



Wide Horizon 2013 Annual Meeting Issue

The theme of the annual meeting was “**One Grand Brotherhood**” (S&H p. 518).

All of the nearly 140 attendees at the meeting appreciated and enjoyed Colonel Janet Y. Horton’s (US Army Chaplain, Ret.) keynote address titled “**One Grand Brotherhood**” (S&H p. 240). We’re so grateful to Col. Horton,

who speaks freely and inspirationally from notes, for sharing her experiences and accounts of healing at the meeting. We’re also thankful that she has allowed Wide Horizon to publish and share an expanded (though somewhat different) version of her talk with you as a gift to our community. (The actual audio recording will be available to

listen to at Wide Horizon and on our website).

From an Attendee –

“Thank you so much for...such an interesting talk by Janet Horton. It was brilliant of you all to ask her to speak to us!”

Healing Happens! — Susan T. Wood, Director of Christian Science Nursing

Hello everyone! My thanks to each of you for being here on this beautiful day to share our gratitude for and our conviction of God’s loving care for all His creation. It is God’s love, after all, that enables us to embrace our Christian Science community with practical expressions of care. It is God’s love also that enables us to embrace our wider community and our world. And it is so important that we do this!

2013 has been “big with blessings” here at Wide Horizon. We have really settled in to the newly expanded areas of the building. Last year it felt like we had the new part of the building and the familiar part. Now it all feels like home! In addition, we’re grateful to have added several new Christian Science nurses to our staff this year. Each of them is a blessing! But more than any other aspect, we are grateful to have witnessed healing and progress going on here every day!

Healing is always going on. We may not always see it. Sometimes it is like the leaven Christ Jesus spoke

about—operating busily under the surface—unseen, but also unstoppable. A few of the healings we have been privileged to witness this year are: One woman came to Wide Horizon from a small town in another state. A lot of people in her community were aware of her challenge—including a social worker who had helped her make arrangements to get to Wide Horizon. Her legs were heavily bandaged and she couldn’t stand up. Her first few days at Wide Horizon were pretty challenging, but she quickly began making progress and returned home in 3 weeks—without the bandages, walking and praising God. She was eager for her friends see her progress. Another guest was having a problem with back pain. She was literally flat on her back for the first several days she spent with us—not even sitting up to eat. In 10 days she was well and returned to her home, ready to care for herself once again. With another individual, we witnessed beliefs of confusion and memory problems substantially lifted so that she returned to her hometown and to a

setting where only a minimal amount of supervision and assistance was required. Another person was healed of extreme pain in the back and legs, resulting in her ability to walk again. And yet another was healed of severe congestion and not eating. These are some of the more notable healings, yet there are many more. Healing happens here!

It seems like a good time to go over the services Wide Horizon provides. No challenge is too severe or too minor to be cared for through Christian Science treatment. Likewise, no challenge is too severe or too minor to be cared for through Christian Science Nursing. At Wide Horizon we are prepared to meet all types of care needs—from what appear to be more serious to those where the individual is fairly independent and just needs a little support during the day. This service takes place in the building we are in right now—the North Building. Wide Horizon doesn’t have a dedicated visiting Christian Science nurse service at this time, but if it is best to meet

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someone's need in their home, we can often help make arrangements for a nurse come to them. Another option for a need that can be taken care of fairly quickly is to come to the facility for "outpatient" care. This may be the answer for someone who can be driven to the facility to have a wound bandaged, receive a shower and shampoo, or something of that nature. We also provide Christian Science nursing consultation via the telephone or email that can be implemented fairly easily at home.

Horizon House, across the parking lot, is still a relatively underutilized sanctuary. We have accommodations there for those who want to come for a day or a few days of Rest and Study for

Spiritual Renewal, and for those who want to stay on in Supervised Independent Living and be part of our community. Either way, meals, housekeeping and all the essentials are provided. I know how busy everyone is nowadays. We spend our days hurrying from one thing to the next without really taking time for what is the most important—nurturing our spiritual sense. Who of us couldn't use a little spiritual renewal from time to time? Or have an opportunity to have some peaceful time away from the distractions and demands of daily life? Making the effort to get up and out of the regular routine and the same old way of thinking about things could be just the boost needed to solve some of the issues that try to press in on us or to

experience a complete healing. So if you know someone who is independent, but likes the idea of being part of a Christian Science community where he or she doesn't have to worry about cooking or cleaning or home maintenance, we invite them to visit us and try out our "Supervised Independent Living" in Horizon House to see if it is a good fit.

Wide Horizon is here for you—because people like you have given of your time and resources to support it. We hope you will think of Wide Horizon if a need arises. Give us a call and see how we can help. And thanks again for your loving support of your Christian Science community, and our larger community as well. Healing happens!

Support Wide Horizon's activity of Christian Science Nursing!

Wide Horizon is the only Christian Science nursing organization within nearly 900 miles of the Denver-metro area. This invaluable institution was founded in 1946 and opened its doors to care for fellow Christian Scientists in January, 1951, and remarkably Wide Horizon has never incurred any debt during these years. As you may know, all Christian Science nursing facilities such as Wide Horizon rely on the generosity of folks who truly value and consistently financially support the activity of Christian Science nursing. Annual contributions to Wide Horizon help offset the cost of providing the many non-medical, even Christlike services it provides. In contrast, during this period of more than 60 years, many hospitals (some enormous campuses such as the one up the street from Wide Horizon) have been built throughout Colorado and particularly in the Denver-metro area. In addition, during these years, the medical and pharmaceutical industries have a much

greater presence and erroneous influence on the public, as well as many students of Christian Science, who generally may not have a realistic idea of the costs of care in hospitals.

Although Wide Horizon primarily serves guests from the Rocky Mountain States region (7 states), during the past 10 years we have served guests from more than 20 states. And during 2012-2013, Wide Horizon has received contributions from Christian Science associations and branch churches, individual donors, and foundations in 28 other states than Colorado. In addition, Wide Horizon received contributions from individuals and branch churches in 46 cities in Colorado. Yet it's interesting that 3/4 of the support for 2012-13 comes from only 15 donors, and the remaining support comes from only about 275 individuals and churches from the seven-state area served. We're grateful for this wonderful core support but ask: "How do we broaden it?"

Three Reasons to Support Wide Horizon

- 1** Help to provide a healing environment for those who practice Christian Science as Mary Baker Eddy expected of her followers.
- 2** Help to provide benevolence for those guests who cannot afford the whole cost of their Christian Science nursing care.
- 3** Help to ensure the availability of Christian Science nursing now and in the future.

<http://www.widehorizon.org/supporting-wide-horizon/donate-now/>

Board Report

Wide Horizon's mission is to provide the best possible care and atmosphere for those relying on Christian Science for healing and spiritual progress. All of us expect healing for our guests.

The Board would like to express our gratitude for those that support this mission: for the members and donors who generously give financial and prayerful support; for the volunteers who unselfishly devote their time and love; and for our dedicated and wonderful Christian Science nursing staff. In addition to the Christian Science nurses, we are also grateful for all those that work so ably and

selflessly at Wide Horizon.

Among several events and activities of this past year, Wide Horizon hosted a Christmas sing and in the summer an open house to celebrate the first anniversary of the completion of the Building Project.

In closing, the Board would like to thank you again for your attendance and support. Your metaphysical, financial and volunteer support is essential to the growth and progress of Christian Science nursing in the Rocky Mountain Region. In Miscellany, Mrs. Eddy wrote, "Rest assured that He in whom dwelleth all life, health and holiness will supply all your needs

according to His riches in glory" (186). And "May the grace and love of God be and abide with you all" (187).

Proposed Bylaw Change –

After a lengthy discussion, the proposed bylaw change did not pass with a vote of hands by members in attendance. The *ex officio* board member status was therefore not implemented, which created an opening on the Board. The Board will proceed with six members satisfactorily during the next year. The opening will be filled by ballot election of the membership in 2014.

Treasurer's Report

Apostle Paul tells us:

God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. (II Corinthians 9:8, 11)

Wide Horizon is grateful for the bounty of this past year.

The Church Manual outlines three numbers to be reported annually for The Mother Church (Art. XXIV). We give you five for Wide Horizon.

1. The amount of funds Wide Horizon has on hand at yearend is \$3,000,000. Most of this is invested and is a backup reserve for Wide Horizon.
2. There is no indebtedness.
3. The expenditures for the year totaled \$2,000,000.
4. Included in that number is benevolence expenditures of about \$200,000.
5. The Board set a contribution goal of \$500,000 for this past year. We called it "A Wide Appeal." I am delighted to report we came very close to our goal, receiving \$460,000 in cash by yearend.

One additional item of information, your contributions are still needed. Wide Horizon needs to raise approximately \$500,000 each year to meet expenditures, including our benevolence expenses. We have been developing relationships with various foundations and organizations, and are grateful to receive monies from them. However, the contributions from the field and all of you are vital to meet our annual goal.

Many thanks to all of our supporters who give so generously to Wide Horizon!

Health Care! *Do you have an Advanced Healthcare Directive or Health Care Proxy?*

It's a good idea to choose someone you trust to be your health care power of attorney. This individual will have the legal authority to make health care decisions on your behalf per your wishes or directive, if necessary. You can find an Advanced Healthcare Directive and other helpful documents on our website.

On our website there are helpful documents and information:

<http://www.widehorizon.org/documents/>

And here's a helpful link to the Benevolent Association's "Health Care" page:

<http://www.chbenevolent.org/health-care>

Notes...

From Temporary Staff –

I have visited and worked at a lot of Christian Science nursing facilities during my many years as a Christian Science nurse, and Wide Horizon's nursing staff is so consistently happy, lovingly supportive, and sincerely thoughtful. The nurses at Wide Horizon really nurture you—they nurse one another!

– R. L., JLCNS

From Staff Member –

I would like to thank everybody who helps out at Wide Horizon to do God's will, loving and helping to care for God's children, as we all are. I feel we work here on this foundation: "It is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose." (Philippians 2) And I'm inspired by: "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us~ what ever we ask~ we know that we have what we ask of him." (I John 5) For years I have prayed for peace in my life, and every time I would drive by Wide Horizon I would feel that peace, but not understand. Now I know the love and peace I have been seeking. I can truly feel God's presence here, and I have to say thanks be to God for all He has done for me and all of us.

– J. B., Co-Maintenance Manager

From a Guest – I so appreciate all the beauty I see at Wide Horizon and the joy the staff expresses. The loving staff help make Wide Horizon feel like one harmonious home.

Volunteer! – There are always opportunities!

Contact Jan Dillingham, Volunteer Coordinator and Activities Director, 303-424-4445, ext. 3028.

<http://www.widehorizon.org/supporting-wide-horizon/volunteer-opportunities/>

We love Foundations! – We are very grateful to these foundations that have generously supported Christian Science nursing: Isabel Foundation, MI; Christian Science Society, Solvang, CA; Zarephath Foundation, Monterey, CA; FAN Foundation, CO; REO Foundation, CO; M. Jeanne Place Foundation, NY; Clearway Foundation, CA.

Matching Grant – The Clearway Foundation has offered a matching grant of \$10,000 that will be used towards benevolence. Help us make the match by earmarking your donation "Clearway Foundation Matching Grant." Any matching contribution should be in addition to a normal contribution. In order to receive this gift, Wide Horizon must complete this match by the end of 2013!

Rest & Study! – Rooms in Horizon House always available for spiritual renewal!

Contact Robin Wright, 303-424-4445, ext. 3030.

<http://www.widehorizon.org/closer-look/visual-tour-of-wide-horizon/>

Dahlia Garden! – We are so grateful to Dave Sommer and Connie Sebald for their continuing gift of a beautiful garden of dahlia flowers. Guests and staff appreciate the daily expression of beauty and hues of color!

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- "Like" us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/WideHorizonInc
- Provide email at "Contact Us":

<http://www.widehorizon.org/contact/>

Open House –

The summer event was a BIG success!
Musician Tim Hanauer performed his
original compositions.
www.timhanauer.com





Beautiful Gift

A generous donor from Estes Park gave a special gift of new custom crafted exterior signs made by Signs Of Life (www.signsoflife.net).

Donations can be made online: via our website at www.widehorizon.org, where you can also learn about Wide Horizon and its Christian Science nursing activity.
Thank you!



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