



Desert View News - Spring 2018

“...built on the Rock, Christ;” “...for the healing of the nations” was the theme for the 2018 Association of Organizations for Christian Science Nursing (AOCSN) Conference, held in Dallas, TX, May 7-9th. What happens when AOCSN mem-



bers gather? Prayer, listening, sharing, caring. The conference included talks on Biblical Models of Caring with Divine Authority, Leadership & Development, Cybersecurity—Best Practices, and a Legislative & Legal update, to name a few. Another highlight was a Texas-style barbeque and rock band and a tour of The

Leaves, the local Christian Science nursing facility that served as this year’s host. It was quite an event!



Sunland Board members & speaker, Barry Huff



Wide Horizon Friends



The Leaves barbeque crew



Our intrepid coordinator, Lauren

Desert View - A Refuge: Board Vice President - Derek Swire

In a recent weekly Bible Lesson, there was a citation on page 45 of Science and Health, and as I was reading it, a sentence on page 44 caught my attention. “The lonely precincts of the tomb gave Jesus a refuge from his foes, a place in which to solve the great problem of being.” It struck me as odd that a tomb could be considered a refuge, but the rest of the sentence showed why it was indeed, a refuge. It protected him from the attacks of his enemies. It had him out of their sight and so out of their mental attacks as well, and this gave him a quiet, peaceful place to work and pray.

Now, I do not want to imply in any way that Desert View is like a tomb. The tomb was pitch black. Desert View is full of light. The tomb was lonely. Desert View is filled with love from Christian Science nurses as well as invited friends and family who come in support. However, it did occur to me that Desert View does provide Christian Scientists in need with a refuge from the world and its impositions, a quiet, protected refuge where the Christian Scientist can work and pray in peace in order to destroy his or her enemies (erroneous beliefs) until he or she is ready to have the stone rolled away (the door opened) and walk out into the world healed.

My heart was filled with gratitude that we have such a refuge here in Arizona, and my heart went out with gratitude for all those who have come and revealed their healings to the world as Jesus did. And my heart is filled with gratitude for all who support these dear ones who have proven the power of Christian Science and the refuge being given at Desert View.

From Board President - Joy Mee

We are grateful to report that Desert View is reaching more who can benefit from Christian Science nursing care. We have already provided care in our Desert View home to the same number of patients by the end of March as we did in all of 2017, and that is only the first quarter of the year. We are happy to report complete healings and healing progress. In addition, we have provided visiting Christian Science nursing and telephone support to others.

Our gratitude goes out to Don Johnson for his three years of faithful service on our Board as Treasurer, and we welcome Ann Deputy to our Board and as our new Treasurer.

We are continually grateful for donations from individuals and churches which helped us reduce our end of year deficit in 2017 and for a recent bequest in 2018. Without your support, we would not exist. Including Desert View in your will is a wonderful way to show gratitude for care received or support of our mission. Other ways to support us financially can be found on our website, www.desertview.us/giving/html. To guard against uncertainty in financial markets, we have a well-balanced, low cost, low risk portfolio that provides reserve funds so that we will be here for the future.

From The Director of Christian Science Nursing Cindy Snowden



March brought Desert View a special opportunity to include a new Christian Science nurse exploring the Desert View model of “Small home Christian Science nursing”. Our friends at Tenacre, the Christian Science nursing facility in Princeton, NJ, asked us if we would like to be a resource for their students to learn our home model of Christian Science nursing. We readily agreed, and so Beatrix Ince arrived for two weeks of 24/7 Christian Science nursing with us. The 24/7 Christian Science nurse cooks, cleans, and cares for the patients in our “small home” with all of the resources necessary for supporting an atmosphere conducive to healing. Beatrix learned what it was like to be the Director of Christian Science nursing, as well as the 24/7 Christian Science nurse on duty for two weeks. We were both grateful for the opportunity and look forward to more times like this in the future.

And a message from our new friend, Beatrix

The “Desert View Christian Science Care Procedures and Operations Manual” has the following statement under “Atmosphere of Desert View”: “Always, go the extra mile to serve each other.”

The Christian Science nurses and staff here really live this motto toward each other and towards the patients, and they all love it! It makes for a very joyful atmosphere. If there is one thing I have learned here in these two weeks, then this is it – to go the extra mile, and find that this is indeed something to love to do. Thank you, Desert View!



Welcome to Ann Deputy our new Board member and Treasurer



Ann brings her B.S. and M.S. degrees in Materials Science and Engineering from Northwestern University and their requisite knowledge of math to her new role as our Treasurer. After working in the engineering field for 11 years, mostly at Intel, she did extensive volunteering in the schools supporting her children in various capacities using her science and athletic skills.

Her Christian Science background includes participation in the CSO at Northwestern and serving the Mesa Christian Science Church as a Second Reader, Treasurer, and presently as Chairman of the Board.

Put this on your Calendar!

Keep your eyes open for news on International Christian Science Nursing Days, September 29 -30. What's it all about? Christian Science healing, Christian Science nursing, and... more. How do I get involved? Well, keep your eyes and ears open for information on what will take place here in Arizona on September 29th.



Ten Year Plan Phase Two is Underway

In our Fall 2017 newsletter we shared the wonderful news that Phase One of our Ten Year Plan, which included the redesign of the patio and walkway in our backyard, the replacement of the deteriorating Arcadia door in the Casita, together with other related projects, had been completely paid for by the time the work was done. In June we embark on



Phase Two. This will include replacing the cracked concrete driveway and front walkways with pavers, replacing a deteriorating front gate and adding lighting and tile around the lawn area. Once again

we are so very grateful to share the news that funds for this new Phase are in hand. We feel incredibly blessed. These improvements address overall safety needs and at the same time add to the attractiveness of our grounds.





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