

January 2019



WELCOME LYN JUCKNEISS

Lyn arrived at Pilgrim Place at the end of November, avoiding the chaos of the Festival. She graduated from Pomona College in 1974 with a B.A. She completed an M.A. in College Student Personnel in 1975 at Michigan State University. She received her M.Div. at San Francisco Theological Seminary in 1980, and her D.Min in Pastoral Counseling at Claremont School of Theology in 1996 where Bill Clements was her advisor.

As a single parent, Lyn raised the treasures of her heart: Kyle (34), an EMT in Washington, D.C. and Andrea (31), in the computer field in Los Angeles.

Lyn served as a U.S. Navy chaplain, ministering to service and family members in the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. She was stationed in California, Hawaii, Virginia, Washington, and Germany. After 25 years she retired as a Commander. Her ministry as a chaplain at the Department of Veterans Affairs Healthcare System in Palo Alto, California for the past 20 years ranged from medical to mental health issues, most recently combat and military sexual trauma recovery, homeless rehabilitation, and substance use disorder treatment. She supervised 80 students through Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education.

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HAUGEN-HURD CONCERT AT PILGRIM PLACE

Friday, January 18, 7:00 pm ,Decker Hall

Marty Haugen and Bob Hurd will present a joint concert along with Bob's group, Anawim. Musical offerings by these very well-known composers of contemporary hymns and a wide variety of other liturgical music are found in hymnals worldwide. For several years we periodically devote a Vesper Service to singing Marty's 'Holden Evening Prayers.' Come and sing along again with well-known songs by both Marty and Bob, as well as some newer compositions.

Each month this winter the Scrooby Club presents a major concert. In December it was our Chorale and the Winsor Brass. Bob Hurd and Marty Haugen with Anawim are featured in January. On Saturday, February 9 Jim Manley will give a Valentine's Day concert of his songs of love, romance, and family. On Sunday, March 17 the Black Velvet Band will give their annual St. Patrick's Day concert of an ever-evolving collection of pub-style songs from Ireland and nearby isles.

-Scrooby Club

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As a Presbyterian clergywoman, PC (USA), since 1981 Lyn recently honorably retired. The Presbytery of San Francisco recognized her 19 years of mentoring through the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

Lyn enjoys square dancing at monthly weekend gatherings and annual national conventions with her daughter, water aerobics, and learning from National Public Radio. She has committed energy in her free time to educating charitable organizations about women veterans and providing necessities to persons who are veterans, homeless, and/or poor.

Having supported the Festival for many years and having known several residents, Lyn chose Pilgrim Place to connect with this inclusive intentional community in social justice causes. She has been particularly grateful for so many warm welcomes here. She believes in prevenient grace as she enters a new phase of life.

-Gale A. Yee

ABERNETHY DINING ROOM CLOSED

January 14 — February 10

The Abernethy Dining Room will be closed January 14 through February 10 to complete necessary upgrades. We are anticipating to be reopened on Monday, February 11. The carpet is being replaced and new HVAC ducting installed. Additional improvements are planned during this period that may impact the entrances to Decker for a time. Advanced notice will be given. During this time, meals will be served to-go from Porter Conference Room. No tables for dining will be available during this time.

PATIENT ADVOCACY BEING A SMART PATIENT TRAINING EVENT PLANNED

**January 24, 9 - 12 am and 2 - 5 pm
Porter Conference Room**

This year the training will be led by Margaret Craig, Jean Denton, Janet Evans, Connie Green, and Eleanor Loeliger. We are looking afresh at the curriculum and highlighting the special expertise of each leader. We will begin with learning to be a smart patient and negotiating the complex medical system. Emergency room and hospital stays will be featured. End-of-life issues, dementia, hospice services, and palliative care will be covered, as well as POLST and Power of Attorney for Health Care. Also included will be the relationship between residents and our Wellness staff, as well as the role and responsibility of patient advocates.

The requests for patient advocacy assistance continue. We are always happy to have new advocates step forward, but this class is open to everyone whether or not they wish to be an advocate.

If you plan to attend, **please sign up** with Janet Evans, jkwevans40@gmail.com, 909-447-0200. The fee for materials is \$10...and we provide a notebook of materials for each person who signs up in advance.

-Janet Evans

Pitzer residents please notify Teresa or another staff member if you usually eat in Abernethy but will be dining in Pitzer while Abernethy is closed. Independent Living residents will be notified by Pitzer staff if seating in Pitzer is not available on the day you ordinarily are scheduled to eat in Pitzer.

JOHN ANDERSON



ANDIRON TALK “Journeys”

**Wednesday, January 2
11:00 am, Decker Hall**

John, with his wife Barbara, moved to Pilgrim Place in 2010 where they have been active in every aspect of our community life. He has served on the Admissions Advisory Committee and as Chair of RHSP.

John will share his personal “*Journeys*” in the context of his professional journey: After serving as Director of City Libraries in Knoxville, San Francisco, and Tucson; adjunct professor at both the University of Michigan and the University of Arizona; serving in numerous professional roles, including membership on the governing body of the American Library Association; he was elected to be Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk of the Santa Barbara Presbytery culminating a lifetime of devoted church leadership.

During the Santa Barbara search for an Executive Presbyter, his pastor at the time stated in his recommendation that John Anderson is “*the most complete person I’ve ever known.*”

- Butch Henderson,
Andiron Committee

WORLD AFFAIRS FORUM “CALL ME MALCOLM”

**Wednesday, January 9
10:00 am, Decker Hall**

The World Affairs Forum will present the feature length documentary film, “*Call Me Malcolm.*” Produced by the United Church of Christ and Filmworks, Inc., this film tells the story of a 27-year-old seminary student and his struggle with faith, love, and gender identity. Pilgrim Place resident, Bill Johnson, who served as an Executive Producer, will be available in Porter Hall after lunch for an informal discussion of the film.

Malcolm is one of an estimated 1.4 million transgender Americans. Growing up as a girl, Malcolm was confused by gender issues. He did not know that transgender people existed. In his early 20s, he begins a transition from female to male, but still has many questions. Can his family learn to accept him? With what identity will he serve his parishioners? How will the world perceive him? Who will love him? Can he ever be whole, happy, and free? On a quest for greater self-awareness, Malcolm takes a journey of faith across America, reconnecting with old friends and making new ones.

In August 2017, a Presidential Memorandum banned transgender persons from military service. Military leaders and transgender activists opposed the ban, and several lower courts intervened. Now the administration is seeking an expedited ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court on the constitutionality of its ban. In October 2018, the President proposed narrowly defining gender as an immutable condition determined by genitalia at birth. “*Call Me Malcolm*” will help you understand the absurdity and cruelty of this idea and other issues. Don’t miss this inspiring story of the human spirit and liberating struggle to confidently embrace the marvelous gift of gender identity.

-Teresa Wilson

COMMUNITY WELLNESS FORUM

Wednesday, January 16, 11:00 AM
Decker Hall

You are invited to the Community Wellness Forum in Decker on Wednesday, January 16, at 11:00 am. presented by "Dr. D" (Dr. Timothy Dauwalder) a holistic practitioner of Palliative Care, providing medical care and education to Pilgrim Place, and the Executive Medical Director for VNA Hospice and Palliative Care of Southern California. He will be discussing the reality and ministry of Hospice. In addition, his focus will be on the differences between Palliative Care and Hospice, when to request Hospice, the responsibility of the caregiver (care partner), and what to expect from Hospice in the transition period and after. Since many of us have experience with Hospice, our testimonies will be an important dimension of this forum.

-Ann Marie Sullivan

PHILIP ANDERSON'S MEMORIAL



The Memorial Service celebrating the life of Phil Anderson, who lived 31 years at Pilgrim Place, will be on Saturday, January 5, 3:30 pm in Decker Hall, with a reception following in Abernethy. Yes, there will be jazz.

-Gene Boutilier

OUR 2018 FESTIVAL MET ITS GOALS!

It contributed to the Residents' Health and Support Program, a distinctive program at the core of what it means to be an "intentional community."

2018: \$182,155.40 + \$5,000 2017

vendor invoice = \$187,155.40

2017: \$201,390.10 - \$5,000 2017

vendor invoice = \$196,155.40

2016: \$186,431.01

Estimated attendance: 7025 (7062 in 2017)

•It offered an opportunity for artisans to share their work with others. •It built community among Pilgrim Place staff and residents, demonstrating overall care of one another. •It built relationships with the wider community beyond Pilgrim Place. •It gave all residents an opportunity to have some role or involvement in Festival as they were able. •Visitors felt welcome and had a good time, located booths of interest to them, and kids had a good time! •The musical presentations and wild animals were special features that delighted everyone. •The minor injury and health events were handled immediately and with care.

We received positive feedback from staff.

- The administrative staff did a fantastic job managing Festival safety, finances, and publicity!
- Buildings & Grounds staff did a fantastic job with booth set-ups!
- Dining Services staff did a fantastic job preparing and serving food!
- Last, but not least, residents and community volunteers did a fantastic job serving at 50+ booths!

We will post a summary of the 2018 Festival survey responses on the residents' side of the Pilgrim Place website.

-David Lull, Festival Chair

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION AND YOUTH SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARDS

The 37th Annual Pomona Inland Valley Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and Youth Social Justice Awards will be happening on **Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 6:00 pm at Pilgrim Congregational Church, 600 North Garey Avenue, Pomona.** The theme is "Out of the Mountain of Despair, there is a Stone of Hope".



President and CEO of Inter Valley Health Plan.

Pilgrim Place is both a sponsor of this project and a vendor, providing information about our retirement community as we seek a just and peaceful world. Please come to support and empower these youth as they become leaders in our

communities, and to meet our diverse neighbors.

Each year 300 people gather to celebrate local high school students who submit applications related to the work of Martin Luther King. Those who exhibit leadership and outstanding service in their neighborhoods or schools are awarded a grant. High school talent provides dance, music, and mime. The keynote speaker is Mr. Ronald Bolding, former

For information you can email pivmlkproject@gmail.com, or be in touch with Natalie Shiras who serves on the Pomona Inland Valley Martin Luther King Project Planning Committee.

-Natalie Shiras for the Diversity and Recruitment Advisory Group

JUSTICE FOR IMMIGRANTS SEEKING ASYLUM

Martha Mbinaka, a young woman from Cameroon who was granted asylum December 7, was greeted warmly at the noon meal in Abernethy on December 12. Martha fled political violence in her home country, arriving in the U.S. after a perilous journey, first to Ecuador, then through Central America and Mexico. She was detained at the border and spent several months in Adelanto Detention Center near Hesperia.

For most of the past year, several Pilgrim Place residents have been visiting immigrant detainees in Adelanto, about an hour north of here. Besides visiting detainees, we attend their court hearings to provide a friendly face of support. In those hearings, some detainees have had a bond - often prohibitively high - set as a condition for their release, others have been deported, and occasionally some - like Martha - have been granted asylum.

Most of those in detention have little or no money, thus, no way to pay a lawyer, and they often have no family or friends in the area. Without a lawyer, their chances of being granted asylum are slim.

With the fiscal sponsorship of the Claremont United Church of Christ, we have established a fund Justice for Immigrants Seeking Asylum (JISA) that:

- *helps to provide legal assistance;
- *helps pay bond when set;
- *and helps with initial expenses like travel to family when released.

JISA is a local network of residents, churches, people from the colleges, and others in the community that advocates for justice for asylum seekers in Adelanto. If you want more information, see Maura Corley or Lynn Rhodes.

-Patricia Hynds

EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE UPDATE AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

If case you do not already know, there have been significant changes to the Pilgrim Place Emergency Medical Response Plan which improve our readiness for emergencies or disasters.

We now have a written detailed action plan (what, how, when, where) which coordinates actions of Medical Team members with AREA Coordinators and the Incident Command Center (ICC). This should decrease some of the inevitable chaos of disasters.

We have upgraded our Medical Supplies and organized them so they are labeled and more accessible in both the outside yellow barrels and the Decker hallway closet. The blue bags in the yellow barrels are among the first items to be needed for initial triage and treatment. Vacuum-packed linens are included in some yellow barrels, in Decker, and the ICC.

We have added many residents to our Medical Response Team. Because disasters are a crisis for all of us, we have added a Mental Health Team, composed of retired or active Mental Health Professionals. Feeling “kind of crazy” is normal during crises. Our goal is to have one Mental Health Professional in each AREA.

We now have “Companions of the Dying,” composed of residents who have education, experience, and comfort being with the dying and helping them through the dying process.

We have begun to recruit a team who will be responsible for setting up the Triage Care Center so that trained caregivers can limit their

focus to the injured.

We have also added a number of residents trained to do initial triage and treatment in the AREAs and to care for those with minor and more serious injuries in the Triage Care Center. These residents have been trained through Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and/or in the previous two trainings offered here.

With our current numbers of Medical Team members who respond to the those with physical injuries, we might be able to handle a small disaster. But as we age, we lose members of the Medical Team. We need to be better prepared for THE BIG ONE.

So please, make it your priority to seriously consider taking the next training offered here. Your life or that of someone else may depend on it. New residents are welcome. You can take the training without making a commitment to become a Medical Team member. Your only commitment is the time and effort you invest by coming to the sessions. Participation in the first two sessions will prepare you to care for those with minor injuries. All four sessions will prepare you to do initial triage and care for those with life-threatening, minor, and delayed-care injuries.

February 11, 18, 25, and 27 from 3:00 - 4:30 pm in Porter Conference Room

Contact Ruth Hager at 616-283-6942, or email ruthlhager@gmail.com.

*-Ruth Hager,
Emergency Medical Response Coordinator*

PILGRIM COLLEGE COURSES

Friday morning is Pilgrim College course time this January-February. We have three offerings for you. Mark your calendars now!

January 11 and 18, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Napier Common Room

Sally Timmel is offering “*Developing Critical Consciousness: Understanding of Paulo Friere’s Work in our own Reality.*” This class will go into depth about what and how this approach to developing Critical Consciousness can be applied to *our* present reality. Paulo Freire, a Brazilian educator, turned education on its head. Sally Timmel and her partner, Anne Hope, studied with Freire and melded participatory approaches to his seminal work. They adapted this work over a 40-year period in many parts of the world. But what is this approach? How does it work? Is it applicable to our own understanding of our society today? On January 11, Sally will introduce Freire’s work and show its relevance to our congregations and organizations. On January 18, she will show its application to issues confronting our country in these days of turmoil. Both sessions will be highly interactive.

January 25, February 1 and 8, 11:00 am-Noon

Decker Hall

Gesine Robinson is offering “*Non-Canonical Gospels: Texts that Did Not Make it into the Bible.*” A variety of Gospels with their specific meanings and objectives will be evaluated and excerpts will be read. On January 25, we will consider the remnants of

three Jewish Christian Gospels and ponder two Sayings Gospels. February 1 will start with two folktale-like Gospels, followed by Secret Mark and its relation to Mark, then introduce the Gospel of Peter and the Gospel of the Savior. The final class, February 8, will sketch the Gnostic world view and then explore some Gnostic Christian Gospels, including the Gospel of Judas. Finally, the Gospel of Jesus’ Wife will be presented as a curiosity, followed by some considerations concerning the perils of new manuscript discoveries. Come explore the wide varieties of interpretations of Jesus!

February 15, March 1, 10:30 am-Noon

Decker Hall

Ward McAfee is offering two sessions on “*The State of American Governance in 2019.*” The first session (February 15) will be devoted to exploring the presidency of Andrew Jackson, who Ward sees as a precursor of Trump. Interestingly, Trump himself agrees that he is a second Jackson, who has long been recognized as the founder of the Democratic Party. Both were/are populists whose rhetoric favors the common person instead of coastal elites. Both captured (or are still capturing) the public imagination in untraditional ways. The second session (March 1) will explore authoritarian world leaders over the past century, and will fit Trump into that equation. There will be ample time for questions and comments.

-Joanna Dewey

SCROOBY CLUB ANNUAL MEETING AND REVIEW

**Monday, January 28, 11:00 am
Decker Hall**

Did you know you are all members of Scrooby Club? Did you know you pay annual dues of \$15 to support the Scrooby Club activities? Do you know you vote on the annual budget and officers of the club once a year at our annual meeting?

Founded in 1932, we are the oldest community group at Pilgrim Place. The original objective (which remains today) is “the promotion of the social, recreational, and cultural interests of the residents of Pilgrim Place.” To this end, we sponsor events such as presentations by Oral Traditions’ of readings and plays, Comedy Night, Andiron, Pilgrim College, Saturday Night Movies, Pilgrim Tours, most of the musical presentations of Pilgrim Place such as the Pilgrim Pickers, the Black Velvet Band, the Pilgrim Chorale, Winsor Brass, and special concerts; the Pilgrim Pacers, and much more you will hear about at our meeting.

So as members of our community, we invite you to come and celebrate our cultural activities with us. And yes, we will sing the Scrooby song for “we are, we are, we are the Scrooby Club.”

-Joan Stock

OUR MEMBERS ARE OUR MISSION

Year-end gifts of stocks or obsolete life insurance policies can help Pilgrims in financial need. Such gifts also can help you, the donor, by reducing your income tax and or preserving your cash or savings. To make such a gift, contact Joyce Yarborough, Vice President of Advancement at 909-399-5511.

-Bill E. Beck

CELEBRATING PILGRIM PLACE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are so grateful to the following retiring directors for their service to Pilgrim Place:

John Hill, Chair

Amy Bibbens

Martha Boesch

Kae Lewis, Resident

Pat Hynds, Town Meeting Past Moderator

Thank you for your dedication to our mission and your outstanding teamwork. You have honored the ethos and culture of Pilgrim Place.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome three new directors from the wider community, all of whom bring expertise that will help the Board make sound decisions that are consistent with our mission:

Nyree Gray

David Cisneros

Dave Thoits

Two additional resident director nominees will be presented to the Town Meeting on January 8 to replace Kae and Pat. Mary Douglas has been nominated by TMX to serve on the Board, and her name will be forwarded to the Board by the Board Development Committee. Additionally, Betty Clements has been nominated by TMX as new Vice Moderator for election at Town Meeting. If elected, her name will also be submitted for confirmation as a resident member of the Board.

Finally, two directors joined us in the middle of 2018 to fill two open slots. They are:

Matthew Redrich

Jim Butler

Thank you for your support of Pilgrim Place—past, present, and future!

-Ann R. Schiff

WE'VE ALWAYS LIVED WITHIN OUR MEANS...

We always tried to live within our means. Duty left no room for self-indulgence. If we couldn't afford it, we didn't buy it. We were brought up that way and that's how we raised our children. We have no complaints. It's been a good life. Besides, there are many satisfactions and rewards in serving God by serving others.

We retired to Pilgrim Place with gratitude for what we'd been able to do, and appreciation for what we could now do with others who variously served, as we did, in mission programs, communities of faith, schools, colleges, and social service institutions of high and noble purpose. We had a good life and continue to do so, and are happy to be a part of a community where we feel so much *at home*.

But without warning, something pushed into our lives of gratitude and contentment. Our health insurance was not up to several extra and costly demands. We feared we would have to forego a needed medication not covered by our health plan. Though we made severe cutbacks in our already simple lifestyle, it wasn't enough to cover the unexpected costs. We prayed about it, asking more for strength than sympathy, but said nothing to anyone. We just worried... quietly and alone.

To our surprise, perhaps because of the special sensitivity so many have here, a Pilgrim colleague gently asked just the right question at just the right time. Maybe she read in our faces what we tried to hide, that something was painfully wrong. She listened to us with well-practiced love. Quietly confiding our anguish was not only lifting, her thoughtful

understanding was as immediate as it was comforting. "There is a special fund here, you know," she reminded us. "Yes," we said, "but that's for others. We've always looked after ourselves." Her gentle response was just what we needed to hear, and take to heart. "Here, we all help each other just as we tried to do throughout our professional lives," she said. Of course she was right, but we are not used to being on the receiving end.

The next day we met privately and confidentially with Ann Schiff, our CEO. She was generous with her time and listened graciously to us. She kindly reminded us that everyone here contributes to the funds that support our "Resident Health and Support Program." She assured us, when needed, the RHSP is always ready to be swiftly and silently called into play. Arrangements were quickly made, and with prayerful gratitude, our concern was directly addressed.

It was good to be reminded that because *everyone* at Pilgrim Place, residents, staff and community volunteers work, *and play* to make our annual Festival a success, and that everyone here supports our Residents Annual Fund with our sharing, the core of the *RHSP* is always ready. We knew this, of course, but never thought we would be among its beneficiaries. Along with how many others, we don't know, but this year we have one more vital reason to be thankful for this community *and that our RHSP is made possible by all of us, for a time when any of us might need it.*

-A Grateful Contributor

THE PILGRIM PACERS INVITE YOU TO “WALK INTO THE FUTURE”

If you're making a New Year's resolution, consider one that you will enjoy keeping: “Walk into the future with a WALK!” You are heartily invited to join the *Pilgrim Pacers* on Friday mornings at the Pomona College track, beginning at 6:30 am for about an hour. You will enjoy morning exercises, mutual support, and walking together as morning gilds the sky. Some walkers stroll, some pace along, and all are welcome.

Ask any Pacer about their walking experiences, and you may hear how Grace and Bill Moremen have invited new residents and friends to join them over two decades, offering the benefits of walking in general and proper racewalking form in particular. They are international racewalk champions, inspirational coaches, advocates for life-long training as well as examples of generative teamwork. Now they've asked that successors continue the Pilgrim Pacer tradition. Guess what? It will take more than a dozen people to succeed them! But Pilgrim Place residents, augmented by a strong company of community racewalkers, have enthusiastically agreed to be nominated to lead this local club of the U.S. Track and Field Association during 2019. They include Phil McKean, President; Jacqueline Chase, Vice President; Lynne Juarez and Cheryl Suson, Co-Treasurers.

New walkers are most welcome at the first gathering on Friday, January 4, at 6:30 am. Along with warm-up exercises and walking, the nominated USATF officers for 2019 will be proposed for election. (Ask a nominated officer or other Pacer for precise directions to the

Pomona College track, located off 6th Street at Mills.) The Pacers USATF team membership is supported by a participation fee of \$5.00 from each walker, which the Treasurers ask you to bring to the track. A variety of training and racing opportunities will be offered through *Pilgrim Pacers* in 2019, including Senior Games at Palm Desert, Cal Tech, the Rose Bowl, and St. George, Utah. On April 7, the Pacers will host the Western Regional USATF Masters Racewalk and Power Walk at the Claremont High School track, under the leadership of Meet Director, Kay Held. Yes, “walk into the future” with the *Pilgrim Pacers*!

-Phil McKean

STEWARDSHIP

Inserted into the News this month is a brochure the RAF Committee worked on last year that shows you the variety of funds and stewardship invitations available at Pilgrim Place. If you have any input regarding the content of this document, please contact Joyce Yarborough at jyarborough@pilgrimplace.org

WOMEN CHURCH

Where have you met Jesus in your travels? Anne Linstatter will be leading Women Church on **Sunday, January 27, 10:00 am in Napier Common Room**. This is a monthly opportunity to worship in a circle with women. Plan to come and bring a friend. Bring a personal story of meeting Jesus in your travels and/or a photo or souvenir that reminds you of this experience.

-Virginia Bergfalk

ADD YEARS TO YOUR LIFE AND LIFE TO YOUR YEARS

WELCOME TO NEW BEGINNING LINE DANCERS

All Pilgrims are invited to join a class for Beginning Line Dancing starting **January 11, 2019, meeting Fridays from 9-10 am in Decker Hall.**

The first half of the class will be "beginning dances" including the Electric Slide, Texas Waltz, Cupid Shuffle, Cowboy Up, and Stray Cat Strut.

The second half of the class will include more advancing dances, and all continuing students will participate in the full hour. Come join in for great physically, mentally, and emotionally healthy exercise.

Remember, "Motion is Lotion" and you have to move the joints to keep the joints moving! Come join us and spread the word about the importance of music and movement!

The following residents who regularly participate in Line Dancing would be happy to talk to anyone interested in knowing more about the class: Ginni Rassieur, Ruth Hager, Penelope Mann, David Mann, and Carol Schieber. I would also be happy to talk to you about the class. I hope to see many of you there!

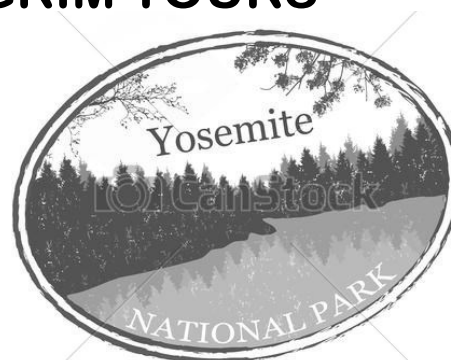
*-Marsha Wolfersberger, Ed.D.
Certified Line Dance Instructor*

SCROOBY CLUB'S PILGRIM TOURS



**The Getty Center, Wednesday,
February 20, \$22**

The Getty is located at the top of the Sepulveda Pass, at the gateway to the Westside. It's a pain in the neck to get to by car. So take the bus and leave the planning to us! Those of you who are new to the area should know that The Getty has panoramic views to the ocean, spectacular gardens, magnificent architecture featuring 1.2 million square feet of fossil-encrusted travertine stone dripping in natural light. All that is before you discover what's in the impressive galleries! There are four pavilions filled with 17th and 18th century art, calligraphy manuscripts with impressive illuminations, photography, sculpture, and much more! Sign up in the Garden Café.



Yosemite, April 23-25

This trip isn't until spring, but we need to send in full payment by February 13. It's expensive \$390 double occupancy, but worth every penny. Two nights, three days of awesome beauty, grand adventure, and wonderful companionship. Plus, you get *that little something extra* that you've come to expect from Pilgrim Tours! More information is posted in the Garden Café. Please check the sign-up clipboard to make sure you are signed up, add your name, or cross it out if you are now unable to join us. Any questions? See Jeanne or June.

-Jeanne Halverson & June Totten

CONNECTIONS



Since my first Moderator's column in the NEWS over a year ago, the illustration of a ball made of interwoven, rainbow-colored, rubber bands has been my logo. For me, it represented the governance connections of Pilgrim Place – connections between Residents, Staff, and Board.

In previous years, those connections had been called “the three legged stool,” with the understanding that it took all three “legs” working together to hold the thing up. But, for several months before I took office, we began to illustrate these connections in a Venn Diagram – a chart of overlapping circles that show the interconnectedness of all entities in every possible way. The diagram made me see-sick. (Yes, SEE sick—cross-eyed and confused). I wanted a simpler, most inclusive, illustration – hence the rubber ball.

This will be my final column in the NEWS; the little ball has rolled full-circle and the time has come to remember where it went.

Our Resident Connection to the Board came through our five voting Board members and, added this year, a sixth “representative to the Board” with voice but no vote. All six also served on Board committees along with additional residents selected to serve. To further our Connections I invited Board members to join us for lunch and to introduce themselves at the mike, sharing their enthusiasm for Pilgrim Place. I “recapped” all Board meetings for Residents, saying that the word most repeated at Board meetings was the tiny word “we.” When John Hill, Board Chair, completed his term of service in December, he complimented the Board on its “integrity” and its commitment to do “what is right.” We complimented John on his compassionate and responsible leadership.

In governance, Residents connected to one another last year through four Town Meetings; monthly meetings of the Town Meeting Executive Committee (TMX) which were open for anyone to attend on the Third Thursday at Three pm; and occasional meetings of Town Meeting Committee Chairs Council, led last year by Vice Moderator Chuck Rassieur.

Residents connected to Staff through Advisory Groups focusing on Admissions, Building and Grounds, Dining Services, Health Services, and Diversity and Recruitment. The September 4th Town Meeting was devoted to hearing reports from Advisory Groups; it also included an open mike time of sharing ideas with one another. Staff connections were forged, too, through monthly meetings of the Mod Squad – the three Resident Moderators, past, present, and future, with Administrative staff.

My favorite Connection last year was Meeting of the Minds, an afternoon of blue sky idea-sharing about memory care at Pilgrim Place which included Residents, Staff, and Board sitting around tables with nothing in front of them but pencils and blank paper. Ideas emerging from the meeting were passed on to staff who could implement them in their Connections with those needing that special care.

My even-more-favorite Connection, of course, has been my Connection with you! Thank you for reading these columns, for your comments and support.

Blessings,

Dale Morgan, Moderator

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

**Tuesday, January 8,
3:30 pm, Decker Hall**

**For elections and other
business**