



# **Desert View News - Fall 2014 Annual Meeting 2014 - Save the Date!**

**Saturday, November 8 at 2:00 pm**

**Location: Second Church of Christ, Scientist, Scottsdale  
10180 North Hayden Rd (Corner of Hayden & Gold Dust)**

**Keynote Speaker: Nancy Pihl, C.S.**

**To help us prepare, Nancy has shared the following excerpt from her talk: *In and Out***

"The Bible tells us hungering and thirsting for righteousness, we will be filled. Our spiritual need for refreshment can be quickly satisfied when we turn our thought away from the physical hunger for healing. Refuse to believe it will take a long time to be healed. The dedicated Christian Science nurses and staff are expecting all who are in need of the healing atmosphere and practical care they offer, to be helped and healed - ***In and Out*** - and on their way to a life free from fear and permanently perfect. As a practitioner who is called on from time to time to support the work, I am well aware of their devotion to the Cause and to Christian Science healing. I look forward to meeting with all of you in the Arizona Christian Science community on November 8th. Let's join in realizing the efficacy and immediacy of prayerful Christian Science treatment. When one is in need of help and comes ***In*** to Desert View for support and with expectation of receiving immediate help and healing, they can expect to go ***Out*** healed!"

## **From the Board President—Joy Mee**

The Mother Church Board of Directors has made Manual based Christian Science nursing one of its priorities for the coming year. Periodical articles, blogs and podcasts encourage all of us to develop our nursing qualities and look for opportunities to share our love and help others practically and metaphysically whether or not we are in the *Journal* listed practice or trained as a Christian Science nurse. These resources are available at JSHonline. Christian Science nursing exemplifies a church that affords proof of its utility by facilitating healing and showing Christly compassion. Your Desert View Board is working to place Desert View on a sustainable foundation so that it will always be available to provide Christian Science nursing care. We have reached out to strengthen our communication with branch churches, we've invested your donations wisely, updated and expanded our website [www.desertview.us](http://www.desertview.us) and participated by invitation in a Mother Church sponsored meeting on the future of Christian Science nursing. We are grateful for the progress in the last several months with more patients admitted and leaving healed! Thank you for your continuing support and contribution to our progress!

## From the Board Treasurer—Rob Askew

This year has been very different from 2013. Having three patients for most of that year increased patient revenue such that we were able to meet our operating expenses. However, there were no new admissions, as the same patients were with us for almost the entire year. This year we have seen variable occupancy, with much shorter stays and many healings, but decreased revenue. At the current level of revenue, expenses, and giving, we are projecting a possible operating loss of about \$60,000 for the current year, which will be covered by our current reserves. This past spring we established an investment portfolio, which is now producing a modest income. Our intent is to grow this portfolio over time so that it will produce a more meaningful supplement to our patient revenue, bequests, and giving. We remain grateful for your contributions. Your giving helps us keep our reserves at a sustainable level, and to be ready when we receive the call for Christian Science nursing services. One of our dear supporters recently donated stock to Desert View. See the "Giving" page on our website [www.desertview.us](http://www.desertview.us) for more information, or give us a call at 480-307-6060. Desert View is a nonprofit 501c(3), allowing your donations to be tax-deductible. We appreciate your on-going prayers in support of our healing mission, and your continuing financial support.

## Wonderful Things Are Happening!

Wonderful things are happening at Desert View, and we are rejoicing! Financially, metaphysically, and in the staffing and scheduling of nurses, great progress has been made. Our hope is that word is getting out to you and the entire Christian Science community that Desert View is coming from a position of strength, and that we're here for you if ever a need should arise. To help us do that, we've officially put in place Desert View Designated Representatives in seven of the Branch churches in the Phoenix metropolitan area. These dedicated volunteers have lovingly agreed to be the voice of Desert View in their Branch Church, by reading a brief progress report at each of their church business meetings. They are helping to create a groundswell of support by keeping the lines of communication open between Desert View and the Field, and we're so grateful to each of them. **Here are their names:** *Jackie Baxter, Annette Brooks, Skip Carney, Taffee Courtland, Katy Curtis, Bonny Laver, Kathleen Lundquist, and Rose Mary Mets.* In addition, we are reaching out beyond the metropolitan area to all other churches and societies in the state of Arizona. This is sure to bring great blessings to the Field, as well as to Desert View. If you'd like to join in this effort to bring Desert View progress to your branch church or society, please contact Director of Development, **Judy Weldon**, at: 480-948-5633.

## Spring Cleaning in July

When we were asked if we could use some project assistance, our response was a resounding YES! A great big thank you to Kaylea Butler who spent the better part of a hot July day helping us with indoor and outdoor projects. Thanks to Kaylea, several projects were completed. Kaylea is in her senior year at Principia Upper School, and is a Sunday School student at Second Church, Scottsdale, when she is home..



# Grateful Hearts



Friends,

*Having lived in Green Valley for 24 years, I am grateful to say that in that time Christian Science has always met my own mortal mind challenges and my public practice was active, joyful, productive, and fulfilling. I am grateful to God for the healings provided and the lessons learned. However, just this spring of 2014, I seemed to become ill, unable to eat, and with much pain. Having not eaten for two weeks, I seemed to be very weak. Friends from church came for a visit and seeing my need for help, urged me to go up to Desert View. They made arrangements with Desert View and a couple of days after Easter they drove me up there. We arrived at about 2 am and the Christian Science Nurse was standing in the driveway! She immediately started my care.*

*Care at Desert View is always wonderful — always compassionate, supportive, encouraging, taking care of every practical need and maintaining the patient's spiritual identity with joy. Within three days I was able to be up and about as my normal healthy self. A walker with wheels was provided to support my confidence. My son and daughter from other states flew into Phoenix and drove me down to southern Arizona to stay. Shortly thereafter a relapse seemed to occur and my son and daughter drove me back to Desert View. This time I was well by the third day and have been well ever since. I am grateful to God for His constant care, and for the Christian Science nurses and staff, and the constant love expressed by all at Desert View.*

*~ A Grateful Patient*



*Dear Desert View,*

*You are a wonderful healing place! ...and the nurses with such love and care in all that they do to create a healing atmosphere! I was there just 10 days, but such healings (plural) took place! When I arrived I had not been able to retain any food – solid or liquid - for almost 3 weeks, and was experiencing such a sense of weakness. The nurses were aware that I had been on a liquid diet and I thought that is what I would be receiving, but the first night I was there I was served meatloaf, mashed potatoes, and peas and retained it all. That was the end of the eating problem. Such rejoicing!*

*I also found it necessary, while I was at home with a Christian Science nurse, to get up 5 or 6 times during the night; while at Desert View that too was healed. A slurring of my words made it difficult for someone to understand me. The third morning I woke up and was able to speak freely. That was healed! Each day as I walked with a walker, it became easier and easier to increase the distance that I walked. The very next morning when I returned home there was no need for a walker any more. I was able to walk freely. Another cause for great rejoicing! I am grateful that the nurses kept in daily touch with the Practitioner that was helping me, along with my own conversations, and that strengthened the healing process. I did so enjoy being able to sit out on the patio and see the beauty around me, and also in the lovely living room with such an expansive library of books and literature. I am sending to all of you my love and gratitude, for all that contributed to make my stay such a healing one.*

*~ A Rejoicing Patient*



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