



# Church Family

# News

May-June 2009

Membership 786

## Bits and Pieces

- We received a note from former pastor **Bob Larsen** telling us that wife **Betty** took a bad fall and broke both of her wrists. She is in a rehab hospital, for how long he doesn't know. He says, "Otherwise all is peachy." Please remember them in your prayers. They recently moved from Loma Linda, so you can write or send cards to them at 2405 Cliffside Ln NW Apt F202 Gig Harbor WA 98335.

- If you were watching TV on April 3, you may have seen another segment on California Country by Tracy Cumfreys. It featured **Dr. Rice** explaining the many different varieties of cherries he grows. That was followed by a chef demonstrating a cherry chutney, cherry pie, and a little speech about how cherries are helpful in fighting diabetes and cancer.

- What a spiritual high the Placerville Church experienced on April 18. As you know, Evangelist **Jim Rienking** held an evangelistic series here for six weeks. On the final Thursday night two were baptized, **Jimmy and Deneise Irby**. Then at the following Sabbath morning church service our pastors, Roy and Ron, baptized 16 people, and one was added by profession of faith. The atmosphere was one of joy and gladness and the Holy Spirit could be felt. (I hope in heaven we'll have such joy!) As Roy would say, God is good – all the time! Those baptized Sabbath morning were: **Jean Bailey, Ariel Barrantes, William Barrantes, Howard Fairbairn, Alex Friedberg, Mike Guarascio, Wendy**

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## "We Are Going to Go For It!"

In everyone's life there will come at least one major crossroad and the choice that is made at that crossroad will dramatically affect the rest of that person's life. For example: A choice of occupation? Who we will marry? Where we will live?

A church can also make a critical-juncture decision that will affect it for the rest of that church's life. We are at a crucial point in the history of our church. I am talking about the construction of our proposed multi-purpose building. We have talked about this building for years, have had plans drawn up for it and even have done fund-raising. Now, I strongly feel, it is time to move ahead and make it happen!

Jesus described His church as something that is so expansive that not even the forces of evil could contain it. (Matthew 16:18) Maybe the forces of evil cannot keep Christ's church contained, but the decisions of human beings can. By our decisions or lack of them we humans have the power to actually limit what God can do. If we are going to be faithful stewards, we cannot play it safe and bury our opportunities in the ground but rather take a risk and try to double, to expand what we've been given by God! (Matthew 25:14-30)

From a human or worldly point of view, I can think of a number of reasons why we should not be attempting a major building project: The economy is dreadful. Trying to get any building project done in El Dorado County is almost impossible. We have less than one-fourth of the funds we will need to complete this project. But if we choose to operate from a Godly perspective we will utilize possibility thinking. "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." (Matthew 19:26 NIV)

It is time for us as a church to give more than lip service to the big God of the Bible. Nehemiah tells the story of how Jerusalem's protective wall had laid in ruins for many years after the Babylonia nation had defeated them. Recovery seemed like an impossibility. But as Nehemiah, stepped forward as a leader and relying on God's power, he rallied and organized the people of God. With everyone believing in God's vision working together the project was completed in just 52 days!

So, as a leader, I am saying, "We are going to go for it! Let's step out in faith and all work together to make this happen!" It means that we are taking the Gospel Commission seriously to win people to the Kingdom and build them up in our church. It means that we will be providing more effective outreach to our community. It means that we are going to try to fulfill the words of Jesus. "This is to my Father's glory that you bear much fruit." (John 15:5)

This is going to take us all pulling on the same end of the rope. It will take a spirit of commitment and sacrifice. I encourage your prayers, your enthusiastic emotional and financial support. Let's work together to complete this project and to provide a bright future for generations to come and God's work here in Placerville!

—Ron Mellor



## Let's Get Acquainted

*This issue will be devoted mainly to getting acquainted with new members recently baptized. We can't get them all in this issue. More will follow.*

### Blanche Kawahara

Blanche Kawahara is one of the special people who attended the evangelistic series and took her stand for Christ.

She was born in Midwest, Wyoming in a small cluster of homes around an oil field. (That's near Casper.) She attended Natrona County High School and in college took accounting and drafting, which stood her in good in the work world. Out of school she worked with blueprints, her final employment being with Lockheed. There she worked from blueprints as an artist where she drafted proposals for government contracts.

She met her husband, Robert Kawahara at a dance. Through the years she has been a Brownie leader, a Girl Scout leader, and taught art. And you should see her paintings! Wow!

This artistic lady has received awards for her art work. She does oil paintings, pastels, and makes jewelry, doing her own lapidary work.

Blanche has three children; John was a talented musician, now living in a nursing home. Karen who lives in Casper, Wyoming, and Linda who lives in Gillette, Wyoming.

She had little religion growing up, but when she received a flyer in the mail, she shared it with her neighbor, Kay Johnson, and they decided to attend the meetings.

Besides art, her hobbies are gardening and crossword puzzles.

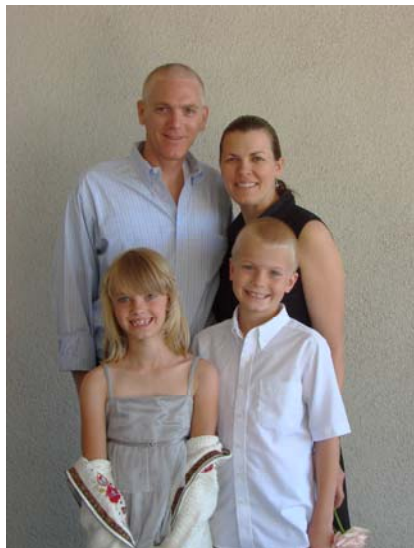
You'll love this seemingly quiet lovely lady. Let's all help her get acquainted. Welcome to the Placerville Church, Blanche.



### Brian & Wendy Creel

*Wendy & Brian Creel were baptized in April, but we ran into scheduling problems. We finally caught up with them.*

Wendy was born in Anoka, MN and graduated from Shakopee High School. She took a few college courses but nothing clicked, so she decided to join the Army. There she distinguished herself by making the top grade in her Basic Leadership class. But she says her most



satisfying accomplishment while in the Army was meeting her future husband, Brian Creel.

She loves children and looked forward to having her own, but it seemed that it was not to be. They bought a house and were just getting settled in when she began to have severe allergies. When she went to the doctor for relief, he shocked her by telling her she was seven weeks pregnant! You can believe that they were one happy couple. She put aside her working career for seven years to be a wife and full-time mother. She had worked for Sprint for a number of years, but she believed her family came first.

As her children approached school age, they began to check out schools. One of her friends recommended EAS. Now their two children attend there. Seth is in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and Rachael in 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Wendy's former religion was Jehovah Witness, but when Seth wanted to come to the Adventist Church to be with his friends, Mom and Dad came too and joined Roy's Foundations class.

Wendy did her first sewing at the age of five, making a little pillow. She is an outstanding seamstress, but she says her family is her real hobby.

Now she is putting out feelers to find a job. She is gifted at math and remembers dates and numbers to a surprising degree. She is experienced in accounts payable, having worked for Sprint seven years. Wendy is a real compassionate woman and has a burden to help the homeless.

Brian was born and raised in Paso Robles and graduated from the High School there. He took some business courses at Central Texas High before going into the Army. There he went into aviation but didn't like flying, so he changed to another department; Nuclear Biological and Chemical Defense, and taught his unit how to defend themselves in case of attack; their body and their equipment.

Out of his six-year stint with the Army he has gone into real estate, working for GMAC. Both his parents were in real estate, so he's a natural.

He loves working with kids and coaches youth basketball. He loves the country and feels a warm fellowship there.

Welcome to the Adventist Church Brian and Wendy. You'll enjoy meeting this lovely family. —MT

### Susan Marie Wood

You may not have seen Susan Wood recently. She became ill after her baptism and was out of circulation for quite awhile. But let me tell you, she is an accomplished young lady and is well worth getting acquainted with.

She was born in Monterey, and grew up in Los Altos near San Jose. She graduated from Awalt High in Mountain View.

In college she majored in Fine



Arts, which included studio, sculpting, drawing, oil painting, ink drawing, murals and graphic arts. She graduated from UC Santa Cruz and has been working on her Masters degree. Her hobbies are piano, art, crocheting, camping and traveling. Her travels have taken her to Japan, France, Italy, Switzerland, Hawaii and Hong Kong.

She was involved in an accident in '91 when another car rear-ended hers and she suffered a herniated disc and now has migraine headaches.

As to religion, her father was a Methodist and her Japanese mother a Buddhist. She says her grandfather was a strong influence in her life—a good role model and a lay preacher. Her father fought in the Vietnam War and is an MIA. They never did find out what became of him.

Susan has a 13 year old daughter, Sofia. When they moved to Placerville her daughter didn't want to leave her friends, so Susan allowed her to stay with her mother in San Francisco to finish school. She misses her daughter terribly, but thinks it was the best decision at the time.

We can help make up for her pain by being a caring, loving church family. Be sure to get acquainted with her. Welcome to Placerville Church, Susan Wood. —MT

### Lois and Jim Hasemeier

We'd like to introduce to you Lois and Jim Hasemeier, a delightful, outgoing couple we've come to appreciate. When Jim realized Lois wanted to attend the meetings, he volunteered to go with her, even though she said he didn't need to. They never missed a meeting!



Lois announced her arrival into this world in Madera CA, but lived in Los Banos till she was 12 years old. That's when her parents moved to San Jose.

Her life must have been a whirl. She played clarinet in the band, joined Future Homemakers of America, and the Girl's Athletic Association, played tennis and softball, and was active in the Drama Club.

She received a scholarship in Cosmetology, so that was her next venture. She passed her State Board exam, but ended up as a waitress at the Chief Petty Officers' Club. It was there that she met a handsome young man with an engaging personality. He could see only her eyes behind the high counter, but he decided to get acquainted with this girl with the dancing brown eyes. They began dating in January and were married in April. Her hobbies are reading, RVing, photography and gardening.

About Jim, he was born in Richmond, Indiana and after moving to California, graduated from Bret Hart High School in Angels Camp. Although he sampled a few colleges, he eventually found his niche at the Fire Science Academy of American River College. He spent 37 years as a firefighter

with the California Department of Forestry, a job well suited for an outdoorsman. He retired in '94.

His hobbies are fishing, hunting, golfing, bowling and going camping in their motor home. In retirement he is a relief lookout for the US Forest Service, serving at Bald Mountain and Big Hill Lookouts.

Be sure to get acquainted with them—you'll like them. Welcome to the Placerville Church, Jim and Lois. MT

### Jimmy and Deneise Irby

We'd like to have our church congregation meet Jimmy and Deneise Irby, two of our newest members. They were baptized on Thursday night of the last week of the evangelistic series.

Jimmy and Deneise have lived in El Dorado since 2000. They met when Jimmy came as a sophomore to the high school in Dinuba, California., where Deneise was a junior. Their romance blossomed early and they married as soon as Deneise graduated from high school. Jimmy still teases Deneise by saying that he married an older woman! She's three months older than he is!

Although neither of them had any church affiliation as children, they desired that their marriage have God's blessing. A friend suggested a Southern Baptist pastor who would be happy to marry them. When contacted he had only one requirement; that they take counseling from him before the wedding. At one session he asked if they would be willing to pray the sinner's prayer. They agreed, and thus began their married life with God in their life, attending church each Sunday.

Two years after that special day a daughter, Delana, was born. Deneise had always wanted children and they were both delighted with their precious daughter. Since Delana was the only child they were able to have, Deneise satisfied her love for children by developing a childcare business, *Agape Pre-school and Day Care*, which she operated for 25 years. Childcare seemed to fill a special need for Deneise. She found that it could be a special ministry for God, too. Meanwhile, Jimmy found his place of work at *Save Mart* supermarket where he worked his way into a management position, staying for 21 years.

In 2000 Jimmy and Deneise moved to El Dorado, where Jimmy has fulfilled a childhood dream of being a carpenter by starting his own business, *Irby Home Improvements*. When asked how his business was doing, he answered that it had been slow, but since coming to the meetings and taking new steps in his relationship with God, God has been blessing his business. He's having a hard time keeping up!

Deneise added to Jimmy's comment, saying that after they moved to El Dorado they became so busy that they neglected to find a church home or to spend the time in Bible



study as they had done when they were involved in a church. Although Deneise said she still prayed daily, things just didn't seem to go right, bills piled up, tempers flared. Their marriage became rather rocky. The devil was taking advantage of their neglect. It was time for a change and God had a new plan for their life. Deneise adds this word of caution for readers, "Don't let the devil find a foothold in your life. Keep active in your church, in daily prayer and Bible study. We all need the fellowship of brothers and sisters in Christ."

After their move to El Dorado, Deneise continued for a while with her childcare business, but the birth of a grandson, Robbie, changed her business plans. The Irby's daughter, Delana, and husband Adam Dodds live in Diamond Springs, and, of course, Deneise wanted to be the one to care for this precious newborn. Her health would not allow her to keep up with caring for other children along with Robbie, so she took some part-time work with *Curves* women's fitness center in Cameron Park. Robbie is now eight years old and in school, and is still the delight of his grandparents.

It so happened that Deneise met Carleen Leise at the fitness center. Last year Carleen invited Deneise to attend water color classes with her at the Placerville Church. Through that relationship Carleen gave her a brochure for the meetings. Both Jimmy and Deneise were intrigued by the topics, attended every meeting, and finished the Life Discovery Bible Course lessons quickly.

I have found both Jimmy and Deneise to be a delightful couple; friendly, sincere, and in love with God. They will be a great blessing to our church. Please welcome them with open arms and hearts. —By Carrol Shewmake.

## Jettie Wheeler

If Jettie Wheeler is in the room, you'll notice her right away with her red hair, beautiful blue eyes, and ready smile.

She began life in Los Angeles, grew up in Granada Hills and graduated from Granada Hills High School. After her junior year she decided she had enough school. But she was not reckoning with her mother's strong will. "All right," Mom said, "but you're going to work every day you're not in school! (Smart lady!) And work she did. She got a job at Charlston's Dress Shop, besides doing the daily household chores. There was no dating or fun events with friends. You guessed it. She went back to school with a "B" average. By this time she had decided that she wanted to be a Kindergarten teacher.

When she was nine years old, a cute boy named Gary moved in across the street. They played together through the years, and by the time she had finished her second year at Hadon Junior College, she and Gary got married—so ended her plans to be a teacher.



Although she and Gary had no children, she reared two children named Seth and Michaela, whose ages were 3 and 1½ at the time. It seems that the children's mother abandoned them and their father, a platonic friend, was at a loss to know what to do. That's when kind-hearted Jettie stepped in and raised them as though they were her own for nine years.

Instead of becoming a teacher, she had a happy career in food and beverage, public relations, a purchasing agent and a tattooist. They moved to Pittsburg, Texas near Dallas where she took a job, helping a friend open a Steak & Seafood Diner House, 1980-1989.

In high school she played basketball, archery, and target shooting. Her reason for living is to make other people happy, but her hobbies are quilting, crafts, painting rocks, metal sculpturing, gardening, greeting cards, flyers, computers, beading and sewing. Her two most interesting awards were for having the ugliest dog, Miss Emma, and for the dog with the longest tail—17 inches!

She has won many awards and ribbons at the county fair in rock painting, metal art (she made a metal dog and called it Miss Emma), and a quilt that she designed called Fried Eggs. She belongs to a quilting guild and a sewing group.

Although their marriage grew apart, Gary lives in Southern California, and they are still good friends. Being family oriented she decided to move to Placerville in 2000.

Her mom and dad have lived in Pollock Pines for the last 30 years. Her sister Jennifer lives in Swansboro.. Last June, she had serious back surgery and has two steel rods and 16 screws in her back and is on leave from Marshall Hospital where she was working. She is unable to return to work .

As to religion, she says she has always been a believer and has attended several different churches for years. But when she received a flyer in the mail for "The Life Discoveries Series," she decided to attend, and never missed a meeting. She was baptized April 18 at the end of the series, along with many others.

You'll like this outgoing, very gifted redhead! Be sure to step up and introduce yourself. The Placerville Church welcomes you, Jettie! —MT

## Cindy Starr

Cindy Starr is not a new face in the Placerville Church. She is the wife of church member Royce Starr. She may seem quiet till you get to know her, but there is a lot more to this lady than meets the eye.

Born at Imperial Beach Naval Hospital (her father was in the Navy) she has lived in the Bay Area, Lake Tahoe, and moved to Placerville with her parents in 1967. She graduated from El Dorado High.

Before she was old enough to get a job, she went around the neighborhood offering to do



yard work and kept herself in spending money. When she turned 16 she got herself a job at the El Dorado Convalescent Hospital as an aide. Since then she has worked as bookkeeper for constructions companies and at computer jobs. She said she was crazy about computers and jumped on the band wagon at an early age.

Her employer since 1989, El Dorado Irrigation District, soon recognized they had a real can-do person and have sent her to a number of training seminars to learn the latest technology.

Cindy's hobbies are camping, fishing, sewing, gardening and geo-caching, a high-tech treasure-hunting game using a GPS. Her most recent accomplishment was earning her AS Degree in Geographic Information Systems.

As to religion, she was Lutheran until she was baptized into our church April 18 at the close of Jim Reinking's series.

Cindy has three daughters. Her married daughter is Amber, who has two children. Her other daughters who you see in church week to week are Crystal and Katelyn. They have attended EAS since Kindergarten. Cindy is one of those super moms who has enriched her girls lives with some very nice extras.

Even before she was baptized, Cindy made two mission trips with the EAS students.

If you haven't met Cindy, let's help her get acquainted. Welcome to the Adventist Church, Cindy. —MT

## Kay Johnson

Kay Johnson is a friendly sweet lady who has been places and done things. She was born in Idaho Falls, but moved to Placerville with her family when she was in Kindergarten.

When her neighbor invited her to go with her to Ireland, she readily accepted and what an experience that was! She lived with an Irish family for six weeks in their small humble home. It had one light bulb, and a big fireplace where they did the cooking. There was no indoor plumbing, or even an out-house! They washed their clothes in a stream and hung them on bushes to dry. While there she attended an Irish Wake. The guests arrived on donkeys and bicycles. Refreshments were tea and bread.

Other places she has visited are England, Spain, Morocco, Mexico, and all the Hawaiian Islands. In fact she visits her niece and her family on Kona every year. Every year she does something for her birthday. For her last birthday she flew over Sacramento in the *Liberty Bell*, a B-17 Flying Fortress bomber from World War II.

During the war she moved with her family to El Cerrito and at age 13 took a part time job as an usherette. One of the exciting duties of her job was to escort the stars onto the stage and she met a great many stars. (I had to twist her arm to get her to name them. She didn't want to brag!) To name a few



she can remember were Bob Hope, Charles Laughton, Charlton Heston, and Debra Kerr.

Summers found her working at a department store during the day and the theater at night. (What energy those teenagers have!)

After graduation she took a night job with Pacific Bell as an operator on calls from ship-to-shore long distance, etc. and answering teletype. She worked her way up the ladder to working days as Assistant Traffic Operations Manager. But her favorite position was working for AT&T. There she was something of a detective, tracking fraudulent billing, covering the Pacific Basin and Northern Europe.

Her hobbies are gardening, reading, and attending musical and stage plays. She has a dog named Snoopy and fish in her fishpond. She used to do painting and ceramics. (I told you she had been places and done things!)

Welcome to the Placerville Church, Kay Johnson! —MT

## Wendy Haas

Wendy Haas is another person who attended the evangelistic series. Her intent was to drive her mother-in-law, Evelyn Marks to the meetings. But being polite, she sat and listened too. Anyhow she was looking for a church closer to home. And she found it!

Wendy was born in Lansing, Michigan and grew up "all over." Her dad's job required a lot of travel and consequently frequent moving.

She graduated from high school in Fairfax, Virginia and took X-Ray tech training at St. Lawrence, Michigan. But that was only the beginning. She cross-trained in Sterile Scrubs, Cardiac Cath Lab, Interventional Radiology, and now works at UC Davis as a Special Procedures Tech.

Her daughter had medical problems so she and her husband moved to Arizona, but he left her when the baby was only a month old. Wendy then moved to Southern California and lived with her mom and dad, who babysat little Dena till she was 12 years old.

Wendy had promised Dena she could have a horse when she turned 13, so when the time came she sold her house, quit her job, and moved onto a 5 acre ranch on Green Valley Road which has plenty of room for horses. Daughter Dena was quite active in the world of horses and was 5<sup>th</sup> runner-up in Miss Rodeo America and in 1993 was Miss California.

About this time Wendy met Tom, Evelyn Mark's son, who had been sent by the Green Valley Church to help her. They became members of the Lakeside Church in Folsom, and she taught two and three year-olds. She loved it. But the marriage fell apart.

Dena grew up, got married, and has made Wendy a Grandma! She lives nearby in Garden Valley—a nice arrangement for Grandma Wendy. Wendy has boundless energy and loves to do many things, including writing.

As to her background in religion, she was baptized Lutheran when she was a baby but later attended the Baptist Church. She loves the Lord with all her heart. What a jewel! Welcome to our church family, Wendy! —MT



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**Haas, Lois Hasemeier, Kay Johnson, Blanche Kawahara, Lowell Plubell, Marty Price, Cindy Starr, Jettie Wheeler, Susan Wood, and John Woods. Joining by profession of faith was John's wife, Wilma Woods.** A couple of weeks later, our pastors baptized **John Lowe. Katherine Florence** was accepted into membership (she was baptized during the mission trip to Chile). If you're counting, that's 20! Some who attended regularly are still undecided. Let's continue to pray for them.

• A total of 21 people graduated from the Discovery Bible Course, including **Jean Bailey, Brian & Wendy Creel, Howard Fairbairn, Alex Friedberg, Michael Guarascio, Wendy Haas, Lois Hasemeier, Jimmy & Deneise Irby, Lowell Plubell, Jettie Wheeler, Susan Wood, John and Wilma Woods, Adam DeVargas, Kristi Beck.**

• **Millie Thorman** informs us that baptisms have just gotten more special and personal. **Pastor Ron** mentioned that at his previous church they used hankies instead of the usual washcloth to cover the face when someone is baptized. Then that person's initials were embroidered on that hankie, it was laundered and presented to the person who was baptized. That was such a wonderful idea that we began this new tradition at the Placerville church when we celebrated the baptisms of all those baptized following Jim Reinking's series of meetings. When you saw Pastor Ron throwing something during the baptisms it was those hankies, making sure it went down the stairs with the person who had been baptized. At the bottom of the stairs **Leona Neuman** bagged and labeled each one so when they were embroidered, each candidate got their very own handkerchief.

## Births

• **Jimmy and Lindsey Painter** are the proud parents of a baby girl born April 2 at 6:15 a.m., weighing in at 6 lbs. 15 oz. They have named her **Emery Kiana Painter**. Congratulations, Jimmy and Lindsay, and grandparents, Denice and Greg Abston!



Jake Stewart & Parents

• Congratulations to **Bo and Tracie Stewart** on the birth of **Jake Philip Stewart**. Jake arrived at 7:32pm, May 30, 2009, weighing 6 lbs. 5 oz., measuring 20



Joshua Overton

inches. Mother and son are doing great!!! No word on Bo's condition, but looking at the picture, he's doing okay too!

• **Joshua Kristian Overton** was born May 17, at 4:26 pm, weighing in at 8 lb. 2 oz, and 21 inches long. At last word, they are all doing well too! Congratulations, **Tami and Calvin!**

## Sick Call

• **Leona Neuman** and daughter **Jan Neuman** were in an auto accident. It could have been serious, but they are thankful that they were not killed. Jan suffered multiple bruises on her arms and Leona suffered bruises to her ribs, injuries from the air bags. Thanks to God for our guardian angels!

• When **Laura Cordis** discovered a lump in her breast last December, she decided to wait a month to see if it would disappear, but it didn't. Then she went to the doctor, who said it needed checking, and had an ultrasound done, but the results were inconclusive. Next, the surgeon did a fine needle biopsy, but that too was inconclusive. But when they did a biopsy with an eight gage needle, the results were positive. Also the MRI showed that the lump was bigger than expected. On April 3 the lumpectomy produced a 3.5 mm lump, and it was found to be invasive. On May 11, a second surgery was performed to remove the lymph nodes, but they were negative. The second surgery has been hard on her body and she has limited range of motion, so she's doing physical therapy at home. A catheter is being installed in her chest in preparation for chemotherapy. After that she will undergo radiation for five days a week for 6 to 8 weeks. To add insult to injury, allergy tests showed an inflamed lining of the stomach. Although this is personal, Laura wants her friends to know what's going on so they can pray for her. She needs and asks for our prayers, not only for the cancer to be cured, but that all the treatment she must undergo won't rob her of her fertility. She and Aaron would like to have a baby some day.

Although they have insurance, the co-payments are putting a real strain on their budget. She has horses she hopes to sell, and also wants to sell her 2003 Toyota mini van. Let's all join in prayer for Laura and Aaron. We know that He is able!!

• **Everett Hutchinson** had surgery in early June to correct an abdominal aortic aneurysm. He was up and about in just six days. The wonders of modern medicine!

• **Need a small TV** for your child's bedroom that will play the many VHS kids videos available in your church library? One was donated and is available in the library. After June 12 it won't receive TV signals, but the VHS tape player will still work.

## Deaths

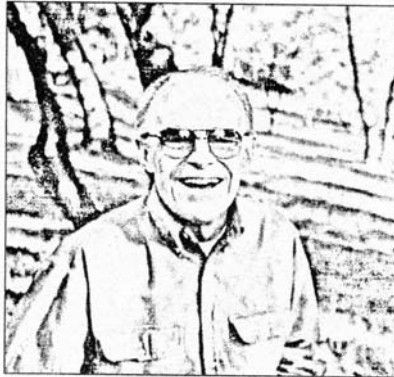
• When **Dawn Duer** and son Mark headed for Lake Forest in Orange County to spend their annual Spring break, they little knew what lay ahead. Dawn's mother was in the hospital following open heart surgery and was doing well. While Mom was in the hospital, Dawn and her younger sister painted the master bedroom and bath. Mom was released from the hospital, returned home, and was surprised and pleased with the job the girls had done. She seemed comfortable in bed, listening to her classical music. In fact she seemed to be doing so well, Dawn went shopping at the mall. When she returned home, her mother was gasping for breath. Dawn rushed to her aid

and began giving her CPR, but to no avail. Her mom died on April 1.

Although she was devastated at losing her mother, Dawn saw God's Providence in action. For one thing, her younger sister was not alone when it happened. For another thing, Mom had seen all her children recently before her death. And last but not least, her mom's estranged brother whom she had not spoken to for years, called and they had a long healing conversation. Her mother, who was Presbyterian, loved the Lord. That was most the comforting thing of all. Yes God is good! Our condolences to Dawn and the rest of the family.

• **Brax and Peggy Evans'** home seemed to be in the middle of things almost from the day they arrived. They opened the doors of their spacious country home to many groups and many friends. Their home was a favorite place for Alegría parties, Christmas parties, and just fun get-togethers for their friends in Placerville.

They here after his retirement as a pharmacist in 1988. His son Dr. Ron Evans lives just a few miles away and later his twin brother and wife, Brad and Dottie Evans joined them on the 10 acres next door. Most of that time Peggy worked for her daughter-in-law's brother, Dr. Richard Detwiler.



Brax and identical twin, Brad, were born in Detroit, Michigan. That's where they learned to ice skate and Brax loved skating on the Rogue River and listening to the ice crack behind him. The saying was that if you stopped, the ice under you would break and you might get a very cold bath!

The clouds of World War II hung heavily as Hitler and the German Army rolled over country after country in Europe. Brax felt the call to serve his country and enlisted in the Navy at the age of 17. His area of service was in the Asia-Pacific theater and he served as a pharmacist mate aboard the ship to Tin Sin, China. (His father was a pharmacist so he was a natural for the job.)

After the war he, along with many thousands of others used his GI Bill to go to college and train as a pharmacist. Columbia Union College is where he met a beautiful girl, Peggy Williams. They were married June 20, 1948. Their marriage was blessed by two sons, Bruce and Ron. As you know, Ron is an ophthalmologist with his office on Missouri Flat Road.

Brax and Peggy experienced the joy of having two granddaughters, Amber and April close by. The girls were equally at home with their parents or grandparents who picked them after school sometimes, or kept them overnight.

Ron and Bruce remember many happy times together with Mom and Dad, skiing, traveling or vacationing, watching

classic movies, and eating pizza together.

Brax was an animal lover and enjoyed the wildlife on their country acreage: squirrels, foxes, birds including wild turkeys. I remember a day when we were there and their cat caught a lizard. I began wringing my hands and taking on. Brax ran out and made the cat let the lizard go.

He loved to read, travel, build ship models, and to do oil painting. He was good at it too.

Besides his wife Peggy, he leaves behind two sons, Ron and Bruce; Bruce's three children, Heather, Eric, and Heidi, and Ron's two daughters, April Evans and Amber McClurg, and Amber's 2-year-old son Landon.

Brax will be greatly missed by many people. And to Peggy and family we extend heartfelt condolences. —MT

## School News

### *Senior Graduation*

That long anticipated day finally arrived on June 7, for eleven wonderful young people's Graduation! Two boys and nine girls were honored Friday night at the Camino Church, with popular teacher Mike Waters giving the address. Sabbath morning at the Placerville Church another dedicated teacher, Jerry Zappia, delivered a short address that everybody appreciated. (We were out of church by 11:40!) And Sunday morning on the ball field of EAS, with perfect weather, a popular parent, Leonard Grado, gave an outstanding address to the senior class. His equally popular daughter, President of the class, Lauren Grado responded with an unusually well-spoken reply to her dad's challenge.

Mr. Ballew, Mr. Clay Burnett, and Carlene Leise presented scholarships. One student, Megan Smith, was awarded a one thousand dollar scholarship from the Adventist Health and Medicine Award, and a five hundred dollar award from the El Dorado Republican Women's group, thanks to the hard work of Carlene Leise. Jerry Zappia presented the Caring Heart Award to Chloe Dillon. Mr. Clay Burnett from PUC presented scholarships for a total amount of \$90,000 to the following students: Lauren Grado, Chloe Dillon, Andrea Grip, Katelyn Lane, Madelyn Lane, Julia Shampo, Sidney Shields, and Megan Smith.

Those graduating were the above mentioned plus Allena Ashley, Chad Engelage, and Katherine Florence. This exuberant class tossed their mortar boards into the air after the benediction from class sponsor, Jerry Zappia!!

Congratulations, EAS Seniors!

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## Moving?

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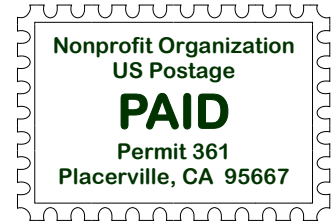
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**Change Service Requested**

**B I R T H D A Y S**

**June**

- 1 Ronnie Holland
- 2 Marcus Gibson
- 2 Keith Thompson
- 3 Marilyn Fridley
- 3 Alisa Gibson
- 3 Tiffany Moore
- 4 Kristyna Cable
- 4 Connie Cochran
- 4 Calvin Overton
- 4 Wanda Silva
- 5 Kellie Blevins
- 5 Donna Hedges
- 5 Bob Shimmin
- 5 Kristie West
- 6 Darryl Dennis
- 6 Jon Gibson
- 7 Lillian Musgrave
- 7 Jaalah Parham
- 8 Christian Baldwin
- 8 Ken Byers
- 8 Natalie Harding
- 8 Steve Seslar
- 9 Nathan Adams
- 9 Angie Clementi
- 9 Robert Deruelle
- 9 Leilani Norton
- 10 Ruth Edwards
- 10 Greg Rockney
- 11 Emily Broome
- 11 Wyatt Larsen
- 11 Suzanne Rice
- 11 Amanda Schaff
- 11 Haley Sutton
- 12 Mareda Sargent
- 13 Austin Garecht
- 13 Lysbeth Totten
- 14 Samai Martinez
- 15 Lori Bishop
- 15 Anna Deruelle
- 16 Susan Harris
- 16 Katelyn Starr
- 17 Michelle Adams
- 17 Kevin Console
- 17 Austin Hicks
- 17 Jan Neuman
- 18 Macey Deruelle
- 19 Betty Sandquist
- 20 Lisa Badzik
- 20 Rhonda Ballew
- 20 Carolyn Larsen
- 20 Timothy Shewmake
- 20 John Woods
- 20 Steve Stewart
- 21 Delberta Ayers
- 22 Jimmy Painter

- 22 Kevin Kennedy
- 23 Marshall Anders
- 23 Billy Chaplin
- 23 Mike Guarascio
- 23 Austin Mapa
- 23 Donna Orth
- 23 Denice Whitaker
- 24 Synthia Cable
- 24 Micah Miller
- 26 Melinda Bailey
- 26 Deidra Belko
- 27 Micaela Fridley
- 28 Alana Belko
- 28 Pia Curtin
- 29 Lori Petite
- 30 Mark Holthouse
- 30 Jim Smith

**July**

- 1 Justin Hicks
- 1 Mike Norwood
- 1 Charlene Williams
- 2 Lance Eriksen
- 3 Tammie Holthouse
- 4 Lindsey Abston
- 4 Emily Barbuta
- 4 Ramona Bond
- 4 Wally Cordis

- 4 Isabella Mace
- 4 Jared Sattler
- 5 Nancy Cordis
- 5 Joy Tash
- 5 Kitty Worley
- 6 Joe Christoffel
- 6 Laurene Harvey
- 6 Steven Martinez
- 6 Pam Schoppe
- 7 Vickie Deruelle
- 7 Chris Karver
- 8 Connie Winning
- 9 Karryn Schaff
- 9 Daniel Youker
- 10 Kathy Ayers
- 10 Howard French
- 12 Tim Blackburn
- 12 Alexandria Lockard
- 12 Matthew Purvis
- 15 Charlotte Thomas
- 15 Kharman Watkins
- 16 Dick DeLaura
- 17 Mary Evans
- 17 Austin Hicks
- 17 Charles Mehard
- 18 Andrew Craig
- 18 Kaila Qualls
- 18 David Rooks

- 18 Nicole Schinke
- 20 Doug Rice
- 21 F. John Adams
- 21 Jolina Console
- 21 Sabrina Shewmake
- 22 Rosemary Baker
- 22 John Evans
- 22 Ruth Laughlin
- 23 Rebekah Rogers
- 24 Diana Dennis
- 24 Carrol Shewmake
- 26 Virginia Fillman
- 26 Bonnie Shoun
- 27 Betty Campbell
- 27 Joanie Evans
- 27 Sarah Hunter
- 28 Barbara Adams
- 28 Cari Cordis
- 28 Melissa Garske
- 28 Joshua Granucci
- 28 Jerry O'Rourke
- 28 Jeanette Odiorne
- 28 Nathan Pudewell
- 28 Lindsey Lowman
- 29 Cherrell Schinke
- 30 Jane Harris
- 31 Ranel Larsen