



## Desert View News - Spring 2014

### Annual Meeting 2013 - A Day of Rejoicing!

*God's love for His flock is manifest in His care* (Misc. Writings)

These words from Mary Baker Eddy were foundational to Desert View's Annual Meeting, held at Second Church, Scottsdale on November 2, 2013. It was a day of great joy and gratitude felt by all, for the progress we've seen since the opening of Desert View in spring of 2011.

We're so grateful to our guest speaker, **Jill Grimes, C.S.**, for her inspirational talk, "Getting off the Porch," which is included for you in this newsletter.

Huge thanks to **Sally Krieg, Susie Matush & Cindy Patterson**, the Amazing Cookie Bakers who so lovingly provided a dazzling array of scrumptious baked goods for the Annual Meeting! Watch for some of their recipes in upcoming newsletters!

And sincere thanks to **Myrra Johnson** for graciously accompanying us on the piano for each of the hymns we sang that day! Thank you Myrra, Sally, Susie & Cindy!



*Outgoing President Carol Rockwood shares progress*



*A dazzling array of homemade goodies*

After the meeting, attendees visited and enjoyed wonderful baked goodies in the atrium. An invitation was also extended to take a tour of Desert View, located just minutes from the church.



*Treasurer Rob Askew gives financial report*



*Lively conversation followed the reports*

## Going...and Coming...

**Carol Rockwood** finished her tour of duty as President last fall. She joined at a busy time, just as we were taking steps in the direction of opening Desert View. The time flew by and so much was accomplished. The Desert View family joins in saying thanks, big-time, to Carol for the incredible dedication and the tireless effort that defined her time with us!

Two new Board members joined in 2013, **Joy Mee** and **Derek Swire**. Joy is a long-time resident of the Valley and member at Second Church, Phoenix. She is now serving as our Board President. Also coming aboard is Derek Swire, C.S. Derek hails from Flagstaff, where he is a member of the Flagstaff Society. We are grateful for the insight and dedication both Joy and Derek have brought to the Board in just the few short months they've been serving. A hearty welcome to both!



## From the Board President

*Joy Mee*

I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve on the Desert View Board and to support its vitally important mission of facilitating Christian Science healing. At Desert View, guests let the nurse and staff take care of their physical environment and needs, so that they can focus totally on prayer and study in a peaceful setting, free of distractions, and mentally elevated.



Over ten years ago my mother needed nursing care for an extended period. Previously she had been a short term guest and a user of rest and study at El Dorado Vista. As a lifelong Christian Scientist, she wanted to be where Christian Science was the healing method practiced, and be free of a medical environment with its drugs, physical diagnoses, and predictions. The expert, loving care she received at El Dorado Vista freed our family of the physical burden of caring for her at home, and from the mental worry about adequately trained staff. When the facility closed, I was very concerned about the loss of this supportive healing environment for others like my mother. Its reopening as Desert View Christian Science Care has provided me with an opportunity to give back for all the good our family received!

## From the Director of Christian Science Nursing -Cindy Snowden

Ever since we reopened almost 3 years ago, we have witnessed numerous healings, including various physical, mental, emotional, and overwhelming financial fears. We also saw healings of relationships, a sense of home and demonstrations of abundant staffing. We were able to share the joy and progress we have made by relating some of those healings at the Annual Meeting so that all who attended could hear firsthand the active contribution of healing that Desert View is making in the community. An important part of any healing is expecting and accepting God's immediate answer to any prayer. We must include our gratitude for God's provision in supplying the resources for each person, no matter what the need is for their healing. Desert View is here to bless and to be blessed, and the blessings are many, including our wonderful staff of Christian Science nurses--**Patty Watts, Julia Jara, and Mary Newton**--who seamlessly transition each day. All three are available for private duty home cases when not on duty at Desert View. Our General Manager, **Chris Radel**, has supported us without a pause in every way imaginable. She is the glue that works wonders in the office behind the nursing scenes. Of course we wouldn't be open at all if we didn't have your metaphysical and financial support. Our patients are especially grateful that we *are* open, and for the opportunities we've had to see God's gracious, omnipotent hand.

## A Sincere Expression of Gratitude

*"We want to thank each and every one associated with Desert View for the special care that our dear family member received at Desert View. From the moment we called a Christian Science nurse to assist us at home and then continuing at the facility, such loving attention was given by each staff member. The atmosphere at Desert View is a healing one. We felt strongly supported with each detail throughout the stay. We are fortunate to have you here in Scottsdale. Desert View is a very special place -- just like home. Thank you for all you did to help us." -A very grateful family*

## From the Board Treasurer

-Rob Askew

We are grateful to report that, with full house patient revenue, generous contributions from individuals and churches, as well as grants and bequests, Desert View was able to meet its expenses last year. We are continually evaluating cost-saving measures, so that we achieve sustainability and do not deplete our savings unnecessarily. Our goal is to be able to meet our operating expenses solely from patient revenue and contributions and, eventually, investment income. Patient revenue alone cannot cover all expenses, even with a full house--thus the importance of contributions from the field. In our own individual ways, we each need to plant and harvest annually. How much to give is up to each individual or branch church to decide. Even very small gifts of \$5 or \$10 a month will be so helpful! We appreciate all contributions, as they evidence your support for our mission--providing Christian Science Nursing Care for those relying on Christian Science for healing.

*"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." - Mal 3:10*



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