

#### **Desert View News - Fall 2015**

### **Announcing Annual Meeting 2015—Saturday, November 14th 2:00 pm**

**Second Church of Christ, Scientist, Scottsdale** 

10180 N. Hayden Rd. (Corner of Hayden & Gold Dust)

**Guest Speaker: Brad Stock, PhD** 

## Mary Baker Eddy: A Lifetime of Christian Service

The true leader of a true cause is the unacknowledged servant of mankind. "Stationary in the background, this individual is doing the work that nobody else can or will do." Miscellaneous Writings, p. 266.



Desert View is pleased to announce Brad Stock as our guest speaker for Annual Meeting 2015. Brad graduated from Principia College and earned a PhD from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. Early in his career, Brad taught at Principia College, and from there went to work at The Mother Church as Manager of the Church History Department and as a special researcher for the Christian Science Board of Directors. Brad left TMC, and headed to Columbus, OH, where he served for eight years as Administrator of Glenmont, a Christian Science nursing facility. Five years ago he returned to Principia College, where he now

teaches courses in the history of Christian Science and the life of Mary Baker Eddy.

Brad's talk, *Mary Baker Eddy: A Lifetime of Christian Service* highlights the self-less giving to all mankind that defined the life work of a truly remarkable woman.

# Message from Board President—Joy Mee

Almost two years ago, I joined the Board of Desert View to support the mission of Christian Science nursing locally. Since then I have learned much about the importance of having Christian Science nursing available in our metro area to facilitate prayer-based healing and of the dedication and efforts of our staff. Serving on the Board has been a blessing, never a burden, as we have worked to ensure the long-term sustainability of Desert View and increase the availability of local nurses to reduce costs and provide greater flexibility. I encourage all newsletter readers to cherish this facility in your prayers and consider how you can uniquely support its mission. The Board looks forward to greeting you at our annual meeting when we present our gift to you of Brad's message about our Leader and update you on our progress.

# Desert View joins others in the Christian Science Nursing field

It is a joy to meet with sisters and brothers in the Christian Science nursing field. This past May, General Manager Chris Radel and Director of Christian Science Nursing, Cindy Snowden attended the annual Association of Organizations for Christian Science Nursing (AOCSN) Conference. This three-day conference is for the networking and education of management staff of all accredited Christian Science nursing facilities. We met this year in Minneapolis, MN, where Christian Science nursing facility, Beacon Haven, is located. Conference participants toured the host facility and enjoyed the supportive atmosphere of all who attended. Metaphysical talks and informative reports were given by various committees who work year round. This year's theme was "Divine Service," illustrated by Hymn 49, "In purer lives Thy service find, In deeper reverence, praise."

The Desert View team participates in AOCSN committees which meet by teleconference and email. Cindy is chairing the "Mentoring Committee" which supports new Administrators and Directors of Christian Science Nursing. She is a member of the Accreditation Inspection Team, visiting member organizations at their triannual inspection. Chris serves on the AOCSN Executive Committee, overseeing all activities of the organization. In addition, she is a member of the Sustainability Committee, focusing on what "sustainable" actually means. This committee shares inspiration and practical examples of how the sustainability ideas are making a difference for them and their organizations.



In September, Cindy will attend the International Christian Science Nursing Network Conference. This group sponsors a conference biannually for Christian Science nurses from all around the world. The conference is held at the CedarS Camp in Lebanon, MO. This year's theme is "Serving in the Newness of Spirit: Enlarging our Borders, Strengthening our Base" (inspired by Romans 7:7 and *Science & Health with Key to the Scriptures* 430:6.) Cindy will chair a breakout session on "a small-model Christian Science facility," explaining how Desert View operates.

Cindy and Chris

These activities help draw the Christian Science nursing family together, uniting everyone in acknowledging the healing presence and power of the Christ-Truth.

## Message from our Treasurer—Don Johnson

Desert View is open 24/7 to provide Christian Science nursing care in its three-bed facility. While our annual income has yet to cover all expenses, we are grateful for the contributions from individuals, churches, and institutions that help us close that gap. Forecasted patient and investment income as well as contributions and known bequests are only projected to cover about 80% of expenses, leaving the remaining 20% to come from our reserves.

Contributions are very important to the continued financial stability of Desert View. We sincerely thank all who have supported the facility and hope for continuing support in the future. We have received contributions of amounts from small to large and often on a monthly or other periodic basis. Be reminded that your contributions are tax-deductible since Desert View is a nonprofit 501c(3) corporation. We wish to thank all for your spiritual as well as your financial support of our healing mission.

# **Gratitude from Desert View to Great Youth Volunteer Help**

This summer Desert View was blest by a "work-day" visit from Robbie Butler and Barrett Pierce, and when they left, Desert View was totally spruced up: the outdoor patios, walkways and furniture and windows sparkled. Robby (left in photo) is a sophomore at Principia College, majoring in Business Administration, working as a dorm RA and playing rugby. Barrett (right) is a junior at Principia Upper School, serving in student government, playing football, baseball and wrestling. They both attend Second Church, Scottsdale



when they are home on school breaks. We are totally looking forward to their next visit.



### **Board Members Hand-Off the Baton!**

To some we say, a heartfelt thanks for your loving service and to others, welcome! Board member Judy Weldon completed her term. Her unique talents will be missed.

At the same time we are blest to have Don Johnson and Kathleen Lundquist come aboard. Don is a member at First Church, Sun City West and is taking over Treasurer duties. Kathleen is also a member at Sun City West and is assisting with various development duties.

#### **Gratitude to Desert View from Two Patients**

I would like to express my deep gratitude for the wonderful care I received during my recent stay at Desert View. From the moment I arrived and throughout my stay the nursing staff was very loving, supportive, and encouraging. The healing and supportive atmosphere there and the quiet time for study and prayer were so very helpful. And the meals were delicious!

I now have a much deeper appreciation for Christian Science nursing facilities and the loving care they provide to those relying on Christian Science for healing.

With love and gratitude

I am most grateful for the loving nursing care I received from you and your staff at Desert View during my stay last October. I have made steady progress in my study of Christian Science and have been able to resume my daily duties. My sincere gratitude and appreciation for the wonderful work you perform and your demonstration of the infinite capacities of Truth and Love.

Lovingly, a former patient



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