest in beginning a support group for residents who, themselves, may be experiencing some memory changes and would like to begin a new support group where residents might express personal concerns, problem-solve issues that may be affecting their lives, or who simply may wish to gather for conversation. Lindsey Hafemann, our HSC social worker, will be facilitating this group. An exploratory meeting will be held Friday, May 15, at 10:00 a.m. in the HSC Lerner Classroom.

-Margaret Porter

CHAMBER MUSIC AT PILGRIM PLACE

The Pilgrim Trio with Marjorie Marth, violin, David Held, cello, and Eleanor Dornon, piano, will play trios by Beethoven and Shostakovich Sunday, May 17, at 3:30 p.m. in Decker Hall. Also Five Hymn Preludes by Wilbur Held will be played by David Held, cello; and Wilbur Held, piano. Plan to attend and bring your friends.

-David Held

HOW TO BE A SMART PATIENT Staying in Charge of Your Health Care for the rest of Your Life

You're sitting in your skimpy paper gown on the examining table, at the end of your annual physical, and the doctor has just left the room, when you suddenly realize you have forgotten to mention some key symptoms which have been bothering you. What could you have done to make better use of your brief time with the doctor? The Health and Welfare Committee is sponsoring a talk by Donna Ambrogi on this topic Wednesday, May 20, at 11:00 a.m. in Decker Hall. She will also discuss advance health care directives, including the new legal form, Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST).

SCROOBY CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING

...will be held Saturday, May 30, 7:00 p.m. in Decker Hall. Election of officers will be followed by a variety program. Remember, all residents are members of Scrooby Club.

-Gene Boutilier

As We See It

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for common thought.*

Has someone said to you, “You missed a great show,” or “What a special meeting that was, you should have been there!” Comments like that can leave us frustrated, right?

Well, you missed a significant meeting...but we want to keep you from feeling frustrated!

Pat McGinnis is a pretty unassuming person, given her 25+ years of working with elected California officials. She directs California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform (www.CANHR.org) and there isn't a piece of significant legislation affecting elders that her organization isn't asked to oppose or to endorse.

Over the last three decades Pat has observed California's Democrats, Republicans, Governors and Legislators and been privy to the inner workings of our huge state governmental bureaucracy—the 5th or 6th largest economy in the world. So after lunch with her old friends and former colleagues, the Ambrogis, she met informally with some of us in Decker.

After Pat discussed the financial elder abuse issues her organization has been working on, the discussion broadened. She thinks it's smart and timely for Pilgrim Place to work toward cultural transformation at our HSC and to look at projects like the Green House model, although admittedly expensive to start. She hopes we will be able to develop a better model of long term care that works for us and will model for others the kind of changes that are possible and urgently needed in southern California. She commended Pilgrim Place Administration for their efforts toward those changes.

Pat said, “California is far behind in providing alternatives to nursing home care.” She explained that there are excellent innovative programs in other parts of the country because of waivers that fund alternatives to nursing homes. But she reminded us that 70% of the state's nursing homes are for-profit businesses—a billion dollar industry lobbying intensely to keep the status quo.

Pat explained it's not that California seniors prefer large hospital type institutional settings to receive long term care. Quite the contrary, it's because the present funding from Medicare or MediCal channels everyone into skilled nursing homes to get the cost of their care reimbursed. Meanwhile, she believes the best way to get appropriate care for elders reimbursed is to convince our Legislators of the case for innovative culture change practices within nursing homes. Because practices such as resident-centered care improve the quality of life for elders and over time save money—something that she sees taxpayers and legislators will be forced to do in the coming years.

So what's the good news in the midst of the looming budget crisis? Pat McGinnis thinks Pilgrim Place is on the right track as we work toward transforming HSC into smaller, clustered, livable spaces with continuity of the resident's care; where meals and schedules are designed for residents' needs; where a transformed worker culture will retain good workers and will keep elders more engaged in life.

We hope our sharing of this information takes away any frustration you might have felt if you weren't able to be at the meeting.

—Donna and Tom Ambrogi, Mary Atwood, Suzanne and Kay Brown, Carol Billings Harris, Judy O'Neill, Pete Sabey and Connie

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HEALTH ADVOCACY: IT MAKES GOOD SENSE

When Peggy calls from Maryland to check on her dad's health, T.J. admits being worried because the cataract is growing. In a teasing voice she asks "Are you sure you're listening to what the doctor says, Dad?" He responds lightly, "Call Ken if you want an opinion other than that of your aging parent." Ken Mitchell became his health advocate a few years ago. T.J. Liggett will be ninety in May. He affirms that "Pilgrim Place's volunteer patient advocate program makes sense, especially for widowed or single people."

In the beginning T.J. drove to medical and dental appointments while Ken rode along. Last June T.J. decided it was time to give up his car so Ken drives now. "On the way we discuss politics and economics. Our views differ because I lived abroad for twenty years and his ministry was in the U.S. We don't disagree medically though. As my advocate Ken doesn't meddle or intrude. He is very patient and only asks questions if the doctor says something ambiguous."

Summing up his experience, T.J. says: "I appreciate Ken's approach to health advocacy. He sits in on every exam and listens carefully. He knows I have a tough decision coming up, that I'm losing vision in one eye and not sure whether I'm ready to risk cataract surgery on the good eye. My Pilgrim advocate accompanies me through medical decisions but does not make them for me. He is no threat to my heirs. Ken has a cordial, open relationship with my son and daughter but they have the final say."

END OF LIFE VIGIL

"I started going to the doctor with Nancy Tolley because she needed another pair of ears" says Teresa Wilson. People who are generous with time, energy and compassion tend to respond when a friend needs a health advocate. Teresa was comfortable taking initiative with specialists on her friend's behalf and communicating complex medical information to Nancy's children in Massachusetts, Arizona and Indonesia.

"Keeping hope alive became important as Nancy's cancer advanced. Then it was time for hospice. As the vigil went on, it raised many internal questions. How would I deal with the same situation? Volunteer Health Advocate training focuses on helping patients through medical visits, but we come very close to the reality of death here. End-of-life care raises many questions and offers opportunities for personal growth."

Judith Favor

SABBATICAL APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Do you have family or friends visiting you at Pilgrim Place in the coming months? You may want to think about renting one of the conveniently located Sabbatical Apartments on campus.

Recently, two additional Brooks Court units were prepared as Sabbatical Apartments, bringing the total of Sabbaticals up to five units on campus! Each apartment has a living/dining area, bedroom with two single beds, kitchen, and full bath for the low cost of \$50-\$65 per night. Reservations may be made for three or more consecutive nights by contacting Janet Cromwell, Director of Admission, at 909-399-5504.

SHOW ME THE PEOPLE!

As you plan your summer travels to reconnect with friends and former colleagues, consider inviting them to apply for residency at Pilgrim Place. A gentle suggestion to request an information packet or submit an application might be all that is needed for your beloved friends to take the next step toward residency in this engaging community.

Pilgrim Place looks forward to expanding our outreach to prospective residents in the coming year. In June, Pilgrim Place will have displays at the UCC Gathering in Claremont, UCC General Synod in Grand Rapids, the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference, Cal-Pac Annual Conference, and the American Baptist Biennial in Pasadena. Please contact Janet Cromwell, Director of Admission, if you wish to take information packets to denominational events or non-profit conferences that you may be attending.

The Admissions Office welcomes applications from persons who have served in careers in religious or charitable non-profit organizations for fifteen years or more, and who wish to move to Pilgrim Place in 2009 and beyond. The application process can take several months, including the required on-campus visit and interview. Please remember that individuals must submit an application, be approved for residency, and receive a housing offer prior to their 78th birthday.

Throughout the year, the Admissions Office gladly sends information packets and application forms to interested individuals. Please provide Janet with the name, address, phone, and email address of prospective residents to help in sharing the good news of Pilgrim Place!

About Pilgrims

Mary Jean Gano traveled to Japan in March to be honored at the 50th anniversary of the Woman's Department of the Japan Baptist Union.

Friends and family gathered at Claremont's Oak Park Cemetery on a dark chilly afternoon Friday April 3 to lay to rest the remains of **Davie Napier** alongside those of his beloved **Joy**, who preceded him in death in 2003. The ceremony took place in the Pilgrim Place section of the cemetery. The service was led by **Hallam Shorrock**, one of Davie's former students and a member of the Class of '52 which "adopted" Davie, who joined the Yale Divinity School faculty the year that class entered the school. **Jim Manley** and **Gene Boutilier** provided the music. Two other YDS graduates also participated: **Paul Minus** read several of Davie's favorite Old Testament scriptures, and **Joan Forsberg**, paid tribute to "The Joy We Remember." Davie's granddaughter, Amanda Magee, remembered her grandfather and daughter Anne Caffery gave the eulogy. **Tom Ambrogi** delivered final words of committal and benediction.

PROXY VOTING BY PILGRIM PLACE

For over 35 years religious and service organizations have been addressing ethical and social issues in the corporate life of America through the Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility. Currently there are 275 participating organizations and institutions with \$2.1 trillion invested in the stock market. This year they filed 274 resolutions which are agenda items at annual corporate meetings. The Resolutions dealt with such items as: corporate governance, environment, health, human rights, inclusive news, lobbying, sustainability and other relevant policy matters.

Pilgrim Place has participated in this movement for many years—appointing a committee to review these matters and recommend to the president of the corporation how its shares should be voted. This year 13 of the 26 corporations in which Pilgrim Place has investments are facing one or more of these resolutions. The committee has recommended support for all of the resolutions considered this year. Investment in a corporation includes the moral responsibility to review its policies and products. *-T. J. Liggett*

NEED A PATIENT ADVOCATE?

See Donna Ambrogi, Dick Moore or Wally Brownlee.

NEW TRANSPORTATION OPPORTUNITIES

Listed are two new opportunities that can make public transportation - and the use of an automobile - easier and more economical in the greater Los Angeles area.

The Tap Card

The many mass transit companies operating in the greater Los Angeles area have agreed upon a common TAP card. TAP is a great new way to pay your fare on buses and trains in the city and county of Los Angeles. TAP is a reloadable card for use, month after month.

A TAP card replaces paper passes and the use of money on public conveyances and will soon let you use it to ride on many different carriers operating in our area. Currently systems accepting the TAP card: Culvert City, LADOT, LA Metro, Santa Clarita, Montebello and Foothill Transit.

A TAP card looks like a credit/debit card and works like a debit card. You can replenish your card online or at the Claremont Transit Center at the train station. For additional information - and to replenish your card - go to TAPTOGO.com.

ZIPCAR

The ZIPCAR idea has been around for awhile, being used with great success. You can register for \$75. ZIPCARS are located on Pomona College campus, close to Honnold Library. Once you have your card, you can contact the ZIPCAR office to reserve your car. At the appropriate time, you go to the college campus to pick up your car and drive it away. Rentals are by the hour (\$7.00) or by the day (\$45). Insurance and fuel are included in the above costs. The one drawback for Pilgrims is the walk to and from the college campus. If you drive very little, or if you have two cars and want to "green" your driving habits, ZIPCAR may be for you. Learn more online: ZIPCAR.com.

I am glad to share details. Ask me. *-Ken Mitchell, Chair, Transportation Committee*

GUEST ROOM FEES

A small increase in the requested fee for the use of Porter Guest Rooms will be asked as of May 1. The suggested fee will be \$45 or more for singles, and \$55 or more for doubles.

The Guest Room Committee is appreciative of the upgrades Pilgrims have made to make the rooms even more welcoming. *-Carolyn Loper*

Thanks

For all the encouraging cards, beautiful flowers, your comforting visits and prayers for healing, many, many thanks! From a painful trauma these have helped me on the road to recovery. *-Eloise Dale*

The Beta Center and I thank each of you for your wonderful birthday present. *-Elizabeth Palmer*

How Can We Not Be Thankful?

Recently Walter and I have experienced many blessings at Pilgrim Place, beginning with my 90th birthday when the water aerobics class I was leading produced a floating birthday cake!

In January we were offered a beautiful, spacious and light apartment in Pitzer East. It is impossible to thank all the individuals who helped. Before moving day, neighbors packed up our kitchen things, lined the shelves and drawers in the new kitchen, and then unpacked and organized all on shelves. In two hours on moving day, "Many Hands Movers" had all the furniture moved and arranged in our new home. Later a neighbor helped unpack our books and placed them on the lovely built-in bookcases. Another neighbor set up the computer. An artist added finishing touches by helping to hang our pictures.

Keith and Linda Tennis hosted a farewell party even though Linda was hospitalized that morning. Pilgrims in Pitzer East had a welcoming party soon after our arrival. Staff here at Pitzer are friendly and professional, always willing to be of help.

We indeed are grateful as we look out our windows onto flower gardens. We praise God for all His blessings. How can we not be thankful? *-Louise Hannum*

RESIDENTS' ANNUAL GIVING

Cash received:	\$70,523.31
Pledges outstanding:	\$70,995.44
Total:	\$141,518.75

Units participating: 112 plus 11 who have made pledges but have not paid for a total of 123

Calendar

Saturday, May 2

3:00 p.m. Stamp Committee •

7:00 p.m. Mary and Friends •

Sunday, May 3

10:15 a.m. HSC Worship
Leader: Howard Rice
Musician: Eleanor Dornon
Soloist: Becky Dornon

Monday, May 4

11:00 a.m. Bracing for a Quake •

4:30 p.m. Drum Circle •

Wednesday, May 6

11:00 a.m. Andiron •

1:20 p.m. Drum Circle •

Thursday, May 7

11:00 a.m. Health Services Forum •

4:45 p.m. Drum Circle •

7:00 p.m. Vespers

Memorial Service •

Friday, May 8 - Last Day for United Way Donation •

Saturday, May 9

7:00 p.m. Bus Leaves - "My Sinatra" •

Sunday, May 10

10:15 a.m. HSC Worship
Leader: Henry Hayden
Musician: Halee Spriggins
Soloists: Hayden Adams

Wednesday, May 13

11:00 a.m. World Affairs Forum •

7:00 p.m. Piano Recital •

Thursday, May 14

7:00 p.m. Vespers
Leader: T.J. Liggett
Musician: Eleanore Hire

Friday, May 15

10:00 a.m. Memory Support Group •

Sunday, May 17

10:15 a.m. HSC Worship
Leader: Barrie Gray
Musician: Ann Gray
Soloist: Donald Deer

Sunday, May 17 (continued)

3:30p.m. Pilgrim Trio Concert •

Tuesday, May 19

1:30 p.m. Copy Deadline for June Newsletter

Wednesday, May 20

11:00 a.m. Smart Patient/H&W •

5:30-8:00 p.m. Catch the Spirit Event •

Thursday, May 21

7:00 p.m. Vespers
Leader: Dwight Vogel
Musician: Mary Hornberger

Friday, May 22

9:00 a.m. Oak Park Memorial Service •

Sunday, April 24

10:15 a.m. HSC Worship
Leader: Lowell Larson
Musician: Mary Ida Gardner
Soloist: Dean Gilliland

Monday, April 25 - Memorial Day Observed

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Wednesday, May 27

11:00 a.m. Woman's Perspective Forum •

7:00 p.m. Emily Dickinson Conversation

Thursday, May 28

7:00 p.m. Vespers
Leader: Dean Gilliland
Musician: Ann Gray

Saturday, May 30

7:00 pm. Scrooby Club Annual Meeting & Variety Show •

Sunday, May 31

10:15 a.m. HSC Worship
Leader: Hal Shorrock
Musician: Yasuko Shorrock
Soloist: Mary Russell

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HSC Chaplains

Faith Jackson and Lois McAfee

May Guest Rooms

Primary / Barbara Deer / 621-5315

Backup / Carolyn Loper / 625-4882

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