
HIGH RIDGE HOUSE

Autumn 2023

Open Doors for Annual Meeting 2023

High Ridge House was able to open our doors this year and welcome back our Christian Science community.

This past September, we enjoyed an in-person Annual Meeting—the first one in four years. The opportunity to gather together brought an air of celebration to the day.

Osceola Davis—our neighbor and the former soloist for The Mother Church—began the festivities when she joyfully led everyone in an impromptu hymn sing, after which our administrator, Joan Gaylord, formally opened the meeting.

Joan welcomed everyone before she introduced Osceola and her accompanist, Dotti Taylor, who shared their talents by delivering a beautiful rendition of a traditional hymn.



Osceola Davis

of Christian Science nursing services.

The highlight of the gathering, though, was the metaphysical talk, “Born Again! Lives Renewed by the Power of God!,” shared by

Carrie Corrigan, CS. Many know Carrie as a High Ridge House volunteer and a longtime friend.

After Carrie’s talk, we enjoyed another rousing hymn by Osceola and Dotti.

“If we’re to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourself, then we need to love ourselves, and part of loving ourselves is taking the time to nurture our spiritual growth.”

- Carrie Corrigan, CS



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When the meeting concluded, everyone was invited to stay to socialize and enjoy refreshments, with many lingering for some time after, taking in the sense of family. It brought to mind Mary Baker Eddy’s words from “Miscellaneous Writings”— “Pure humanity, friendship, home, the interchange of love, bring to earth a foretaste of heaven.”

For those who were unable to attend or who might have missed the livestream, we posted the video to our website— www.highridgehouse.org. We will also share a transcript of the metaphysical talk with our December mailing so that we all might study the ideas further.

A Letter from our Board President

Dear Friends,

We are grateful for your steadfast support as we strive for a larger fulfillment of our healing mission.

High Ridge House is essentially an outward manifestation of the heartfelt love of members of the Christian Science community, expressing the spirit of the Good Samaritan, caring for our fellow Christian Scientists who seek to rely on God for healing. You are cherished partners in this work of Christian healing. Some are called to carry out the work of Christian Science nursing and others are God-inspired to support it. All are needed and appreciated.

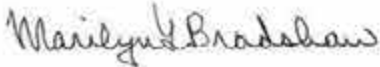
High Ridge House is making steady progress. How do we measure it? Not in numbers, but in expanded service to the Christian Science community; in the efficiency and harmony of our staff; in upholding the highest standard of pure Christian Science nursing; in our growing ability to respond promptly and lovingly to the needs of the field.

Looking ahead, we anticipate a substantial need for increased financial support from our donors and from whatever new sources God provides. This is because foundation grants to Christian Science nursing facilities have become less available than in previous years. Also, the National Fund for Christian Science Nursing, which helps pay the cost of Christian Science nursing care for patients in need of financial assistance, is reducing grants by 30 to 40 percent.

We invite you to join us in collectively demonstrating more of divine Love's abundant provision—through your prayers, your increased gifts, and maybe by joining our new Circle of Love regular giving program.

Thank you for being part of this wonderful community of profound thinkers, faithful workers, and generous givers.

With love,



Marilyn L. Bradshaw
President

midst of New York City, surrounded by trees, with views of the mighty Hudson. In fact, the trees and the river echo in the green and blue that we chose for this newsletter. We are continually grateful to the church members who found this property more than 50 years ago. It provides a quiet place that supports our mission of healing through loving Christian Science nursing care. You might consider a rest and study visit and experience this healing atmosphere and share in our gratitude for this tangible presence of Christian Science healing in the midst of New York City.



A Testimony of Gratitude

When asked about my experiences with Home Care visits with the High Ridge House Christian Science nurses, I turned to page 119 of “Science and Health.” Mary Baker Eddy states, “God is natural good, and is represented only by the idea of goodness.”

How natural then for our Christian Science nurses to represent this idea and to reflect in their calling all the wonderful qualities of God that we so deeply seek and treasure! Having regular visits by a devoted Christian Science nurse has been an invaluable help in my own search for spiritual growth and healing. Knowing that we each are connected on our spiritual path and are tributary to God, all good, all power, freedom, and harmony—and to nothing else—that is the joy that one comes to expect when sharing a visit with a Christian Science nurse as we all strive to work out our own salvation.

As I progress with the support of the Christian Science nurses, I hold to the Bible verse, “Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”

With gratitude,
Karin Schreyack

New Board Officers

At its recent annual meeting, the High Ridge House Board of Trustees elected long-time Board member Marilyn Bradshaw its new Board President. They elected immediate past president, Fran Hall, the new Vice President. Candace Cuniberti was reelected Treasurer, and Barb Burley was elected Secretary.

The High Ridge community expresses tremendous gratitude to Fran for her years of service as President. We are grateful for the continuing devotion and service of all of our Board members.

The Board recently welcomed its newest member, Charles Youngblood. Charlie is a life-long Christian Scientist and active branch church member. He and his wife, Susan, have been supporters of High Ridge House for many years. We are grateful to have him join the High Ridge family in this capacity.

Volunteer Reader?

Local branch church members—might you be able to serve occasionally as a volunteer Reader, either on Sunday or Wednesday? Please call us (718-796-4200) to learn more about this opportunity. We would be so grateful for your contribution.

New York City? Riverdale? The Bronx?

Where is High Ridge House located?

Those who have not yet visited, especially our friends beyond New York, might be unsure of where to find us. Yes, we use three different names for our address, but each correctly identifies our location. Yet none captures the oasis that is the High Ridge House property. We thought a different perspective might be illuminating. This photo shows our neighborhood—Riverdale, which is located on the west side of the Bronx, along the bank of the Hudson River. That bridge you see on the right? It crosses over into Manhattan. If you look to the left, you'll see our logo at just the spot that you'll find our campus—in the





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Our Healing Thoughts Talks Support a Global Sense of Community

Are you among the many people from around the world who tune in for our Healing Thoughts talk? Streamed on the High Ridge House website on the third Friday of each month, the metaphysical talks cover a variety of topics that express the inspiration of each speaker, whether they be a Journal-listed Christian Science practitioner, a Christian Science nurse, or a Christian Science chaplain.

What began in 2020 as a healing response to the public's fear of contagion, and as a means to reach out at a time when travel was so restricted, has grown to a monthly sharing among "honest seekers for Truth," as Mrs. Eddy describes us all.

Viewers from Brazil, Europe, Africa, as well as from the United States have signed on and shared their heartfelt expressions of gratitude. Some follow these messages with financial contributions, for which we are very grateful. Thank you.

Remember that we post all the talks to our website—www.highridgehouse.org—for everyone to watch again. And we hope you plan to join us next month.