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Johnson Hall built in 1923, one of the early buildings of The Episcopal Home.

'CHAMPAGNE, DIAMONDS & ALL THAT JAZZ' THEME FOR 80TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

The Episcopal Home Communities hosted its first Gala Benefit Party on September 25, 2003, celebrating 80 years of service. The theme "Champagne, Diamonds & All That Jazz" lent itself to a festive party for nearly 200 neighbors, friends, employees and Board members. Generous underwriting from our many vendors and friends enabled us to tent the lawn and provide musical entertainment, dancing and seating for our guests. Major underwriters for the event were Morrison's Senior Dining and Edwin and Dorothea Barnes. Ned Barnes is a former member of the Board of Directors and is currently an Associate Director.

It was a busy evening for partygoers. Morrison's, regular caterer for The Kensington, created gourmet food stations for hors d'oeuvres, with champagne and cocktails available at multiple bars. The Night Blooming Jazzmen entertained guests, including Alhambra Mayor Talmage V. Burke, who presented The Kensington with a citation from the Alhambra City Council. Board Chairman Judge David Thomas and his wife Peggy joined many other Board members for The Episcopal Home's 80th anniversary. The Auction Committee

conducted a silent auction that featured a variety of gifts, from wine to furniture. The popular Annual Crafts Faire was ensconced in Bloy Center for its 16th year.

The highlight of the evening was the Raffle for the Diamond. Chances were sold at \$10, and the lucky ticket holder won a two-carat ruby and diamond ring diamond with an appraised value of \$3,800.

The evening was highlighted with a display compiled by the new Historic Preservation Committee. The quest to document the history of The Episcopal Home Communities was guided by Laura Willingham Milne, who has a personal history with the Home. Her grandfather John G. Willingham became the first full-time Administrator in 1955, and later her grandmother was a resident at The Kensington. Ten Committee members devoted months to choosing photographs and text, which were presented professionally on five billboard placards. These boards trace the history of The Episcopal Home Communities and remain on display at The Kensington.

The evening of "Champagne, Diamonds & All That Jazz" was planned and executed by a Gala Committee of 19 volunteers and staff members.



CHAMPAGNE, DIAMONDS



Clockwise from top-left: Doug Browne and Lee Nelson, Director of Marketing, The Covington; Board Treasurer Larry and Lynn Day; Betty Giles, President of The Halcyon Club; from left, Kevin Gerber, President and CEO, Talmage Burke, Mayor of Alhambra, Mark Gardiner, Executive Director, The Kensington; Rev. Anne Tumility, Rector, St. James, South Pasadena; Rev. Laura Queen, Chaplain Intern, and Chaplain Rev. Ron Erlandson.





& ALL THAT JAZZ



Clockwise from top-left: The Rev. Canon Harold Hultgren and Maggie Hultgren; from left, Sherman Telleen, Board Member, Clarence Fleming, Dick Martin; Dick and Betty Brill, Board Secretary and President of The Kensington Volunteers; from left, Kevin Gerber, President and CEO, Elsie Sadler, Board Member, Anne Fleming; Isabelle Melkesian and Bob Herold, Board Member.



GARY STORK BECOMES FIRST EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT THE COVINGTON



Gary Stork

Gary Stork began his tenure as first Executive Director of The Covington in November. A graduate of Cal State Fullerton with a B.A. in Communications, Stork formerly served as Executive Director of Carlsbad by the Sea, a Front Porch Community.

In The Episcopal Home Communities

tradition of beautifully landscaped grounds and elegant interiors, The Covington will open mid-2004 in Orange County's Aliso Viejo. The Covington is on 12 acres of gardens, which surround the elegant private

cottages and apartments. The idyllic location overlooks Saddleback Mountain and Valley and is cooled by ocean breezes. The architecture of this gated community is traditional English manor-style, with hedge-lined gardens and meandering paths. The Covington features 14 floor plans in its cottages and apartments. Special amenities include an indoor lap pool, Jacuzzi, massage spa and putting green. There also will be a cocktail lounge, art gallery, shop, business center, Great Hall for entertainment and Chapel.

Mr. Stork said, "I was given the opportunity before to open a community and bring in a team, and I enjoyed it. It's a process I would like to experience again. I am eager to create another team of employees and work with the residents to develop the beautiful new community, The Covington."

At The Covington, all residences have been reserved, and wait list deposits are now being taken.

EPISCOPAL HOME PRESIDENT KEVIN GERBER RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Episcopal Home Communities President and C.E.O. Kevin Gerber received the 2003 Meritorious Service Award, presented by the California Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (CAHSA). The prestigious award acknowledges ongoing service and contributions to the association.

Charles Frazier of CAHSA said, "For 25 years, Kevin Gerber has served the long-term health care field with distinction and great commitment, touching the lives of residents, families, employees and colleagues. He is an advocate who continually seeks innovative ways to improve the quality of life for older adults."

Gerber joined The Episcopal Home Communities in 2001, bringing education and expertise in the health services arena to an already successful and growing enterprise. He holds an M.P.A. degree in Health Services Administration from U.S.C. and has worked for more than 25 years in the field of retirement community administration. "We have a marvelous C.E.O.," said Judge David Thomas, Episcopal Home Chairman of the Board. "Kevin Gerber has made the industry aware of the Episcopal Home here in Los Angeles."



Gerber, right, receives CAHSA award from previous winner Charles Frazier at May meeting in Monterey, California.



MARK GARDINER IS NAMED NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT THE KENSINGTON



Mark Gardiner

Mark Gardiner of Diamond Bar became Executive Director of The Kensington in September. The graduate of Cal State L.A.'s career at assisted living and skilled nursing facilities spans two decades, most recently as General Manager of Marriott Senior Living Services in Yorba Linda.

The Kensington is an oasis on 12½ acres in Alhambra. Designed by renowned Southern California architect Reginald Johnson, son of the first Bishop of the Diocese of Los Angeles, The Episcopal Home opened its doors in 1923. From the time that Deaconess Miller envisioned a home where the aging widows of clergymen could settle, it has

been the mission of The Episcopal Home Communities to provide a continuum of care for its residents.

Executive Director Gardiner says, "Running a large community like this is very enjoyable. A big advantage The Kensington has over other communities is the beautiful park-like setting." Renamed in 1996, The Kensington features 121 apartments and 77 assisted living accommodations and the 99-bed Cummings Care Center sprawled among immaculately maintained gardens. Family-style dining rooms are the hallmark, among spacious family rooms, library, laundry facilities, beauty and barbershops, a historic chapel and auditorium.

Mr. Gardiner's desire is to "improve the team that is already in place to accomplish the goals of The Kensington." The original mission of The Episcopal Home Communities remains at the core of The Kensington—no resident is ever asked to leave due to financial hardship.

CONSUELO HAIRE CELEBRATES 18TH YEAR AT THE CANTERBURY

The Canterbury, an Episcopal Home community on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, is in one of the most desirable areas in Southern California. The air is clear and breezy, and the Community has a spectacular view of the Los Angeles basin and the Southern California hills.

Executive Director Consuelo Haire is now in her 18th year at The Canterbury and is totally committed to The Episcopal Home Communities and its mission. "I started as Assistant Activity Director in skilled nursing at a fragile time in my life, after my husband died," she said. "I had no intention of making it a career. But then I became the Activity Director and got to know the residents and their families. I was being called on to give joy." Giving joy was so gratifying to Ms. Haire that she finished her college degree and moved up the ladder to become Executive Director in 1998.

Under Ms. Haire's direction, The Canterbury is at 97.5% capacity and completed a refurbishment

of the common areas in 1999. Cognizant of her clients' desire for high-end amenities, she said, "We try to nail down the expectations of the residents and their families, then exceed them." There are 100 one- and two-bedroom apartments, 31 assisted living accommodations and a 28-bed care center at the 5½-acre Canterbury, which opened in 1983. There is a fitness center, with physical therapist/personal trainer, and a heated pool. Life at The Canterbury is very active, with daily programs for the well-traveled and educated clientele, and some activities involve trips and cruises for the residents.



Consuelo Haire



BOARD CHAIRMAN JUDGE DAVID THOMAS RECEIVES AAHSA TRUSTEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Judge David Thomas, The Episcopal Home Communities Chairman of the Board, received the 2003 Trustee of the Year Award from the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA) at the Association's October Annual Meeting in Denver. Judge Thomas has been Chairman for three years, the culmination of a distinguished service record on the Board of The Episcopal Home Communities that began in the early 1980s. During his tenure as Chairman, The Episcopal Home Communities has brought in Kevin Gerber as CEO, has nearly completed construction at The Covington in Orange County, and has started the organization on a plan to raise the respected group of continuing care retirement communities to a new level of excellence in the Southern California area.

The Episcopal Home Communities has been the fortunate beneficiary of Judge Thomas's support and dedication for many years. His unstinting devotion to this organization now has been recognized by AAHSA, whose award is made annually to individuals who are advancing the vision of healthy, affordable, ethical long-term care. "The necessity for senior living is becoming acute in the United States as our population grows older and as the custom of seniors living with their children becomes less prevalent," Judge Thomas said. "People are living longer and needing more care. Homes tend to meet all these needs."

Judge David Thomas is a man of outstanding professional accomplishments. A World War II veteran, Judge Thomas attended Occidental College, graduated Phi Beta Kappa and went on to graduate from Harvard Law School. In 1951 Thomas joined the Los Angeles law firm Hanna and Morton, became a partner and stayed until 1970 when he was appointed to the Superior Court bench by President Reagan. He wrote the California Class Action Manual in 1975 and later served on the L.A. Court of Appeals by pro tem appointment. He retired in 1988.

Judge Thomas has been an extraordinary community volunteer, serving on many prominent boards in Los Angeles County in the past three decades. In addition to years he has devoted to The Episcopal Home Communities, he has served on the Boards of Arcadia's Methodist Hospital for 20 years and the W.M. Keck



The Honorable David Thomas, Board Chair, left, receives the AAHSA Trustee of the Year Award from Richard Schutt, AAHSA Chairman.

Foundation for nearly 30 years. He was on the Boards of Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens, Occidental College Alumni Association, and School of Theology in Claremont, with many years as Board President among those organizations. He also has served as Senior Warden for The Church of Our Savior in San Gabriel. One of his proudest appointments has been as the trustee for the Vera Cleaver Trust, which financed the Family Wellness Center in El Monte. The Center provides medical care to the Hispanic community in El Monte, with an emphasis on children, regardless of their ability to pay.

Wife Peggy Thomas has worked as a volunteer at The Kensington for 22 years. Having just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, Judge and Mrs. Thomas will move into a cottage at The Covington next summer.



YOUR DONATION HELPS THE EPISCOPAL HOME COMMUNITIES HELP OTHERS

The Episcopal Home Communities is dependent on the contributions of our friends to support the high level of care and service that has become our hallmark. Fees alone do not maintain the properties and services of The Kensington. We appreciate your contribution, which will help to offset the operating expenses.

According to the *Wall Street Journal* (Oct. 12, 2003), "the cost of staying in an assisted-living facility is rising significantly faster than the rate of inflation." The aging population is increasing, as is the number of older people who cannot afford care without aid from other sources. The Episcopal Home Communities for 80 years has prided itself on being one of those sources. With your help, we can continue to

provide homes for those qualified people who need financial aid.

Many of our residents at The Kensington are unable to contribute the entire amount required for their services each month. Those ladies and gentlemen are supplemented by funds from contributions and from our investments. Due to the difficult economic downswing of the past few years, our investment income no longer allows us to help as many people as we would like. With your help we hope to strengthen our ability to support even more residents in financial need.

Please make a contribution to assist The Episcopal Home Communities in meeting its mission of service to seniors.

All contributions are 100% tax-deductible.

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FATHER KEVIN DUNN CONTINUES CAREER OF SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL AND THE LIBRARY AT THE KENSINGTON



Father Kevin Dunn

Father Kevin Dunn, a native of Belfast, Northern Ireland, is an Episcopal monk in the Order of the Holy Cross. His 47-year career of service led him to an African leper colony, Tennessee, Kansas, and Southern California before his retirement to The Kensington two years ago.

Father Dunn had known of The Episcopal Home Communities from parishioners and retired priest friends. Before choosing The Kensington, he considered homes in Florida and Oregon. "They were nice but much too expensive," he said. "This is affordable on a priest's pension, and it is lovely. The grounds are beautiful and well-kept."

Two afternoons a week, Father Dunn volunteers in the library at The Kensington. He was an English Literature major in his undergraduate work in Dublin and enjoys books, particularly Tom Clancy novels. "My brother and I were orphaned in 1941 during the blitz on Belfast," said Father Dunn. "Our eight siblings and my father were killed, and my mother was in a coma until her death in 1995. My brother and I got our education by singing in English cathedrals." They sang at the Queen's Coronation in 1952, and he was a choral scholar at King's College, Cambridge.

On Sundays, Father Dunn assists at the chapel, wearing special robes awarded him by Queen Elizabeth II when he and five fellow choristers from the King's College Chapel Choir years were named Royal Chaplains in 1997. They were invested by the Queen and presented with distinguished black and red vestments displaying the Royal Crest, seen every Sunday morning in The Kensington's chapel.



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The California Department of Social Services has issued a permit to accept deposits to The Covington. An application to operate The Covington as a California residential care facility for the elderly is pending. Development plans subject to change.

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