



## Desert View News – Winter 2015

### Annual Meeting 2014 - What a Joyous Occasion!

#### *Acknowledging the true basis for healthcare – God’s love for man*

An underlying theme of God’s love for man echoed in the words of each speaker at the Desert View Annual Meeting held on November 8th, 2014 at Second Church, Scottsdale. It was a joyous occasion for sharing the accounts of healing for those who had come to Desert View seeking support. It was a day of great inspiration and gratitude felt by all, for the progress we’ve seen since the opening of Desert View in 2011. We’re so grateful to our guest speaker, **Nancy Pihl, C.S.**, for her inspirational talk, **“In and Out,”** which is included for you in this newsletter. After the meeting, attendees visited and enjoyed wonderful baked goodies in the atrium. Huge thanks to Sally Krieg, Kathleen Forde and Wendy Easton, the Amazing Cookie Bakers, who so lovingly provided yet another dazzling array of scrumptious baked goods! We’re also very grateful to **Second Church Scottsdale** for again hosting this meeting for us, and sincere thanks to Deb Offenhauser for accompanying us on the piano for each of our hymns!



Ginny Boardman & Rose Mary Mets  
at the Registration Desk



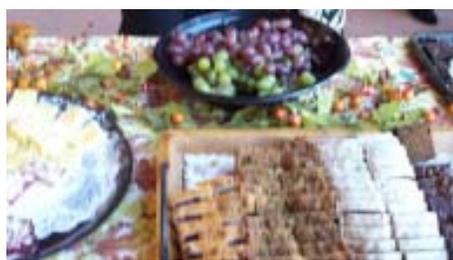
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Guest Speaker, Nancy Pihl, C.S.



Gini Gregg & Deb Offenhauser



Another dazzling array of goodies!



Re-connecting with wonderful friends

## From the Board President - Joy Mee

It is a joy and privilege to serve on the Board of Desert View and to know that our patients go home healed or greatly improved and able to care for themselves while realizing a complete healing there. As one of only 18 accredited Christian Science care facilities in the United States, Desert View serves all of Arizona and parts of surrounding states. We always want to be available to help you, whether in person or by phone. In the past six months our occupancy has averaged between one and two patients as we have had several short term stays. Our goal is to facilitate quick and sustained healing, not just to fill our beds to balance the budget.



Therefore, we are very grateful to all of you—churches, societies, and individuals—who contribute financially to the support of our healing mission. No donation is too small. Without this additional giving, our doors could not remain open. As we prayerfully support our mission, we have seen specific evidences of our needs being met with unfoldment in our nurses' staffing. We are unified in knowing that because we are doing God's work, we will have everything necessary to accomplish it.

Your board looks forward to participating early this year in a meeting with Mother Church representatives, specifically for nurses, facility staff, and Board members on all aspects of Christian Science nursing care and their long term sustainability. We hope that you will attend the separate meeting for church members on February 28<sup>th</sup> at First Church Tempe. Thank you for caring about Desert View, and a special thank you to all those who attended our Annual Meeting in November.

## A Grateful Heart - Rose Mary Mets

*Desert View is an oasis in our "desert of human hopes" providing a healing atmosphere in the "midst of human fears and among mortal illusions," and serving our Christian Scientists seeking healing through radical reliance on God. Having witnessed healing for family members and friends in this inspiring atmosphere, I feel my support is vital to continue this spiritually-based healing work in our area.*



Here is another way for you to help Desert View. **AmazonSmile**, a 501(c)(3) private foundation created by Amazon.com, will donate 0.5% of your Amazon purchases to Desert View. So if you buy something for \$100, we'll get 50¢. If you spend \$10, we get a nickel. Yes, these are small amounts, but it could really add up if enough people participate. Just go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). If you already have an Amazon account, use the same login information. If not, you need to create an Amazon account. In order for your purchases to count, it's important that you login on the **AmazonSmile page**, and not simply on Amazon.com. Thanks for your support!

## Many Thanks to Rob Askew

Last Fall, we reluctantly said good-bye to departing Board member and dear friend, Rob Askew, who completed his term on the board, serving as our dedicated Treasurer. While grateful to all who serve on the Board, we give extra thanks to those who travel to our monthly Board meetings from a distance, like Rob did for three years from Prescott! **Many thanks, Rob!**

# From the Director of Christian Science Nursing

## *A nursing perspective - Cindy Snowden, Director*

At Desert View, we expect healing and completeness, now and forever. God is neither variable nor incomplete. His Love is everywhere and full of expression. Here at Desert View, we rely on divine Love for all performance, provision, and protection. Trusting in the Lord with all our heart, with all our mind, is a daily assignment which is a blessing to each of us! We have found that if we spend energy thinking about what is coming up in the future or dwelling on the past, then we can't cherish the good that is now!



We support our patients by looking at what is here and now. We see divine Love as ever present and ever operative! We look forward to supporting each individual in their journey in discovering their own true identity as God's perfect expression. Man is the reflection of Life. We have a firm stand for each patient that they come to have a healing and go home quickly. We love our time with each individual as they progress in their quiet study of the truth. As it is written in Proverbs, "My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments; For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."



## Christian Science Provider Network

### *Established by The Mother Church*

After many years of research and prayer, it became evident that inclusion of Christian Science care and treatment in health plans would require the formation of a network. As a result the Christian Science Provider Network, a Massachusetts nonprofit corporation, was created in 2012 by The Mother Church as an independent nonprofit organization to facilitate health plan reimbursement of Christian Science services.

The Network consists of independent contractor Christian Science Providers (Christian Science practitioners, Christian Science nurses, and Christian Science nursing institutions) and is open to any Christian Science provider who meets objective criteria required by health plans. It does not cost anything to join the Network.

Presently, Christian Science practitioners, Christian Science nurses, and Christian Science nursing institutions – "Christian Science providers" – are being required to become "credentialed providers" of health plans. They must bill the health plans (not the individual) using forms with codes. And finally, they must learn about co-pays, coinsurance and deductibles. The formation of the Network solves these issues by credentialing those providers, billing electronically and resolving claims issues. In addition, the Network contracts with health plans for coverage of Christian Science and performs other administrative functions. All of this is so Christian Science providers (practitioners, Christian Science nurses, and Christian Science nursing institutions) can focus on the healing practice.

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