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NEWS

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ARE WE READY ??

Well November is here- Are we ready for the 62nd Annual Pilgrim Place Festival in exactly two weeks? From all appearances I think so! All the work in the past twelve months is coming to fruition and we are ready to welcome the public to our big party!!

The tents, tables, chairs, table ruffles, and coverings are being assembled, distributed and set -up. The face of our campus is being radically changed into a big Festival ground. We have decorations, banners, signs, and pages of instructions for us Pilgrims as what to do and not to do: what color tickets to use and where we may use them, where to dump our trash, walk the dogs, bicycle in the streets, turn in our reports, what buildings are available and open, when to return library books, park our cars, times open for exercising and swimming, and even where to recycle! There are also rules for the use of golf carts and the behavior of our grandchildren! I don't think we've missed anyone or anything. In fact I think that we're ready for a massive invasion of fun...guests...noise...confusion...music...food!!

We've gathered this month back home in Pilgrim Place to work and pull off this big party! Freezers and cabinets are starting to bulge with a variety of baked goodies from our kitchens. Sewing machines are whirring, turning out all sorts of bonnets, dresses, and other original items from our sewers (people who sew- not drains for carrying away sewage), knitting needles clinking, paint brushes working, clothes sorting, silver soldering, stamp collecting, plant arranging, items cleaned, polished, mended, and repaired, products priced, food ordered, tickets sold, and saws cutting and on & on.....

Our actors in the new Thanksgiving Show are memorizing `and practicing everyday. The Pickers are strumming along (although I can't imagine them getting any better than they are now!) The town businesses are proudly displaying posters and the big banner on Indian Hill is telling all the motorists of our big event!

Maps will be provided with the locations of all the booths and most importantly- porta-potty spots! This year we can boast of two upgraded porta-potties!!!! WOW!!

Our booth chairs are gallantly juggling volunteer schedules to ensure that most everyone can get a lunch break and catch their breaths!

So we're ready and we will welcome the guests to our party with a smile and have great fun. All we Pilgrims will pull together to make the deadline at 10:00 a.m. on Friday- November 12 when the Windsor Brass Ensemble opens with a musical flourish and the announcement: "The 62nd Annual Pilgrim Place Festival is Now Open."

*-Pudge Hartmire
2010 Festival Chair*

GOOD NEWS

The Norton Garden Building is complete!

Administrative Offices were opened on October 15, with new residents beginning to move in on November 1.

For details, check out "what's new" on our website: www.pilgrimplace.org. Please note that new mailing address for Pilgrim Place is 625 Mayflower Road.

ANOTHER NEW FESTIVAL SHOW

Last year for Festival 2009, a new program was presented by our Pilgrim Players on the Festival Stage – a sing-along look at American history in the time following the founding of Plymouth Colony to the present day. After 60 years of presenting The Story of the First Thanksgiving at Festival, this show was literally “revolutionary” and brand new.

In keeping with that tradition, another new show will be presented at Festival this year. 2010 is a year of the census, the 23rd decade when the US population has been counted and defined by race. The show explores some of the ironies of the census through our nation’s history – the way Native Americans were not included in the census until after the First World War; that before Emancipation, for every five African Americans, only three were counted; that women were counted, but had to campaign to get the vote. Once again, personal stories Pilgrim Place residents will be told: Leo Nieto will tell of his family’s origins in La Provincia del Norte, present-day New Mexico, where Thanksgiving was celebrated before the Pilgrims and the Mayflower arrived; Gene Boutilier and Chris Hartmire will speak about Cesar Chavez and the campaign for farm workers’ rights, and George Aki will again describe his experience as an American citizen interned in WW II. A surprise ending and song may move audience to tears.

Once again the Pilgrim Pickers will play sing-along music and Jim Manley has written a stirring new song. Our enthusiastic narrators, Joan Forsberg and Don Chatfield, will guide us through the show...and yes, those three Pilgrims from the historic Story of the First Thanksgiving will once again return from the year 1620, but this time they will not come back to complain about a new show “upon their green;” they will come back because they had such a wonderful time at the show last year. Our Festival Show cast and crew hopes that YOU will, too!

-Dale Morgan

Moderator’s Musings

I think the season has changed! With the rain of the past few days, I am reminded that our plants that are drooping will soon be fat-leaved and standing much straighter. This is surely a time of renewal and high output of energy at Pilgrim Place.

We returned from two weeks of quiet reading and needlework to find the fences gone at Norton Garden. How beautiful it now is to drive in the 6th Street gate to see this new face of our community. The gardens are inviting and the building very appealing. Today I happened to bump into the first new resident who will move into Norton Garden apartments. She is as excited as I am to know the residential space will shortly be filled with new life and passions.

Election signs are also gracing some of our yards. That we are known by our active participation in Claremont and in social issues is one of the joys of living here for me. There were two forums here today exploring a school bond issue and the candidates for judges. At my dinner table a resident commented that while she knew she should not do it, she simply had to say how important it is to vote for a particular candidate for a statewide office. Our commitment to this democracy is palpable in this season.

Festival is also getting near. This afternoon as I write this column, the first outdoor rehearsal for the Festival drama is underway. I know that the weavers, of which I am one, have been feeling the pressure to finish projects in time to be priced for Festival sale. In that way we weavers are like every other guild here that makes items for Festival sale. Meetings of chairs and treasures, last minute calls for help staffing booths, close reviews of booth layouts—all these are in full swing now. No doubt this is Autumn at Pilgrim Place!

One thing here, however, that does not go out of season is our care and support for each other. I am mindful of the series of memorial services for residents who have recently died. Good friends have spent time in the hospital or responding to tests that yield good or not-so-good results. We remind each other not to over do it during this Festival preparation season. Friends water my gardens while I am gone. And while I am out of town for a couple of weeks, the Vice Moderator handles the tasks that should be mine. Our staff care for us even as they take on the extra tasks of moving offices and preparing for Festival.

My gratitude for this community, whatever the season, is abundant. *-Janet Vandevender, Moderator*

IN REMEMBRANCE

Edith Cooper

October 1

Entered Pilgrim Place 1984

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Ruth Borden

October 4

Entered Pilgrim Place 1986

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Helen Post

October 20

Entered Pilgrim Place 1993

Considerations from the CEO

INSPIRING CHANGE

Those who could not attend October 20th's Resident Forum on Culture Change and Pilgrim Place's evolution to the Household Model of care at the Health Services Center missed several electrifying moments.

The first was when HSC nurse Rachel Von Stein described her life-changing experience during a Choreography of Change workshop she attended with Vice President for Health Services Sue Fairley last month in Milwaukee. While watching a film on how elders living in Households were transformed by having access to the pleasures of home, she felt herself physically transformed....changed forever. She later told her father that the initiative to extend culture change to our traditional skilled nursing homes had become her "Civil Rights Movement," acknowledging his passion during the 1960's and 70's.

A few minutes later, nurse Krista Schleich told a touching story of how a member of our HSC staff sought to bring elements of "home" to some current HSC residents by creating a magical dinner for two in the quiet corner of one of their bedrooms. "Covering two bedside tables with a cloth, adding flowers and two chairs transformed the space into a private dining room and added a touch of grace to the institutional world of two residents."

And then, extraordinary consultant LaVrene Norton encouraged and challenged us with visions of nursing home transitions...first to neighborhoods and eventually to households. She spoke of extending the culture of Pilgrim Place into the deepest recesses of the Health Services Center and how that would be accomplished by teamwork, focus, commitment and shared leadership. "You have the opportunity to make every day a wonderful day for the residents of the Health Center!"

She went on to say, "I can't imagine that there's another group of residents, staff, board members, administrators and family members working together, sharing leadership to effect change anywhere in California such as your Steering Team at Pilgrim Place."

I'm convinced that there will be many other "electrifying moments" in coming months as we explore the concept of shared leadership and develop new models for working together to effect change. So, if

INTRODUCING ...

Please join me in welcoming Lenita Castillo as she begins a new journey with us as the new Director of Nursing at the Health Services Center. Recently she served as the Director of Operations/Nursing for the California PEO Home in Alhambra. She started her career in nursing as a RN supervisor for the Episcopal Home in Alhambra in the early 90s, continuing as nursing supervisor for over 10 years at Atherton Baptist Homes. She comes to us with skills and experience in nursing as well as being a seasoned Director of Nursing in long term care.

Lenita received her BSN from Manila Central University and comes not only highly qualified but with glowing recommendations from her former supervisor who now serves the residents of Hillcrest Homes in LaVerne. Lenita is very excited about the opportunity to serve our residents, join an outstanding group of professionals as well as accompany us in our pursuit of the "household" model for our care center.

During the interview process she revealed that she loves to cook for her staff. With that alone, I knew our staff would love her!

Please come to the Health Services Center - meet and greet Lenita. *-Sue Fairley, VP of Health Services*



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Following are projects to be worked on in November:

Amistad Apartments & Friendship Court:

Exterior masonry walls
Interior finishes

Exercise Center:

Final finishes

Napier Center:

Demolition prior to Festival
Framing after Festival

-Paul Kittlaus, Resident Liaison

you missed the Forum, don't fret. Stay tuned to the opportunities that will unfold for each of us to claim our passion, bring notes of graceful living to those who have come to expect so little, and ignite the spark that is now growing at Pilgrim Place for culture change.

- Bill Cunitz

ANNOUNCING

SCROOBY CLUB PRESENTS

On Wednesday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m. in Decker Hall, Scrooby Club presents its' third annual Pre-Festival Arts & Crafts Show Nite. The different craft booths will display their products and explain them briefly. Pilgrims will have the opportunity to view these wonderful homemade items before Festival since many of us won't have an opportunity during those busy two days. Some of the booths will offer a chance to purchase their products that evening, so bring some money if you think that you might be tempted. (Decker will not be available from Friday, November 5 through Wednesday, November 17.)

*-Gene Boutilier,
Scrooby President*

CHAPMAN CLOCK CHANGERS HERE Sunday, November 7

If it's Clock Change Day, you can count on Chapman Students! The Disciples on Campus (DOC) are students who are the beneficiaries of a special scholarship at Chapman University. In addition to academic excellence, the DOC participants have demonstrated Christian leadership ability in their local and regional churches. Many are members of The Christian Church—Disciples of Christ. All are combining their regular classroom studies with service for the greater good.

The Chapman Students will join us for our noon meal. Then they will get to work changing clocks, bundling the mess of cords under your desk or TV, rebooting your quirky router, or pulling that box of winter clothes down from your highest shelf. This year the added special challenge is to make you as smart as your smart phone! Do you know that in addition to talking and texting, you can use your phone as a camera, a calculator, a to-do list, an alarm clock, and a chiming calendar! It's amazing what they can teach you in 15 minutes! It is no wonder why Pilgrims love Clock Change Day. It is a blessing that Chapman Students love it, too!

-Jeanne Halverson

START THANKSGIVING DAY ... with the 3rd annual 5K "Turkey Trot"

You can run or walk - and be a part of a community celebration for people of all ages. Proceeds support the *Claremont Youth Sports Scholarship Fund*. Awards are given to runners for the first three places in each five year age group. The Registration Fee is \$25, or \$20 if we register as a group of ten or more. If you would like to be part of the group, see Bill or Grace Moremen for registration form.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH PILGRIM TOURS Saturday, December 18

Once again Pilgrim Tours is sponsoring a joyful Christmas Celebration! This year, following our Saturday noon meal at Abernethy and Pitzer, we will travel by chartered bus to Los Angeles and the beautiful Disney Concert Hall where we will be treated to a program of holiday music by the world renowned LA Philharmonic Orchestra. The family-style concert features sacred music by the orchestra and closes with a "sing-along" by the audience of traditional carols and Christmas songs. (After the concert, we may tell friends and family that we "performed" with the Phil at the Disney!) Pilgrim Tours has reserved 40 seats in the balcony facing the stage; four of the seats are wheelchair accessible. Following the concert we will return to Pilgrim Place to enjoy our special annual Pilgrim Tours Christmas Party with punch, cookies, and other goodies.

Because the concert tickets become non-refundable six weeks before the concert date, **the absolute deadline for registration is Thursday, November 4.** On November 5, all unsold tickets will be returned.

Bus leaves Pilgrim Place at 1:15 p.m.; returns around 5:00 p.m. for the party.

Cost per person, including concert, transportation, and party: \$45. *-Dale Morgan and Jeanne Halverson*

RESIDENTS' ANNUAL GIVING

Goal #1	100% Participation 199 Pilgrim Households
	74% of Pilgrim Households Contributed So Far
To Meet Goal #1	26% of Pilgrim Households Yet to Contribute
Goal #2	\$210,000 Annual Giving for 2010
	\$131,971 Donations received
	\$41,201 Pledges to be paid
	\$173,172 Total Giving to Date
To Meet Goal #2	\$36,828 Remains for 2010 Annual Giving

BOOK REVIEWS

Knowing that there are many within this community who are involved with prison ministries in some form, the Library Committee would like to point out three recent books dealing with differing aspects related to prison issues and their effect on society.



THE OTHER WES MOORE by Wes Moore is the story of two boys with the same name who take starkly different paths in this tale of the ghetto. The writer of the book is an investment banker, Rhodes scholar, and former aide to Condoleezza Rice; he discovers that another Wes Moore, his age and from the same area of Greater Baltimore, was wanted for killing a cop. Meeting his double and delving into his life reveals deeper likenesses: raised in fatherless families and poor black neighborhoods, both felt the lure of the money and status to be gained from dealing drugs. The author resisted the criminal underworld while the other Wes drifted into it. The author writes about the plight of ghetto youth from both inside and out. The book is a moving exploration of roads not taken.

ORANGE IS THE NEW BLACK by Piper Kerman is the story of year's stint at the minimum security correctional facility in Danbury, Conn., Kerman, now a nonprofit communications executive, found that federal prison wasn't all that bad. In fact, she made good friends doing her time among the other women, many street-hardened drug users with little education and facing much longer sentences than Kerman's original 15 months. Convicted of drug smuggling and money laundering in 2003 for a scheme she got tangled up in 10 years earlier, Kerman, at 34, was a self-surrender at the prison. She learned to rely on the kindness of strangers and gives an account of her days and the people who became friends. Her ordeal proved life altering.

THE NEW JIM CROW by Michelle Alexander tells of how Jim Crow and legal racial segregation has been replaced by mass incarceration as a system of social control (more African Americans are under correctional control today... than were enslaved in 1850). She offers an acute analysis of the effect of this mass incarceration upon former inmates who will be discriminated against, legally, for the rest of their lives, denied employment, housing, education, and public benefits. She reveals how both the move toward colorblindness and affirmative action may blur our vision of injustice. Most provocatively, most Americans know and don't know the truth about mass incarceration—but her book should change that.

-Audrey Lightbody for Library Committee

About Pilgrims

June Totten has been elected to the General Board of the American Baptist Churches, USA. She has also been assigned to the Board for International Ministries, the Committee on Christian Unity and other committees that will meet in Valley Forge, PA this November.

Hal Shorrock returned from Japan where he was invited to attend the opening of the George Togosaki Memorial House of Dialogue. The idea and plans for the "house" were developed while Hal was the Vice President for Financial Affairs of the International Christian University.

A HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE IN 2011

Under Auspices of Pilgrim Place

Led by Rizek & Alice Abusharr

Departure is Thursday, June 2 for a 12 day unique experience in the Holy Land, seen through the eyes of local folk. Tour covers the historical, archeological, social, economic and political aspects in that land, the birth place of the three Monotheistic religions. We will spend six days in Jerusalem, three days in Galilee and two days in Bethlehem.

All inclusive cost for entire trip including air fare, all meals and more is \$ 3,800 per person in a double room.

For further and full information please call Rizek or Alice Abusharr at 909 621 7502 or by email: abusharr@verizon.net A detailed brochure and registration form will be sent to you without hesitation. Tour limit 28 persons.

A CALL FOR CHAPLAINS

Serving as chaplains at our Health Services Center is one of the finest ways to minister to the most needy.

Just now, there are serious vacancies in our roster of chaplains, as we plan for the 12 months of 2011. We speak of this program as a "voluntary" service. Whether recent or longer term residents, this is a call for you to join us.

Should you need an introduction to or a clearer picture of what a chaplain does, you are invited to have a conversation with any of our current chaplains: Faith Jackson, Judith Favor, Pete Nelson, Judy Chatfield, Jim and Judy Fiske, Ruth Auld, Barbara Troxell, Liz Moore, Ron Evans and Ken Hougland.

-Dean Gilliland

Calendar

Tuesday, November 2 - Election Day

Wednesday, November 3

7:00 Pre-Festival Event •

Thursday, November 4

Deadline for Pilgrim Tour Tickets •

7:00 p.m. Vespers

Leaders: Judith Favor & Pete Nelson

Pianist: Norma Puntney

Sunday, November 7

10:15 a.m. HSC Worship

Leader: Leo Nieto

Pianist: Cathy Thompson

Soloist: Nancy Wittler

1:20 p.m. Chapman Clock Changers •

Thursday, November 11

7:00 p.m. Festival Vespers

Leader: Pudge Hartmire

Music: Pilgrim Pickers

Friday & Saturday, November 12 & 13

Pilgrim Place Festival

Sunday, November 14

10:15 a.m. HSC Worship

Leader: Jack Jackson

Pianist: Barbara Mensendiek

Soloist: Constance Waddell

Tuesday, November 16

1:20 p.m. Copy deadline for December NEWS

Wednesday, November 17

7:00 p.m. Emily Dickinson Conversation

Thursday, November 18

7:00 p.m. Vespers

Leader: Penelope Mann

Pianist: Yasuko Shorrock

Sunday, November 21

10:15 a.m. HSC Worship

Leader: Henry Hayden

Pianist: Eloise Dale

Soloist: Hayden Adams

Thursday, November 25 - Happy Thanksgiving!

8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving "Turkey Trot" •

Office Closed/No Vespers

Friday, November 26 - Office Closed

Sunday, November 28

10:15 a.m. HSC Worship

Leader: Glenn Trost

Pianist: Eleanor Dornon

Soloist: Becky Dornon

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HSC Chaplain:

Faith Jackson

November Guest Rooms:

Primary: Pat Beswick 626-6624

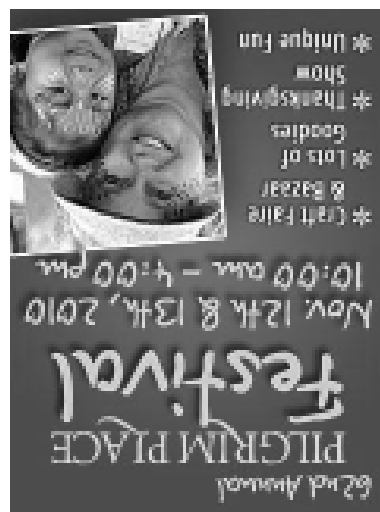
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