



Desert View News - Spring 2017

Association of Organizations for Christian Science Nursing 2017 AOCSN Conference

“A Day of Fresh Promise Breaks Over the Land”

May 1-4, 2017 - Scottsdale, AZ

It began with an ice cream social on Monday evening, but got down to business promptly on Tuesday morning with a keynote address by Elizabeth Tevithick, C.S., of Boston, MA — *God’s Promises are Kept*. There was prayer and singing, thinking and talking together, and on Thursday afternoon, it was back to Elizabeth for her parting words, *The Way Forward*.

A Desert-Eye View of the Conference

Because the conference was here in Scottsdale, it presented the opportunity for multiple



It was about listening

Board members to attend. **Board member Kathleen Lundquist** was grateful to have attended the first day. It was such a privilege to see firsthand the dedication and metaphysical basis of those involved in Christian Science Nursing. The focus of the keynote address was: “A special privilege is vested in the ministry [of CS nursing]. How shall it be used? Sacredly, in the interest of humanity, not of sect.” (Science and Health, page 236:4-5) There was such a sense of unity and comradery among the attendees willing to

share and be inspired with inspirational talks and group workshops. In these workshops the varied participants in like positions discussed their area of activity about issues and shared how they are working and demonstrating the Christ with guidance from divine Love all the way and always. I got a whole renewal of the concept of my role as a Board member and opened my thought to the vastness of what it takes to support and maintain the nurturing of Christian Science healing for everyone.

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Uniting in song

Board President, Joy Mee was so grateful to have attended the second day. The tremendous love and support of the Mother Church for Christian Science nursing was evident from talks and panel discussions including Q and A with the Board



Breaking between sessions

(via Skype), the Committee on Publication, the General Counsel's Office and the Manager of Christian Science Nursing Activities. Some

MC staff were in Scottsdale. In addition to a great sense of unity, love and consensus in deliberations on facing challenges in Christian Science nursing and organizational structure, there were practical solutions, including how to explain Christian Science nursing to officials and the public.

There was a helpful session just for Board members on Strategic Planning organized by Board members who have done it and who explained why it matters even for small facilities.

Through networking with other Board members, administrators and Christian Science nurses from other states and countries, I learned how their



Relaxing and sharing

challenges and solutions vary by state and country laws. In some countries, Christian Science nurses and facilities are not recognized or allowed to practice by law. I am particularly grateful for the leadership contributions of our staff team to a successful conference and reception at Desert View.

General Manager Chris Radel and Director of Christian Science Nursing, Cindy Snowden

admitted, we looked at one another, and gulped, momentarily, when we were first asked to host the membership for dinner. But it was not a hard decision as we love Desert View and sharing it. The Board supported our request to open our doors on Tuesday evening and worked with us and other staff to make it an enjoyable evening.

Board member Derek Swire added his thoughts, let's face it, most conventions are filled with boring presentations, and people attend the con-



Dinner at Desert View

ventions mostly to have fun at the end of the day rather than for what they will learn at the meetings. Not so with the AOCSN convention which Desert View hosted this year. I had the happy opportunity to attend the Thursday sessions which were filled with spiritual inspiration and interesting information. Nothing boring here, and the after hours were spent in quiet contemplation of what was just learned.

One piece of information that will be of great interest to our readers came from Bruce Jeffrey of The Principle Foundation who announced the launching of the **National Fund for Christian Science Nursing**, a fund to support patients in need of Christian Science nursing. This fund will make Christian Science nursing more widely available to those in need of it. More information may be found online at <https://nfcsn.org> or by calling 1-800-873-2843.

We at Desert View have been praying to see that nothing can prevent those needing our care from receiving it. We are grateful to see this expression of God's love meeting the human need.

Notes from Board Members

From Treasurer Don Johnson: Individual contributions are a vital and appreciated source of financial support for providing the services of Desert View. The patient occupancy rate can be inconsistent, and yet there are always regular monthly bills in addition to repairs and replacements that arise. Having a dependable revenue stream keeps us from needing to look to our savings to back-fill any shortfalls due to occupancy. While you can, of course, just send a check, an easy way of continued support is by automatic monthly contributions. Call us at (480) 307-6060 for how to set up your contributions in this manner. In addition, you can make regular contributions via PayPal. If you do not already have an account just go to www.PayPal.com and follow the instructions to set up a free account. You can also make a PayPal donation on our site www.desertview.us. Just look for the PayPal logo in the upper right hand corner of each page. We thank you for all your support.

From Board member Gini Gregg: You say you were on the board back in the days of El Dorado Vista? So was I...but don't let that stop you from participating again. Desert View needs your perspective and your joy! It is a giving thing to support such a special place where the only business is to prove that God's idea is bigger than any human situation.



Desert View Annual Meeting 2017— “He Sent His Word”

Saturday, November 11th

Guest Speaker, Kate Mullane Robertson, C.S.



Kate Robertson lives with her husband, Jeff, in Buena Vista Colorado. She is a Christian Science practitioner, essayist, and poet. As a mother, grandmother, and former school teacher, Kate loves nurturing children, of all ages, as they explore and discover the practicality, reliability, and relevance of spiritual law -- at home, at school, at camp, in their communities, and in the world.

Ten year plan – Addressing our most serious need

Preventing or fixing building damage and eliminating safety hazards are major goals of our Ten-Year Capital Plan. Our backyard patio and walkway have continuing and serious leakage, drainage, and safety problems. Broken tile throughout the yard constitutes a trip hazard and is hard to navigate for those with walkers and wheel chairs. The patio's slant toward the house has caused severe water damage with potential mold to the casita Arcadia door and the frame. Both now need replacement. This is our most serious need.

Broken tiles and damaged door frame



We chose a contractor after reviewing computer aided design sketches of a new detailed plan for removing all of the raised concrete patio and old concrete unused furniture and replacing it with a lower, properly graded and drained patio and walkways with safer materials. It will slightly raise the patio between the casita and main building which floods in heavy rains and change the drainage. There were three bids for designs and contractors. The price for the patio demolition and replacement and related landscaping is about \$19,000. The Arcadia door and window replacement will be bid after the outside work is completed, but the full total will be over \$20,000. While a big project, it is one that needs to be done now. We bring this to your attention because we need your financial assistance with this to complete the idea of safety and harmony for all who come to Desert View. Work is scheduled to begin in July. Feel free to give us a call at (480) 307-6060 if you have any questions.



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