



February 2003

THE SHAPE

NEWSLETTER OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ALMADEN, SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA

From Stephen

By the time you read this, the Oakland Raiders will have either won the Super Bowl or I will be eating my chapeau. I want to thank everyone who forwent football on January 12th to come to our Annual Meeting. We had over 75 people in attendance. I also want to thank you for your energy and enthusiasm. Special thanks also to last year's vestry and all the work they did. When you read the wardens' report of all that was done it is truly amazing. If you get a chance, please read it. If you would like a copy of the Annual Meeting Packet, please see Lorraine. Suffice it to say that the highlights were: finding a new Rector, repainting and refurbishing the rectory in less than two months, formulating a Long Range Plan for ECA, calling together a Management Team to assist in the transition and reorganize the governance of the Parish, rewriting the church's By-laws. Special thanks goes to the members of the Vestry who are leaving office including Bev Deveaux, who rendered exemplary service as Senior Warden, Belinda Byerly-Robins, Ginger Redman, Dave Thomas and Patty Fryer. The last two are particularly hard because they will be moving away and leaving ECA. Continuing on the Vestry from last year are Ken McCormick, Elizabeth Ward, Ann Avoux,

Alex Dykes, and Allan Jones. Newly elected to the Vestry are: Pat Rimroth, Ellen Lukanc, Susie Ferguson, Lele Blackman, Terry Root and Jon Mills. Congratulations! It looks like an exciting year. Our returning Junior Warden is Allan Jones, and our new Senior Warden is Ken McCormick. Also I want to especially thank the ladies of ECA for a wonderful lunch at the Annual Meeting.

No less impressive was the work of the Joint Venture Board this past year. Not only did they have the roof replaced and keep the physical plant in top form they also repainted the entire church using only domestic labor. (In this case that means "in house", Pete). Representing ECA this past year on the Joint Venture Board were: Roger Hoyt, Amy Griffith, Ken Pitroff, Betty Consorte, and Allan Jones. Betty and Allan are returning and Allan is the new Joint Venture President. Newly elected to the board are: Mary Leal, Joan Wagner, Ellie Mills and Bev Deveaux.

Finally, elected as delegates to Diocesan Convention were: Todd and Kimberly Axtell, and Belinda Byerly-Robins. They will be joining Sandie Mueller and Natalie Mena whose terms have yet to expire and Ginger Redman who has voice and vote by virtue of being a member of the Standing Committee for the diocese. Please keep them in your

prayers as they journey to Seaside for the Diocesan Convention on January 17 and 18.

I also want to thank all of you who participated in our magnificent Christmas services. The Pageant was wonderful. I especially loved the six kings but I must have missed the bible verse about the tiger and the mouse lying down together. The music program on the 22nd was first rate with both Margaret and the combined choirs doing an outstanding job. Likewise, I thought the music at the Lessons and Carols service was great. On Christmas Eve, the Joint Venture Service at 5:00 was packed. The 11:00 ECA service was very moving with the candles and the feeling of peace.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who came to the memorial service for Ann Redman on January 2nd. I have never been to a service where I felt the love more palpably present. Special thanks also to Katie McCormick, Ellen Lukanc, Connie Rimroth, Debbie Bishop and everyone who helped with the magnificent reception afterwards. It truly was a day to remember and a fitting tribute to a fine woman.

Shalom,

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Alternative Christmas Sale A Great Success

Here's a big thank you to everyone who supported alternative Christmas this year! Our ECA sponsored charities experienced tremendous support. Through the Angel Tree donations we were able to donate over 50 gifts to the children at the Santa Maria Urban Mission, the youth bake sale earned over \$200 to adopt a family for Christmas, the calendar sales raised \$500 which the second/third grade Sunday School will use for an outreach project this Spring, and we sent \$1082.00 to African Team Ministries from the jewelry sale.

Many of you asked what the African Team money goes to. This money is used to support a number of projects such as the orphan adoption program, the trips the African Bishops take to the United States to gather support for their programs and improve understanding of their obstacles, and the solar energy projects that bring low-cost power to regions of West Africa.

AVUCC charities such as Habitat and the Heifer project also thank ECA for their support of these charities. If anyone has ideas for additional outreach projects that could benefit from setting up a table next Christmas, or if you would like to assist in the Angel Tree, Bake Sale or Jewelry Sale, please contact Robin Root at 268-1203.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER AND AUCTION

All ECA members are invited for a fun-filled evening on March 15 at 5:30 p.m. at AVUCC's upcoming St. Patrick's Day dinner and auction. We will enjoy both a silent auction and a live auction (with Bruce Bush as auctioneer), fine food, and music provided by Bob Thomas. For services or items you would like to contribute, contact Carolyn Crowley (997-0819) or Joanne Stone (268-6054). They will also accept reservations. A Fellowship Hall sign-up sheet will also be available.

Tickets are \$15 each or \$110 for a reserved table for eight. Come and bring your family and friends to enjoy an evening to remember!

Tacky Luncheon & Fashion Show

Mark Your Calendars for the Tacky Luncheon and Fashion Show on April 8 at 11:30 a.m. This will be a fundraiser to finish the Women's Building in Uganda, Diocese of Muhabura where women in the area could come in fellowship to learn skills to bring income into their families as many men have died of AIDS. This was a pet project of Ann Redman's. People should come wearing their Tackiest Clothes. **Donation: ->\$5.00<-**. Contact **Mary Leal** at 408-268-0230 or **Sandie Mueller** at 408-997-1642. **Watch This Space** for more **Information** in the March and April **SHAPE!**

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The Reverend Stephen Mills

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Lele Blackman
Alex Dykes
Susie Ferguson
Allan Jones JUNIOR WARDEN
Ellen Lukanc
Ken McCormick SENIOR WARDEN
Jon Mills
Pat Rimroth
Terry Root
Elizabeth Ward
Len Whitlock

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

ACOLYTES	Taylor Wing
ALTAR GUILD	Judy Graun, Katherine Hussain
COFFEE HOUR	Pete Mayo
GREETERS	God Squad
GOD SQUAD	Amy Jacobs
GOOD SAMS	Jenny Hoyt
LAY READERS	Dennis Moran
MONTGOMERY MEALS	Amy Griffith
PRAYER VINE	Dorothy Willard
TLC	Jan Day
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MUSIC DIRECTOR, ORGANIST	Margaret Kvamme
CHRISTIAN ED. DIRECTOR	Penny Sabin
TREASURER	Maryke Williams
YOUTH DIRECTOR	

Junior High Youth

The Junior High Youth Group was very busy in the fall and winter and will continue to be busy as spring approaches.

We experienced huge success with our Alternative Christmas bake sale. We raised nearly \$400 for a needy family. We sent the family a \$200 Albertsons gift card and a \$200 Walmart gift card. This enabled them to buy Christmas dinner and other groceries along with needed household items and gifts for their four children.

Many thanks to those who contributed to the bake sale and to the youth who sold the goodies and returned later for our babysitting/gift-wrapping project.

Special thanks go to Sharon and Taylor Mills for organizing the bake sale and for contributing so much time and energy to baking and selling all those cakes and cookies.

As we look ahead, we are getting excited about going to Lazer Quest in February and hosting the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper in March.

The Junior High Youth Group meets on the second and fourth Sundays of each month from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the Youth Center. We welcome all junior high students and their friends.

Cliff and Melanie Click
323-8283
mjclick@sbcglobal.net

Coming Soon to a Joint Venture Church near you – Confirmation Class

Calling all 8th graders. Would you like to have fun? Would you like to hang out with youth your own age? Would you like to learn more about the church. Well two out of three ain't bad. Yes, I know I shouldn't ought to use "ain't" in a sentence. While we are still working out the details, the plan is to have a Confirmation Class for 8th graders starting in late February or early March. This will be a Joint Venture Class but we will teach you the truth about both the Episcopal Church and the United Church of Christ. This is the place to come and ask your questions. (Answers cost extra.) No question is dumb (except the ones we can't answer). We plan to do outreach projects, see movies, have a retreat, play games, and learn about our faith. We will be contacting you in the near future so please get ready for excitement!
—Stephen Mills, Rector

STILL WANTED!

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH LEADER
[Ed.Note: This Wanted poster will appear on this page until we nab the suspect!]

THIS SHOULD BE YOU!!
(Hey you, with the nagging conscience—yeah, you—you know who you are. Don't fight it any longer. Turn yourself in!)

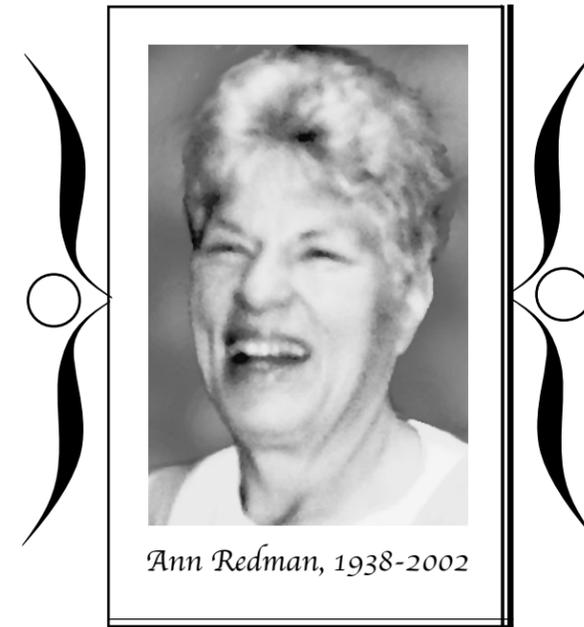
If you are gifted in leading a group of enthusiastic high school aged young people or think you would be, this is just the spot for you. We are looking for a leader or leaders to fill this urgent need as soon as possible.

Graciously, Ginger Redman has volunteered to lead the Senior High Youth group temporarily.

However, her schedule does not allow her to fill the position on a permanent basis.

The group meets two Sunday evenings a month. It is a small group but mighty! Most of the members went on the mission trip to Colorado last summer. They need someone with love, energy and a desire to get involved to lead them in further adventures— in spiritual growth, in fellowship and in just plain fun!

Please give a lot of prayer and thought to the possibility of taking this opportunity to serve. We will provide a great deal of help and support. If this job is just made for you or someone you know, please contact Stephen or Beverly Deveaux for further information— or, better yet, to sign up!



My Tribute to Ann

Side by side pulling weeds, it was only her second day in town,
But JV had their semi annual workday and Ann came round.

Little did I know that would be her trademark, her birthright.
Ann's style of ministry was working right beside you day or night.

She was the hardest working "Indian" that ever came our way,
Never a chief, she declared, "I like too much to play."

With Ann, everything could be fun, and she could make it so;
If all else failed, she would just let the waters flow!

Ann's method of ministry may have at times carried an irreverent tone,
But in truth the essence of our Lord in her always shone.

She taught us "God is Love." She lived it every day
Just being near, sharing quiet support, privately called by God to pray.

A humble servant of the Lord, always giving and giving even more,
She showed us caring and sharing and loving was never a chore.

She tirelessly served as an example of how to listen to another's heart
And without any fanfare a great wisdom she did impart.

Some people touch our lives and we are never again the same.
I believe Ann Redman is one of those with that claim to fame.

Truth is she wouldn't want that notoriety. It just wasn't her style.
I think she'd rather we pondered, "Who needs a friend, who needs a smile?"

Then I think she'd bid us to go forth to fill those needs, one and all.
To share love is to share God and there's no greater call.

—Susie Ferguson

VESTRY VIBES

BY SUSIE FERGUSON

VESTRY 2003

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Lele Blackman

Alex Dykes

Susie Ferguson

Allan Jones,
Junior Warden

Ellen Lukanc

Ken McCormick ,
Senior Warden

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Terry Root

Elizabeth Ward

Len Whitlock

The Vestry in the Episcopal Church serves as your Board of Directors to manage and conduct the affairs and business of your parish, facilitating the ministry and mission of ECA and being good stewards of your pledges and contributions. The Vestry should represent the diversity of its entire congregation. With the elections held at our annual meeting on Sunday, January 12, you did a pretty good job.

Let's look at how your Vestry measures up.

Years at ECA: Ranging from less than 1 year to 32 years

Age decades: Early 20's to the 60's

Accumulated years of wisdom: Approximately 685 years (somewhat short of the wisdom of Noah's years)

Social Status: Young Single, Mature Single, Young Married, Mature Married

Experience with children: 36 kids and counting, under a year to "mature adult"

Work experience: In the home and out of the home, on the home and around the home, employed and retired, administrative, supervisory, legal, corporate, technical, creative, Ph.D. M.Div., M.A., B.A., and B.S. goes a long way.

Interests: Financing, Fellowship, Education, Outreach, Kids and Youth, Worship, Communication, Maintaining our House

Favorite Chinese Proverb: "Those who say it cannot be done, should not interrupt the person doing it."

Your 2003 Vestry met two days after being elected for an informal meeting. Imagine they just couldn't wait to get together! You have an excited, high-energy group ready to serve you. They are all looking forward to your participation and support to make 2003 the best it can be at ECA.

Next month, look for some of your Vestry members spotlighted in **Vestry Vibes**.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

A Lifetime Cycle at ECA

by Susie Ferguson

A family in the neighborhood decides it is time to find a church. A list places ECA first of several they intend to try. The family arrives one Sunday morning, is greeted, guided to the sanctuary, and "fills a pew." Tradition at the time is to involve children in our service and the two boys, 6 and 7 years old, are invited to help with the collection of the offering in their section. **Invited. Involved. Integrated into ECA.** The family never tries any other church—and obviously the "Dad" is destined to organize and lead the ushers.

So it was 25 years ago when Patty and Bill Fryer and their three children, Tami, Chris, and Jeff moved into Almaden Valley and became part of the ECA family. Since then the Fryers have given much to ECA in time, talent, and treasure.

Bill did in fact take on the Ushers. He has served at the head of this ministry, scheduling, recruiting, training, for well over half his years at ECA. He has also been part of a variety of fellowship committees, served as auditor for our books several years, and willingly served as Sunday School teacher the summer ECA had "for men only." A unique contribution to fellowship for a number of years was his spearheading with Bill MacDonald an annual golf tournament. Most recently along with his Ushers Ministry, Bill has been the driving force to see that our Shape gets put together and to the Post Office in a timely manner.

Patty, too, has been an active leader and participant in parish life right from the first. She joined the choir and contributed to the alto section all her many years prior to moving to the Villages. After that move she continued with the Folk Choir. (Rumor has it she was one of the original 6 of that group!) Over her family's 25 years with ECA she helped do dinners for the kids after Tuesday School, played bridge with the best as part of the "Monday Bridge Group," served numerous times on Koinanian event committees and on recent fellowship committees, and was one of the ECA camping foremothers. She has served on the Vestry four times during her years at ECA. Twice she has accepted the call to complete another's term, as they were moving away or for some reason could not fill their term and obligation. On the Vestry, Patty has served twice as Junior Warden, as well as many other ministry chairs and liaisons. Most recently she has been liaison to the worship committee. She has fantastic leadership, organization, and

people skills, which make her an asset to any role she fills in any organization but especially here at ECA.

Both Patty and Bill were at the inception of the ministry we know today as Montgomery Meals. Ted Bourlard and a handful of parishioners started this ministry by cooking at Trinity on Friday nights, then pushing the food on carts across the street to St. James Park to feed the homeless. They served 30 people their first time out. The ECA group talked Trinity parishioners into alternating with them every other Friday night. This continued until St. James Park was closed to this ministry and other arrangements had to be made. This ministry has continued to thrive at ECA.

But far greater than the list of ministries in which Patty and Bill have participated, is the love, care, and compassion with which they have served many of us here at ECA. For many they have been dependable friends, encouraging, supporting, and uplifting with words of wisdom, comforting hugs, or quiet listening hearts—and now and then a terse, "What? No way!" (Well, the terse part's mostly from Bill.)

Patty and Bill will be moving from the Villages at the end of February. They will be retiring in Coarsegold, California (that's near Oakhurst), taking them away from ECA, which has been a major part of their lives and ours for these last 25 years. There will be a great void in our ECA family when they leave. And for those of us who consider them "friends" it will be an even greater loss in our day-to-day lives. We, of course, wish them well and will always be ready to welcome them with open arms when they come back to visit which we hope will be somewhat of a regular occurrence.

The Roving ECA Reporter—

"When you think of Patty and Bill Fryer, what comes to mind you would like to share?"

"Patty has a marvelous smile and laugh no matter what her present condition may be. I have always appreciated her good advice and great wisdom. You can always trust her to hold in confidence that which needs to be. As for Bill, I appreciate his dry sense of humor."

—Suzanne Mayo

"I served with Patty years ago on the vestry. I have the utmost respect for her capabilities, dedication, and work ethic. I still remember our 'Sunnyvale Lunches.' I looked forward to and enjoyed those meetings to work through some of our Vestry issues."

—Pete Mayo

Our Next Exciting Concert

BOB BROZMAN
WORLD GUITARIST

Saturday, February 22, 7:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening of eclectic music from many corners of the globe. **Bob Brozman** is a guitarist like no other. An established and prolific recording artist, performer, producer, and author, Bob is also a nonstop world traveler and tireless researcher.

His work with musicians from around the world has marked him as not only a virtuoso musician and slide guitarist, but also as a pioneer in finding a common thread among a wide variety of musical cultures.

Given Mr. Brozman's following, this event is likely to sell out! Don't wait. Get your tickets in advance from any member of the Arts Committee: Todd Axtell, Alex Dykes, Marion Grungé, Shirley Harned-Kelley, or Margaret Kvamme. Suggested donation is \$15 General, \$8 students. Childcare is provided.

The Youth Group will sell goodies at intermission. Come support them. *Eat and drink generously!*



Photo by Ali Madjid

Bob Brozman & "Friends"

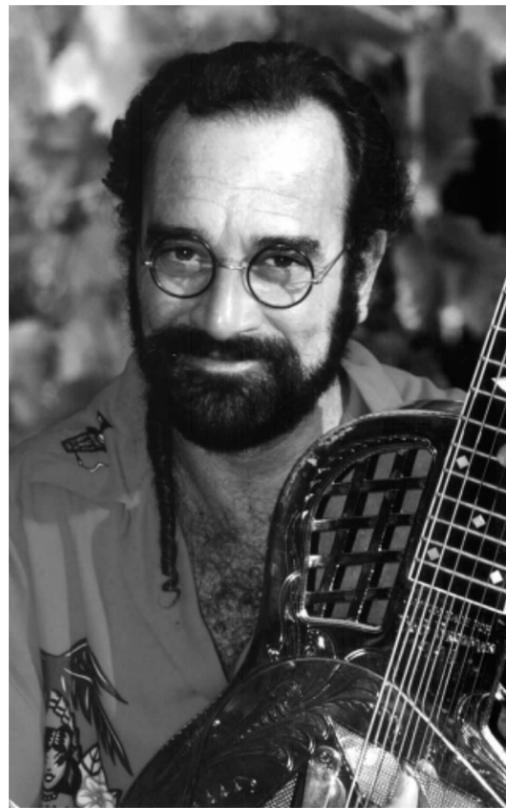


Photo by Ali Madjid

Bob Brozman

IMAGINE...

Imagine a Christmas without music. I can't. Of course, I'm using the term "Christmas" loosely to represent the time leading up the birth of our Lord, which the Church calls "Advent," as well as the actual Christmas season – the twelve days between December 25th and January 5th – and the day of the Epiphany on January 6th when the 3 Wise Men finally ended their long journey from far-off lands in search of the Christ Child.

Music brings this season to life for me. This "Christmas" season at ECA was very special for me, as a member of the ECA Choir, and I imagine for a great many of you, too. From the Vivaldi "Gloria" on the fourth Sunday in Advent to the Carol Service and Eucharist on Christmas Eve, the Christmas Folk Music on December 29, and on to the marvelously staged appearance of the Kings at both the UCC and ECA services on January 5, I was drawn into an enchanted place largely because of the music.

I guess I simply want to say thanks to everyone who worked so hard to bring this season alive musically. To Margaret, Andy, the ECA and UCC Choir members, the ECA Folk Choir members, and the three Wise Men, who shall remain nameless in order to protect the mystery.

—Susie Ferguson

JOINT VENTURE NEWS

FACILITIES
MAINTENANCE
REPORT FOR
YEAR 2002

2002 has been a good year for facilities maintenance. At the beginning of the year, maintenance jobs that needed to be done around the church were divided into categories and each JV member was assigned a category for which to be responsible. The responsibilities of each area were explained to each assignee. This was done because of the amount of work necessary to maintain this church and the necessity of getting more people involved.

My responsibilities were for the mechanical indoors. However, do to my involvement throughout the years, I assumed responsibilities in other areas too.

Jobs pursued:

1. Elevator operational problem. After much maintenance of the elevator, including a professional repair person, Ed Mueller of ECA, who found a short in the upper door control circuit, resolved the problem. With this repaired, the elevator has been working well for several months.
2. A sign-up list was posted in the fellowship hall listing jobs needed to be done around the church and parishioners of both churches were asked to sign-up and take responsibility for a job. As sign-ups took place, jobs began to be done and the exterior and interior looks of the church began to improve. This is an ongoing responsibility that gets everyone involved in the care of the church facility.
3. Two new ladders were purchased, one for use outside the church and the second one for use in the sanctuary. These ladders replaced the old ladders that had fallen into disrepair. (An 8' A-frame ladder was donated to the church by Charlotte Boileau and is a great asset for inside use.)
4. The exterior of the church was painted including the stucco, wood trim and metal

gutters. Only the tower remains to be painted and will be done after the winter rains have subsided.

5. A new roof was installed by a contractor and is the Astec Total Roof System. It has a 10-year warranty for which they are responsible for any leaks.

Parishioners from both the ECA and UCC churches assumed the responsibility for and performance of these jobs. The effort extended by the people of both churches reflects the true feeling of the Joint Venture.

This is only a partial list of the accomplishments of this Joint Venture board. Other board members will submit accomplishments in their areas. However, in spite of the highly successful year for this board, many jobs need to be addressed by the next board. For example:

1. Painting: sanctuary, nursery, all closets and restrooms.
2. Cupboards and shelves need to be installed in the closet off the choir area in the sanctuary and in the Sunday school closet in old fellowship hall.
3. The old fellowship hall (Youth Center) needs shelves installed to facilitate its new use.
4. Electrical power needs to be run to the rose garden area to operate watering timers.
5. Replace carpeting in the narthex, sanctuary, hallways and offices.

I am sure others could add to this list. There is a never-ending list of jobs to be done around this facility, but we can be proud of the excellent condition of our church, thanks to our many volunteers.

—Bob Green



NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

“We have many wonderful memories from camping with Bill and Patty. One such weekend in Mendocino the Fryers introduced us to something new. Patty and Bill had the Saturday night dinner to organize and asked everyone to bring pork tenderloins to BBQ. I had never cooked pork and had no idea what tenderloin was. It became one of our favorite pieces of meat. We thank Patty and Bill for showing us the way to great food with friends.”

—Susanne and Arnold Moore

“Having helped the Fryers move three times, we hope they can find some younger movers this time.”

—Anonymous and Tired ☺

“Patty and Bill were my wonderful Cursillo sponsors. It has been special to have them as my friends and neighbors, all be it for too short of a time. It has also been a privilege to serve with Patty on Vestry. Her experiences and input were invaluable in our decision-making. I value all I’ve gained by knowing Patty and Bill.”

—Ann Avoux

“Who will take care of our ushers now? In all these years Bill must have someone trained! We still remember the Millennium Party of 2000 and the wonderful collage of the past that Patty put together for display. It truly was a work of art.”

—Maryke and Robin Williams

“Ever been camping with Bill? He is something to watch pack, rearranging and unpacking and packing again his little trailer. Everything had its place and had to fit perfectly! How about the trip with two days of unexpected rain? Bill was up first at the Coleman stove making coffee sheltered by his golf umbrella while the rest of us snuggled down deeper in our sleeping bags. As for Patty, I surely will miss her singing with me in our choirs. She has a great voice and has always given me confidence and support with her singing. It’ll be hard to fill the chair next to me on Folk Sunday with a voice and tambourine like Patty’s.”

—Francie Kerr

“It was on a Women’s Retreat in Willow Glen when Patty and I first forged our friendship. Since then she has always been a very precious “pearl” in my strand of friends. I will miss her more than I can express. Do cell phones work in Coarsegold?”

—Susie Ferguson

“Few know more restaurants on the peninsula than Patty and Bill for our Friday ‘No Cooking, Let’s Eat Out’ plan. Ready to go at a moments notice. If the first bite hasn’t been taken, they were always good to go. Of course, their move could save me a few bucks.”

—Jerry Ferguson

(For those of you the ECA Reporter was unable to reach before press deadline, please consider giving the Fryers a call and share with them the special stories you’ll always remember. This reporter thinks they just might enjoy reminiscing with you before they head off.)

Annual Meeting

Episcopal Church in Almaden 2002 in Review

This past year (2002) has been a very busy one for the vestry. We have had many challenges placed before us but have managed to address them all.

Many thanks go to all of the vestry members for their hard and diligent work. The Vestry, due to the many issues and the time frames presented to them, started off the year by determining that they needed to meet twice a month as opposed to the normal cycle of monthly meetings. Needless to say this placed quite a burden on all of the members due to the need to manage not only their personnel lives such as family and work but also the needs of the church.

As the Vestry formed for the year 2002, they knew that the greatest challenge was to find a new Rector for ECA sometime after July, when Ann and Nolan were due to retire to Spokane, Washington. The search committee, which had been formed in 2001, performed the task of identifying suitable candidates for presentation to the Vestry. The Search committee performed an outstanding job and by September of 2002 a new rector had been identified and called to serve at ECA.

In order to assist the new rector the Vestry decided that a small team be established to provide the new rector with any support required at the church from an administrative point of view. The team would be viewed as a management team and comprise of two vestry members, the rector and the secretary/administrative assistant

As a result of having a new rector and the decision by our secretary to pursue other interests it was determined that the secretarial support at the church needed to be expanded. To this end the Vestry hired a new secretary/administrative assistant to the rector. This enhancement would enable the

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new rector to focus on pastoral and evangelical issues rather than administrative issues. In addition to supporting the rector the goal of the enhanced secretarial/administrative assistant is to provide support to all of the ministries that make ECA what it is.

In July and August of 2002 work, painting and upgrading the inside of the rectory in preparation for the arrival of our new rector, was completed on schedule. In addition, many hours of work went into the complete renovation of the back yard of the rectory. A new sprinkler system and lawn are now in place. Work will begin on the front yard in the very near future. The initial work was performed by the city in the form of repairing the street in front of the rectory. Needless to say this great task was achieved only because of the many volunteers who put in many hours of work, which not only saved a lot of money but also demonstrated that ECA is indeed a family that pulls together when the need arises.

A thorough review of the ECA By-Laws was conducted to ensure that they address the ever evolving needs of the congregation of ECA and the Episcopal Church. This review was completed with approval for the updates being voted on by the vestry in December of 2002. A revised copy of the By-

Laws is available on the bulletin board or an individual one can be requested from the secretary.

In August, a draft long-range plan for ECA was put before the Vestry for review. The generation of this plan had come as a result of deliberation by the Vestry as well as input from members of the congregation. Approval of the plan was achieved in December of 2002, for implementation in 2003.

A thorough review of the Joint Venture By-Laws was begun but, to date, has not been completed. The plan is for the vestry to form a subcommittee with the AVUCC council and prepare a draft version for the vestry and the AVUCC council to approve.

The vestry organized a fund-raiser in November to address the shortfall in our budget. An Evening in Venice will always be remembered as a resounding success again demonstrating the true nature of ECA as a truly giving and nurturing family.

There is no way to express the thanks that is due all of the volunteers that supported the efforts of the vestry not only with their physical presences, but with their donations of cash, advice, counsel, and prayers.

Allan D. Jones, Junior Warden ECA

Surely, You Jest

This month's levity contributed by our Rector



EVENTS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2003

Lord, make us instruments of Your peace on earth and messengers of Your love to the world!

Sunday	Feb. 2	7:30 a.m. Holy Communion 10:10 a.m. Christian Education 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion	Friday	Feb. 14	3:00 p.m. Montgomery Meals
		CHILDREN'S CHOIR SINGS		2/15/2003 - MIDNIGHT! SHAPE DEADLINE	
Monday	Feb. 3	6:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge	Sunday	Feb. 16	7:30 a.m. Holy Communion 10:10 a.m. Christian Education 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion 3:00 p.m. Cornerstone Project Workshop
Tuesday	Feb. 4	7:30 p.m. Joint Venture Board Meeting	Wednesday	Feb. 17	7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m. TLC 1:00 p.m. Mah Jong 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
Wednesday	Feb. 5	7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m. TLC 1:00 p.m. Mah Jong 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir	Thursday	Feb. 20	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Denny's 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
Thursday	Feb. 6	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Denny's 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir	Friday	Feb. 21	3:00 p.m. Montgomery Meals
Friday	Feb. 7	3:00 p.m. Montgomery Meals 7:30 p.m. Bridge Group	Saturday	Feb. 22	7:30 p.m. ADVENTURES IN THE ARTS
Saturday	Feb. 8	→ Today & Tomorrow - Habitat for Humanity Aluminum Can Drive	Sunday	Feb. 23	7:30 a.m. Holy Communion 10:10 a.m. Christian Education 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion
Sunday	Feb. 9	7:30 a.m. Holy Communion 10:10 a.m. Christian Education 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion - FOLK SUNDAY 3:00 p.m. Cornerstone Project Workshop	Wednesday	Feb. 26	7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m. TLC 1:00 p.m. Mah Jong 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir
Tuesday	Feb. 11	7:00 p.m. Vestry	Thursday	Feb. 27	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Denny's 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
Wednesday	Feb. 12	7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m. TLC 1:00 p.m. Mah Jong 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir			
Thursday	Feb. 13	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Denny's 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir			

MARK YOUR CALENDARS (see announcements)

Break out your most "interesting" outfits, folks—April 8th at 11:30 a.m. is **Tacky Time!**

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7 Ryan McPherson
7 Steven McPherson
8 Ellen Lukanc
9 John Root
15 Andy Kerr
17 Jeff Nolette
21 Zachary Nollette
22 Tiffany Hird
23 Jim Sabin
24 Mel Stonehocker
25 Elizabeth Hoyt
26 Terry Root
26 Matt Mena
27 Kimberly Axtell

Anniversaries

1 Gary and Edie Keck
3 Len and Jackie Whitlock
9 Zack and Martha Lou Reynolds

