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La Bella Sera



2008 GALA—INDEED A BEAUTIFUL EVENING



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THE SIXTH ANNUAL GALA to benefit Scripps Kensington was held on Thursday, June 26th, amid lovely summer weather shining down on the beautiful grounds of our community. More than 320 guests attended La Bella Sera.

An Italian marketplace outside under the tents included donated jewelry and artwork for sale, fine Italian wines to drink, and a wide array of food. Desserts surrounded an ice sculpture of the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

Highlight of the evening was a stunning performance by renowned opera singer Suzanna Guzman. She sang to a standing room only crowd in Bloy Center, which was

bedecked as an opera house, with “ancient” statues decorating the perimeter.

The event netted more than \$75,000 toward benevolent care at Scripps Kensington. Additional proceeds benefited The Canterbury and The Covington.

Marty Tamburrano, President and CEO since 2005, The Reverend George Cummings, Administrator of The Episcopal Home for 29 years (1972–2001), and Kevin Gerber, former President and CEO (2001–2005). (Left)

Former Board Chair Larry Day of Pasadena, his wife Lynne, and current Board Chair John Tucker of Pacific Palisades. (Right)

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Clockwise from top-left:

Renowned opera singer Suzanna Guzman performed to a packed house in Bloy Center.

Ron and Sandi Apel, with Chuck Carroll. Ron and Chuck are Board members.

Scripps Kensington resident Rod Johnston composed and sang a song to the tune of "That's Amore," accompanied by accordionist Ed Simpson.

The marketplace outdoors featured flowers, fruits and vegetables, which were donated by Morrison's and given away at the end of the evening.

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GREG BEARCE SIGNS ON AS VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS

IN FEBRUARY, THE EPISCOPAL HOME COMMUNITIES welcomed Gregory D. Bearce as its new Vice President and Chief Operating Officer (COO). Bearce, who has worked in the field of senior living and services for more than 27 years, joined The Episcopal Home Communities after serving as executive vice president and chief operating officer of a prominent continuing care organization in Southern California.

"Greg brings such a wealth of leadership and operational experience to the organization that we feel extremely fortunate to have him on our team," says President and CEO Martha Tamburrano. "We have three exceptional executive directors leading our communities, and they have responded so positively to Greg's mentorship. He has high expectations and challenges everyone who works with him to reach higher to provide our residents the very best of service and to operate our campuses as outstanding senior living communities."

In his role as Vice President of Operations, Greg is responsible for all of the corporation's operations, including operational budgeting for the three communities, risk management, oversight of the skilled nursing facilities, and marketing. As a key member of the senior management team, Greg is at the table when all significant decisions are made for the organization.

"It is very exciting for me to join a growth-oriented organization," says Greg. "Not only are we in the midst



of creating an entirely new retirement community, MonteCedro, but each of our three existing communities is at a different stage in its development with unique needs and opportunities. I feel very privileged to be working for The Episcopal Home Communities at this point in their development."

Greg's interest in retirement communities evolved out of his early career as a pastor. Drawn toward business management, but committed to staying connected to people, he returned to school, first studying health care administration. He then went on to earn a master's degree in gerontology from the University of Southern California and, subsequently, an executive M.B.A. His distinguished standing in the field has led to Greg's current positions as Chair of the Awards and Nominations Committee of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, Chair of Aging Services of California's Group Services Board, and a member of Aging Services' Public Policy Committee.

Greg and his wife Yvette are the parents of four children and grandparents of two.

THE COVINGTON EMBARKS ON NEW GARDENS

A MAJOR LANDSCAPING PROJECT at The Covington has been spearheaded and funded by its residents. The original plantings are being replaced with a Mediterranean landscape. According to Judy Banning, Chairman of the Landscape Committee, the new gardens "adopt the drought-tolerant plants that are native to the five spots in the world that have winter rains followed by dry, hot spells in the summer, including Southern California."

The third phase of the five-phase landscape project is underway, funded entirely by residents, who have raised almost \$60,000 to underwrite the plans.



Resident Betsy Schulman is pleased that her patio overlooks the new landscaping.



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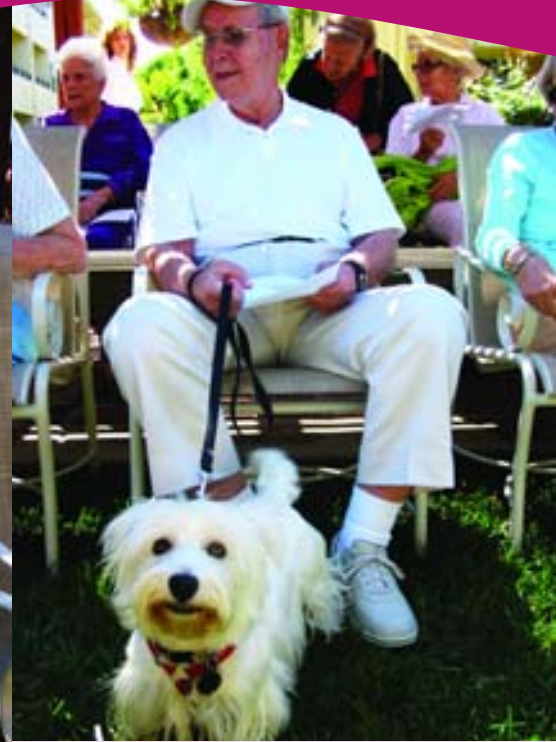
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THE REV. SARAH NICHOLS OFFICIATES AT THE CANTERBURY

The Episcopal Home Communities' Director of Pastoral Care, The Reverend Sarah Nichols, held a lively Blessing of the Animals at The Canterbury in September. The ceremony was held outdoors and attended by approximately 30 residents, staff and pets, all of whom joined in the hymn "All Creatures of our God and King." The tradition is in honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis. Sarah blessed half a dozen dogs, a snail, a stuffed animal, two cockatiels and numerous photographs.



Jane Hall with her snail, Love.



Lawrence Mickelson with his West Highland Terrier, Tina.



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