



Desert View News - Winter 2016

Portraits of friends gathered for Annual Meeting, November 14, 2015



Tommy Davis, Gretchen Schmock, Dotty Davis & Chris Radel



Brad Stock, Guest Speaker



Gathering for delicious treats

Focusing on a *spiritual sense* of service, Desert View's Annual Meeting was a memorable day. A sincere thanks to those who helped make it happen: Second Church, Scottsdale, Deborah Offenhauser, Sally Krieg, Ginny Boardman, Rose Mary Mets, and our speaker, Brad Stock.



Peggy & Skip Carney



Joy Mee, Judy Weldon and, Sterling Flynn



Ginny Boardman & Rose Mary Mets



Chris Radel & Cindy Snowden

From the Board President - *Joy Mee*

This year we were fortunate to hear Dr. Brad Stock, Distinguished Professor of the History of the Christian Science Movement at Principia College. The title of his talk was “Mary Baker Eddy: A Lifetime of Christian Service.” Brad reminded us that we are humanitarians and benevolent by definition as Christian Scientists. What an inspiring message about Mrs. Eddy’s practice of Christianity and lifetime of service! It was also gratifying to hear how Glenmont (a Christian Science nursing facility in Ohio at which Brad was the Director for a time) overcame a lack of funds by realizing that their source of supply was from God, not people. This understanding motivated them to restore the availability of financial aid for patients. As their thought shifted from finances to service, they had an abundance of patients who could pay. So the lessons are that Christian charity and service equal benevolence, and that giving never impoverishes us.

Your Board wants you to be aware that Desert View has had a policy of providing short-term benevolence on a case-by-case basis. Even though we operate at a deficit, we believe that we are here to serve. We are grateful that we have been able to provide benevolence in several cases to those wishing Christian Science nursing care.

We hope those who attended our annual meeting enjoyed this education about Mrs. Eddy’s history with, and concept of, benevolence. It is our gift to the Christian Science community and our loyal supporters. We have included the Study Guide from Brad’s talk in the newsletter and on our website: www.desertview.us, for your further study.



From the Board Treasurer - *Don Johnson*

The year 2015 was a good year financially for the Desert View facility. The nursing and administrative staffs held expenses within the budgeted amounts. In addition, though it was projected that we would have a 20% income to expense shortfall, the year ended with a shortfall of only 4%. This was made possible by additional patient and investment revenue, and increased individual contributions in the fourth quarter of the year.

The financial goal of Desert View is to become income and expense neutral so shortfalls do not need to be taken from the reserve funds.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to Desert View for their spiritual and financial support, and remind you that all your financial contributions to Desert View are tax deductible.

Board actions...

Just as our good friend, Mary Malm, finished her term and departed, another good friend, Sterling Flynn, joined us. Mary served as Board Secretary, and you can't offer too many kudos for that. Her joy and attention to so many details will be missed, and we thank her very much.

Our new Board member, Sterling Flynn, shared the following: "When I moved to Scottsdale in 1985, I was so pleased and grateful to find that there was a well-established Christian Science Nursing Facility serving the Phoenix area, Arizona and the Southwest. Christian Science nursing is such a blessing and very much a Church Manual-based activity strengthening and supporting spiritual healing.

I served as Office Manager at El Dorado Vista, helping to raise funds and build the beautiful facility on 17th Street in Phoenix from 1991 to 1993, and then returned as Administrator from 1996 to 2002. Now I am back in a new capacity and both delighted and grateful for the opportunity to serve as a Board member at Desert View. I look forward to working with its superb and dedicated Board, management, and nurses to provide healing care for our Christian Science community."

New Workshop for Branch Churches

"Why do we call a Christian Science nurse?"

We are pleased to announce a new free workshop for branch churches in Arizona. Our Director of Christian Science Nursing, Cindy Snowden, will be available for a one-hour discussion addressing the following questions:

Why would I call a Christian Science nurse? When should a Christian Science nurse be called? What will they do? How will I pay for it? Where can I find the right kind of support?

It will address family and friends caring for loved ones at home and some of the options to meet the needs of all concerned. You will discover what a Christian Science nurse does to support healing.

Call Desert View at 480-307-6060 or email Cindy at Cindy@desertview.us to set up your opportunity to help your members support each other.



Dear Desert View Friends,

Thank you for your support during my recent time of need. The challenge went away completely by the time I left your care and I can barely recollect it now. I do wish I could have brought the cook home with me. On the other hand, I'm grateful for the ability to do things for myself...and I keep reminding myself of that.

Love, a former patient



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