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THE COVINGTON OPENS!

First Residents Move in on June 1st

The Covington, the third Episcopal Home Community, opened on schedule, with the first three residents moving in on June 1st. A project seven years in the making, The Covington is located in Orange County's Aliso Viejo and is a hillside community with panoramic views that will accommodate nearly 300 residents. The breezy 12-acre campus features cottages and individual apartments for independent living, as well as assisted living and skilled nursing facilities, amid beautifully landscaped grounds. Residents from Southern California and as far away as Hawaii and New Jersey will continue to move in through September, in scheduled phases.

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Director of Resident Relations Kandi Gall, left, welcomes Bill and Jeanne Walton from Palos Verdes as The Covington's first residents on June 1st.

Above: Bob and Phyllis VanDeventer from Dana Point, left, and Thelma Hopkins and Ev Mangam from Laguna Niguel are among the "founding residents" at The Covington.

SAVE THE DATE

The Covington's Grand Opening celebration, October 16, 2004. All friends of The Episcopal Home Communities are invited to attend.



THE KENSINGTON WELCOMES THE FORESTERS

The Kensington will welcome more than 90 new residents between July and September, from Foresters Haven in San Fernando. Foresters have partnered with The Episcopal Home Communities to provide accommodations, support and services for qualified U.S. members eligible for the Foresters Senior Member Benefit.

Holt Hall has undergone a renovation in order to accommodate the expansion at The Kensington. Kevin Gerber, President and CEO of The Episcopal Home Communities, said, “we are pleased to announce the impending arrival of the new residents at The Kensington. We anticipate a busy summer with much activity on the premises as our residents welcome new friends to The Kensington community.”

In announcing the transition plans, senior management of Foresters Haven noted that the culture and value system at The Episcopal Home Communities aligns with that of Foresters. A full time transition manager from Foresters will assist residents in the move to their new accommodations. The addition of this group of new friends will be marked by expanded activities at The Kensington.

Over a century old, Foresters operates in the U.S., Canada, and the United Kingdom. With close to one million members, Foresters supports non-profit children’s organizations, while Foresters members and staff volunteer locally.

THE REVEREND LAURA QUEEN IS ORDAINED

The Rev. Laura Queen was ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, January 24, 2004 at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Los Angeles, with The Right Rev. Chester L. Talton, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Los Angeles performing the ceremony. A cadre of friends and supporters from The Episcopal Home Communities joined The Rev. Queen for her ordination. A celebration followed a week later at The Kensington, where she presided in the celebration of her first Eucharist in the Chapel of St. Simon and St. Jude.

The Rev. Queen added a pastoral care element to The Canterbury earlier this year, when she became the first chaplain for the community. The residents had expressed a desire for structured religious programming at The Canterbury in the Resident Survey taken last year, resulting in the creation of this new part-time position. Dividing her time between The Canterbury and The Kensington, the Rev. Queen holds regular services and study groups. The donation of new prayer



The Rev. Laura Queen on her Ordination Day at St. John’s Episcopal Church, Los Angeles.

books and hymnals from the Bible and Common Prayer Book Society of the Episcopal Church has anointed the space designated as an area for worship for all denominations at The Canterbury.

Celebrate “The Magic of Friends”

Thursday, September 23, 2004 6:30 p.m.

The Kensington’s 2nd Annual Gala

Save this date for a night of fun to benefit The Episcopal Homes Communities.



THE CANTERBURY RECEIVES ACCOLADES FROM RESIDENTS FOR ITS ACTIVITIES

Retirement is not about slowing down at The Canterbury, where an activities calendar keeps residents as busy as they choose to be. “The genius behind the Activities Program is Linda Wellmerling. She is a jewel,” said James Brown, Past President of The Canterbury Resident Council. Executive Director Consuelo Haire concurred, “The Canterbury residents are unanimous about the excellent job that Linda is doing. The Activities Program got a very high rating when the resident satisfaction survey was completed last October.”

Linda Wellmerling will celebrate her 10-year anniversary at The Canterbury in October. Starting as a receptionist, she moved into Activities Programming by seeing a need and filling it. “The residents were saying that there was so much time between Friday and Monday with nothing happening, so I started putting together activities on the weekends,” said Ms. Wellmerling, Activities Director for the past eight years. “Now, every Saturday we have a trip.” These trips often utilize The Canterbury’s two passenger buses.

Regional adventures have included regular three-day excursions to San Diego, Santa Barbara and Laughlin, Nevada. More ambitious trips have been made to see fall foliage in Boston and New Hampshire and on cruises to Mexico and Hawaii. Regular in-house activities include a Book Club, Spanish Club and Tai Chi.



Marguerite Harding met ostriches on a weekend in Solvang. The eight-year resident takes many of The Canterbury’s trips.



The Whistle Stop Engineers’ model train project has a growing diorama and collection of working trains in its own room. Members of The Canterbury Train Club include: left to right, Dr. Martin Herzstein, Estelle Gray, Ray Banks, Club Founder Lucy Morton, Staff Member Joe Planchich, Carolyn Davis and Jo Stribley.

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Executive Director Gary Stork spent many months hiring staff as the finishing touches were put on the new construction. President and CEO Kevin Gerber said, “Gary Stork has assembled a stellar team, who have already proven their commitment to making The Covington a proud reflection of The Episcopal Home Communities mission. The staff, the construction teams and our Board have all put forth countless hours to bring this dream of a community to fruition.”

The Covington Dedication Ceremonies were held on June 17, 2004, followed by a reception and tours for nearly 200 residents and guests.





THE KENSINGTON HOLDS FESTIVE VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION CEREMONIES

The mission of The Episcopal Home Communities is to enhance the lives of older adults through a continuum of excellent care, services and spiritual enrichment. One way the residents' lives are enhanced is through the enthusiastic work of more than 200 volunteers on the Kensington campus. Dedicated and energetic adult volunteers were fêted at a special Volunteer Recognition Celebration held at The Kensington's Bloy Center on April 20, 2004. More than 100 adult volunteers were on hand to receive certificates of appreciation. On May 25th, youth volunteers were thanked and rewarded with a pizza party in the pavilion outside Bloy.



Kensington resident volunteer Brownie Bolton enjoys the celebration with Elaine Cudlip, Activities Coordinator for Assisted Living.



Rufus Fairley, left, was named Volunteer of the Year for his 21 years of cheerful service. Mr. Fairley formerly served on the Board of Directors and currently is a member of The Kensington Volunteers. Resident and fellow volunteer Lucille Amoroso congratulates Fairley.



Volunteer Coordinator Marsha McNamara, right, planned the events, which recognized more than 200 volunteers. Marty Tamburrano, left, is VP of Operations for TEHC, and Marcia Richter, center, is President of The Kensington Volunteers.



Student volunteers attend a party in their honor. These girls are from Ramona Convent Secondary School, next door to The Kensington, and Alhambra High School.



Rufus Fairley, left, and Annette Brandin are Stephen Ministers, pictured with Father Ron Erlandson, right, chaplain at The Kensington. The Stephen Ministry educates its lay ministers to provide one-on-one support to residents.



Betty Giles, left, and Lynne Day, right, are members of The Halcyon Club, which has donated funds and hundreds of hours of time from its volunteers each year to enhance the lives of the residents at The Kensington.



Kevin Gerber, left, President and CEO, and Larry Day, right, Chairman of the Board, presented framed certificates to seven volunteers who have served The Episcopal Home Communities for more than 25 years, including Peggy Thomas, the namesake of Peggy's Place, and Judge David Thomas, Board member and former Chairman. The Thomases were among the first new residents at The Covington in early June.



Evelyn Ragains, left, and Elizabeth Donant, right, were among many helpful Kensington residents honored on April 20th.



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The Episcopal Home Communities' mission is to enhance the lives of older adults through a continuum of excellent care, services and spiritual enrichment. Since the first retirement community was established in 1923, outstanding care has been provided to all residents, including many who are subsidized.

One recent donor said, *I give to The Episcopal Home Communities because it makes me feel good. It is nice to know that my contribution can make someone's life more enjoyable. Before you know it, I'll*

be in a retirement community myself, and I like knowing that there is a place like The Kensington out there for me.

Any contribution is appreciated and directly enriches the lives of Episcopal Home residents. Please give whatever you can and join the list of caring members of our community. The Episcopal Home Communities is a 501(c)(3) non-profit institution, and your gift is fully tax-deductible.

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