



## Desert View News - Fall 2017

### *He sent His Word...*

#### **Annual Meeting 2017**

What is annual meeting? Certainly much more than just a meeting businesses and organizations hold each year to share news, financial and otherwise, with stakeholders. While important, that can seem pretty dry. For us, it's a time of rejoicing. Yes, we share some financial news, but we gather in support of the *Church Manual By-law* for Christian Science nursing and in support of Desert View, our Arizona-based Christian Science nursing facility. We come together with grateful hearts acknowledging the ever-presence and power of the healing Christ.

In addition, this year we will welcome Kate Mul-lane Robertson CS, of Buena Vista, Colorado, speaking on:



***“and may Thy Word...”***

Kate invites us all to “Come explore the power of Thy Word -- rather than human words -- on the affections of

all mankind and its government. What is its relationship to the gospel of the kingdom? “

**Join us on Saturday,**

**November 11th, at 2 pm**

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

**10180 N. Hayden Road, Scottsdale**

### *Filled with Gratitude*

#### **Board President— Joy Mee**

Your Board has had so much to be grateful for in recent months. We have been able to staff all of our nursing shifts with people eager to serve, host dinner in our backyard for almost 80 AOCSN conference attendees, proceed with our first capital project with loving support from donors, reach new patients thanks to the National Fund for Christian Science Nursing (NFCSN), and think about expanding ways to serve more people. There has been more visiting Christian Science nursing care outside the facility that we have provided, facilitated, or seen happen as the result of ours and others' prayers. The NFCSN may now reduce the fears of those who want to receive short term Christian Science nursing care that they will become a present or future burden on their families. Call (800) 873-2843 for more information.



These good local happenings are all the result of the consecrated prayer of our Board, staff, and all of our supporters. As I traveled around California this summer, I was grateful to know that there are multiple Christian Science nursing facilities available in that state should I need their support. Those residing or visiting in or near Arizona can know we are eager to help them, too.

## Board Treasurer

### *Don Johnson*

In planning its budget for Desert View's 24/7 three-bed nursing operation, the Board assumes an average occupancy rate of two patients as we are not always full and don't desire to be so. We want to have room for people to come, realize healing, and go home. At a 2.0 average occupancy rate, patient income will cover only 50% of the operating expenses. The remaining income needs to come from contributions from churches, CS organizations, individuals, bequests, income from reserve funds' investments, and when necessary, from the reserve funds themselves. Seventy-five percent of the expenses would still occur if there was no occupancy as we must be staffed with nurses and an administrator to receive patients, handle maintenance and bills, and answer inquiries. Our average occupancy rate year-to-date is less than two patients which will cause a higher short fall of income although we have had three patients at some times this year. Our daily, all-inclusive reasonable patient charge is based on what other Christian Science nursing facilities of similar size charge and is adjusted when costs increase.

We would like to thank all who help us provide this oasis of Christian Science healing in our area. The knowledge alone that this facility is available is a blessing to all Christian Scientists.



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## Director of Christian Science

### *Nursing - Cindy Snowden*

There are a number of Christian Scientists who have come into Christian Science nursing after having full lives and careers in many other fields. They have made this career change with the deep desire to support those relying radically on Christian Science for healing.

Most of them have said, after deciding to apply to a Christian Science nursing school, that if someone would have told them a year ago that they would be going into this career, they would have told them that they were crazy! It is usually an unexpected change of careers, but it is a calling so strong that they can't deny it when it comes.



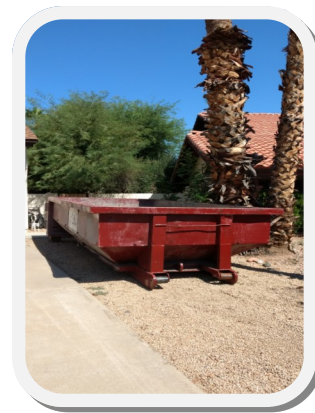
One such individual just became *Journal*-listed after several career changes and then heard the call to become a Christian Science nurse. We are pleased to announce that Alayne Reed has become our newest *Journal*-listed Christian Science nurse.

She has been working for Desert View for the last year while we supported her desire to become *Journal*-listed. We mentored her through the final stages of her training and are so pleased to recommend her with flying colors.

The blessings that each new individual brings to this work are that their careers from the past support our work with the patients. Alayne has fine-tuned cooking and baking skills that we are very happy to let her use while at Desert View.

## The patio demolition and walkway replacement is underway, and are we ever grateful!

As we write this newsletter, the demolition work on the patio is just beginning; and as this reaches you, the transformation will be complete. It is with much gratitude we can report our entire patio project was paid for before the work began. We sent out the call, friends responded, and we will have a lovely new patio area for our patients and friends to enjoy. Thanks to Barbara Schaffer, Mary Hartmeyer, Barbara Smith, Christian Science Society Solvang (The Legacy Fund) and an anonymous donor.



## Words from a House Practitioner

Desert View invites *Journal*-listed practitioners, one at a time, to serve as House Practitioner (HP) for a period of two weeks at a time, throughout each year. The HP doesn't treat individual patients as all patients have their own practitioners. But the HP does daily metaphysical work to protect the overall activity of Christian Science nursing as well as any issues that may need special attention regarding the functioning of the facility.

When I get an invitation to serve in this way, it always makes me smile. I love embracing the whole concept of Christian Science nursing in this very specific way. The courage, devotion, efficiency, and spiritual acuteness embodied by the staff, deserve the highest form of honor and prayerful celebration. Taking on this work deepens my appreciation for this most precious office of church.



Desert View needs occasional help sweeping the patio and walkways, weeding, and yes, doing windows. If you would like to lend a hand,



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