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CHARLES DODSON LEGACY NAMES 'CHARLIE'S GARDEN' AT THE CANTERBURY

Charles Dodson was a resident at The Canterbury for nearly seven years until his death early this year. In his will he left a bequest of securities, with the stipulation that the gift be used to benefit The Canterbury. Totalling nearly \$20,000, that gift was pointed toward an area on the campus that had never been improved. Now "Charlie's Garden" is a beautiful outdoor patio area with a fountain, seating and commemorative plaque.

Mr. Dodson's two sons Norman and Gilbert were present with their wives on August 18, 2004, when the Garden was dedicated and a small celebration was held. Charlie Dodson was remembered as a popular and happy resident at The Canterbury, who had served as President of the Residents' Council.



View of beautiful fountain and tree-lined walkway to "Charlie's Garden," an attractive terrace with seating.

Future needs at The Canterbury will be explored when the results of a market feasibility study are tabulated, interpreted and studied. About 5,000 questionnaires were sent to Palos Verdes friends and neighbors earlier in the fall, and the report will be presented to the Board early in 2005.

THE KENSINGTON REMODELS: Holt Hall and Kensington Keepsakes

Two recent remodeling projects will freshen up The Kensington campus. Holt Hall underwent a total renovation earlier in the year, and remodeling is nearly complete on Kensington Keepsakes, a store that will occupy the small storefront on Valley Boulevard on the north side of The Kensington property.

Holt Hall was rededicated on Friday, November 5th, in celebration of its new look. Holt now accommodates 43 new residents who joined us from Forester Haven during the summer. Another 45 new residents
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Kensington Resident Council President Ruth Depoy. Photo is of Ethel Holt, former President of the Board of Managers, volunteer for many decades, and upon her death a major benefactor to The Episcopal Home Communities.



THE COVINGTON CELEBRATES OFFICIAL GRAND OPENING

It was an autumn extravaganza. The Covington held a festive Grand Opening for nearly 600 friends and families on October 16th. A ceremony under a large tent, elaborate dining room buffets with ice sculptures, musical entertainment and facility tours provided an afternoon of celebration, marking the official culmination of a decade's worth of planning and building. The Covington is an unqualified success, with nearly all the independent units occupied and the remaining few expected to be full by the end of the year.

Executive Director Gary Stork, who just passed his one-year mark at The Covington, said, "the numbers have far exceeded our expectations. We are well above our projected occupancy and are nearly at capacity in independent living. Now we are seeing new residents becoming a community, gaining friends and making lasting relationships with the staff and the other residents. The Resident Council has held elections, and the Resident Association has met. More than 60% of our residents participate in the health and wellness programs, and our dining program has received rave reviews."

A hectic summer of daily move-ins has settled down to a brisk autumn of varied activities for the energetic residents, planned by Activities Director



Newly elected Covington Resident Council President Joe McGuire cutting the ribbon at the Grand Opening celebration, assisted by Aliso Viejo Mayor Bill Philips (left) and other members of the Chamber of Commerce.

Jan Shaw. "They have enjoyed 'Yacht Races' in the indoor pool, a fitness center grand opening sponsored by Jamba Juice, a Halloween costume party (many of the 120 party-goer residents dressed up in the spirit), and the Bishop came for a tea," said Shaw. "In fact, it's been so active at The Covington that they didn't have time for an Oktoberfest as planned, but had to wait and do a Novemberfest!"



Bishop Jon Bruno with his wife Mary at the Bishop's Tea, held at The Covington in September.



Gary Stork, resident Cyrus Grimshaw, Director of Sales and Marketing Bob Wootton, and Pancho Edler, son of resident Annette Wood, at the first Covington Yacht Races.

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are living in the other halls at The Kensington. The Dedication Ceremony was attended by about 200 residents, staff members and friends of The Kensington.

Kensington Keepsakes, a resale and consignment store, will open in December at 1656 W. Valley Blvd., on the north side of The Kensington parking lot. Under the direction of Marsha McNamara, Director of Volunteers, Kensington Keepsakes will sell treasures donated and consigned by residents and friends of The

Episcopal Home Communities, including furniture, collectibles, accessories, and bric-a-brac. The consignment fees will be tax-deductible contributions. All proceeds will be used to benefit the residents at The Kensington. The shop will be manned by volunteers and will open on a limited basis for a trial period before a schedule is solidified. If you would like to volunteer at or donate or consign to Kensington Keepsakes, please call Marsha McNamara at (626) 284-1032 x251. The store can be reached at (626) 943-9944.



THE KENSINGTON RECEIVES \$1 MILLION+ BEQUEST

Henry Wade never lived at The Kensington. His mother lived there and his step-grandmother before her. Mr. Wade died in July at the age of 86, quietly leaving a portion of his estate valued at well over \$1 million to The Episcopal Home Communities, for the benefit of The Kensington.

Mr. Wade had made a number of substantial gifts to the Homes prior to this year. He wished to remain anonymous, donating \$25,000 to \$30,000 in securities the last few years at Christmas time. His philanthropy was born of his fond memories of visiting his step-grandmother here when he was a child, and later his mother.

According to Michael Doyle, his Pasadena attorney, “he wanted to say thank you for the extraordinary care his mother had received at The Episcopal Home. He wanted to demonstrate how much he appreciated it.” Mr. Wade left his house in Monrovia, valued at more than \$620,000, and the residue of his estate after other designated gifts were made.



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Henry Wade, in an undated photograph.

SUPPORT SERVICES OFFICES MOVE TO VALLEY BOULEVARD

This year, addition of staff members as well as nearly 100 new residents at The Kensington, necessitated a rearranging of office space. “Sadly, our staff has outgrown the offices in the Administration Building at The Kensington. We were forced to find additional space across Valley Boulevard for ‘Support Services,’ which is the name we have given the staff members whose work encompasses all three Episcopal Home Communities,” said Kevin Gerber, President and CEO. The new address for Support Services is 1609 W. Valley Boulevard, and the location is on the north side of the street, directly across from The Kensington’s parking lot.

An Open House for residents and staff at The Kensington was held in the new offices on November 8th. Included in the office staff “across the street” are Gerber, VP of Operations Martha Tamburrano, CFO James Rothrock, Human Resources Director Stacie Ocampo, Development Director Janelle Morton,

Information Technology Coordinator Maleakhi Adi, Executive Assistant Maria Thomson and many of the accounting staff.



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Support Services Staff, from left: Martha Tamburrano, James Rothrock, Kevin Gerber, Maria Thomson, Janelle Morton, Stacie Ocampo, and Father Ron Erlandson, Director of Pastoral Care.



THE MAGIC OF FRIENDS DRAWS 250 AND RAISES \$38,000 FOR THE KENSINGTON

The Episcopal Home Communities' Second Annual Gala, "The Magic of Friends," was Thursday, September 23rd at The Kensington under two tents and inside Bloy Center. Two hundred-fifty friendly guests dined on gourmet food prepared to order at stations manned by cheery Morrison's Senior Dining chefs from various Southern California locales. Magical Mojitos were the brews of the evening, and a Mystical Silent Auction graced the expanse of Bloy. The Night Blooming Jazzmen played their signature Dixieland jazz music for energetic dancers. Magic Castle magicians Doug Malloy and Dean Dill provided the illusions for the event, which raised approximately \$38,000 to benefit the residents at The Kensington.



Event Chair and TEHC Development Director Janelle Morton with President and CEO Kevin Gerber, Board Member Elsie Sadler and Father Ron Erlandson, Director of Pastoral Care, as "Merlin the Magician."



John and Julie Quinn assisting Magician Doug Malloy, who performed two stage shows.



Current Board Member Nancy and Board Associate Tom McLaughlin, who have between them 30 years as members of the Board, Associate Board and Kensington Volunteers.



TEHC Board Member Austin Weston and his wife Mel stand before a magician ice sculpture in the food tent, location for the extensive chocolate fondue dessert selection.



Virginia Warner, 23-year resident at The Kensington, with Maria Thomson, Executive Assistant to the President.



Magician Dean Dill entertaining Allen Chang, Manager of Golden Age Village in Monterey Park, and The Rev. Canon Ed and Ruth-Alice Hailwood.



Father Ron Erlandson dancing with The Rev. Laura Queen, who divides her chaplaincy between The Canterbury and The Kensington.



Peggy Thomas, a decades-long member of the Kensington Volunteers and the Halcyon Club, perusing a silent auction table.

President Kevin Gerber with Lynne Day, member of the Halcyon Club and wife of Board President Larry Day, and Board Member Bill Mathies.





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