



## Desert View News - Winter 2018

### *Highlighting Annual Meeting Nov 11, 2017*

**Administrator, Chris Radel**, opened the meeting with familiar words from our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy: *“Love is not something put upon a shelf, to be taken down on rare occasions with sugar-tongs and laid on a rose-leaf. I make strong demands on love, call for active witnesses to prove it...the glorious significance of affection is more than words: it is the tender, unselfish deed done in secret; the silent, ceaseless prayer; the self-forgetful heart that overflows; the veiled form stealing on an errand of mercy, out of a side door; the little feet tripping along the sidewalk; the gentle hand opening the door that turns toward want and woe, sickness and sorrow, and thus lighting the dark places of earth”* (Miscellaneous Writings 1883-1896, p. 250). Surely, Chris said, this is Christian Science nursing in action, and we know you will catch glimpses of this love in today’s reports and in the talk from our guest speaker, Kate Robertson, C.S.



**Chris Radel, Kate Robertson, Cindy Snowden and former Board Member, Gini Gregg**

**Board President, Joy Mee**, expressed the Board’s gratitude for Mrs. Eddy’s establishment of Christian Science nurses and for the Christian Science Board of Directors’ continuing support of Christian Science nursing. This support is evidenced through their establishment of the Benevolent Association, the first Christian Science nursing facility in 1916, and their continuing help through the Christian Science Nursing Activities Department, which is a liaison from the Board to the Christian Science nursing field.

Gratitude was expressed for an increase in nurses to our staff lists, hosting the AOCSN conference and dinner, completion of our first capital project with costs fully covered by donations from donors in response to the need made known, use of the National Fund for Christian Science Nursing for a patient, enhanced credentials for a staff member, and the ability to respond to an unusual demand for a heavy nursing load for a short time.

She mentioned that although Christian Science nursing in Arizona has evolved over time from El Dorado Vista, a larger facility in Phoenix, to the current three bed facility, Desert View Christian Science Care in Scottsdale, its mission is the same—to provide practical care to support healing through the practice of Christian Science.

As your Board plans for the next 5 to 15 years, she stressed that we need your help in identifying the future need for Christian Science care, either for skilled nursing or support for assisted living. Arizona and the Southwest are continuing to grow faster than other areas of the country. How can we serve you, your family and friends better now or in the future?

**Vice President, Derek Swire**, paved the way for the Treasurer's report saying, while the financial report we present is an expression of where we humanly stand financially, it is important because it will tell you where we stand in our demonstration of God's infinite provision for all our needs.

While the report is given in a human, nuts and bolts format, we want you to know that your Board and Staff at Desert View are constantly working from a metaphysical standpoint and watching that be expressed in a way of human understanding.

Hymn 182 in our *Christian Science Hymnal* starts "Make channels for the streams of Love,/where they may broadly run." We at Desert View are working to do that; make new and broader channels for God's love. We endeavor



Vice President, Derek Swire

to be able to take care of the human need for everyone that needs our help, both at Desert View and at home. So we pray that there will always be a bed and a nurse available or an alternative to meet the need. We are working to provide visiting nurse service and expand its availability. We pray to be able to provide financial benevolence to those who need it. We work to make our structure even more comfortable and homelike.

The second part of the first verse of Hymn 182 states, "And Love has overflowing streams,/to fill them every one." We see Love's flowing streams in patients' payments of gratitude, the donations of churches and Christian Scientists all over the state, and the receipt of grants. We see it in the establishment of foundations and charities meeting the needs of nurses and nursing care. And we are grateful!

The second verse of Hymn 182 states, "But if at any time we cease/such channels to provide,/The very founts of love for us/will then seem parched and dried." Therefore, we listen daily for direction from God on how to provide new channels and widen the ones already established. This is a pleasure, not a chore, for your Board and Staff, and a privilege for us to share.

**Treasurer, Don Johnson**, has provided some updated comments to his report at Annual Meeting. Though the year 2017 was a good year for healing care at the Desert View facility, the year was financially challenging since patient days and revenue were over 20% less than typical. We had forecasted at the Annual Meeting a 28% income to expense shortfall for the year. There was a wonderful demonstration of increased financial support during the fourth quarter through contributions from individuals, churches, Christian Science organizations, plus a significant contribution from a church that closed. Our resulting 2017 income to expense shortfall was only 5%.

This loving support shows that Desert View is truly Arizona Christian Scientists' gift to our state-wide community. And beyond. Thanks to all for both your spiritual and financial support.



Cindy Snowden with good friends, Ginny Boardman and Rose Mary Mets

**Director of Christian Science Nursing, Cindy Snowden**, told the gathering her heart is filled with gratitude for healings we have witnessed this year. The challenges have included, falls, dizziness, inability to eat or retain food, confusion, pride, pain, depression, anxiety, loss of appetite, skin irritations, and mobility. We have seen fellow members respecting the privacy and dignity of each other and witnessing their demonstration with reverence. We have encouraged all Christian Scientists to call a Christian Science nurse for support when a situation is prolonged or seemingly unsafe for an individual to remain alone. We can all drink in the cup of cold water that the Christ is giving without fear or anxiety.

Cindy Snowden cont.

Those who have let go of false pride have seen significant healings and have not felt ashamed or embarrassed by a stay at Desert View. Each individual who has stayed at Desert View has left with a renewed sense of health and a deeper understanding of God as the only Life.



Friends chatting after the meeting.

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In closing, Chris thanked the individuals who contributed to the success of the meeting as well as the wider Desert View field for their continuing support. Desert View is here to provide Christian Science care and treatment to all seeking to rely solely on prayer for healing. Our commitment is to continue to improve our services, and that includes asking ourselves, what more can we do to be available to meet the needs of Christian Science community. This is a major metaphysical focus for us, and we acknowledge and give gratitude to all of you, for your support; standing with us to fulfill this purpose.

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Following the meeting, Board Member Kathleen Lundquist summed up her feelings: Desert View Annual Meeting was amazing in so many ways. The reports of purpose and progress given by our Administrator and Director of Christian Science Nursing, and our President's report of our vision for Desert View were great. The guest speaker, Kate Robertson, C.S., brought out so well the idea of listening and feeling God's presence and making divine Love our "First Love." As the Board contact for our church "reps," I want to express my joy and gratitude for having had the opportunity to speak with some of you who were at the meeting.

## Giving Thanks

*Dear Desert View Friends,*

*On behalf of my mother, my brother, and daughter, I would like to thank you for your loving support during our time of need. You truly were our angels. The practical Christian Science nursing done with such tender expertise and joyful conversation kept our heads above water. Your many gestures of welcome made us feel like we were home. You shared laughter, inspiration, hugs, hot chocolate, extra bedrooms and much needed advice. Each one of you was a God-send to us.*

*We felt that we were all one big team of love surrounding our dear mother.*

*I will never forget your kindness, mercy, guidance and love.*

*With love from a patient's family*

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*While my husband was having a healing a few months ago, there was a need for bandaging. My efforts were rudimentary. A call to Desert View brought the professional touch we needed. A Christian Science nurse came to our home bringing various supplies. She then showed me how to clean and bandage the area in a way that was secure and comfortable.*

*While taking these practical steps, it was clear that she was unimpressed with the material picture, and she shared helpful metaphysical ideas. As the healing progressed, we were grateful to be able to call and visit Desert View as the need changed and to pick up supplies. We rejoice in the complete healing, and our gratitude overflows for the supportive nursing services of Desert View.*

*We thank you...*



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