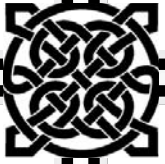


THE STONE NEWS

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Rev. Dr. Ken Henry at the top of Pinnacles National Monument

Pastor's Column

INTO THE WILD

by The Reverend Doctor Ken Henry

After having my own *into the wild* experience last Monday on my day off via Pinnacles National Monument (south of Hollister), I decided to head to the movie theatre to watch the new film directed by Sean Penn about the life and times of Christopher McCandless.

The film, *Into the Wild*, is based on Jon Krakauer's 1996 book about a 23-year-old's attempt to leave his old life behind by setting out on his own circuitous trek across the United States. Among other things, he changes his name to "Alexander Supertramp," burns his money, abandons his car in the desert, and sets his sights on Alaska. I'll try not to give every-

thing away about this film, but in my view, it is a film that explores the tension between community and individualism. In other words, Chris, or Alexander Supertramp, sets off on this journey believing his life would be better off spent alone - in the woods, in a kayak, or sleeping in an abandoned bus - but along the way, it is the people who ultimately give his life meaning and purpose.

Quite honestly, when I read this book several years ago, I didn't like it. I guess when I finally set the book down, I felt like I had finished reading a depressing travelogue that ended in futility; nevertheless, I think Penn's film may cause us to reflect, even appreciate those imperfect, sometimes difficult, sometimes strange people who reach out to us because ... well ... they love us. One of the most memorable scenes comes when an

old widower, Ron Franz, played by Hal Holbrook, and Chris, played by Emile Hirsch, have a conversation on a mountain. Chris is standing on a rocky knoll when he antagonizes Franz enough to motivate the older man to climb up and join him. When Franz finally reaches the top, sweating and catching his breath, he says to the young drifter something like: "Forgiveness is love ... and love is God's face shining upon you." Then, in a moment of irony or Hollywood magic, the sun comes out. The two hilltop travelers laugh and lie back together on the now sun-drenched ground. While Franz attempts to share his wisdom with McCandless, a wisdom steeped in human reconciliation, hope, and faith, McCandless can only imagine that the answers to all his troubles lie deep in the wilds of Alaska.

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2007 International Peacemaker, Mr. Mamo Wejega Korjo of Ethiopia, shared his story with us in worship on September 30; he is pictured here with Linda and Jim Hagan.



“Spirit Alive” Adult Ed Class

After Sunday worship, be sure to stay for the thought-provoking, discussion-based Adult Education classes, which run from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm.

During November and December, the class offering is *Spirit Alive - Comparing Christians of the 1st and 21st Centuries*, led by Dale and Barbara Bracey. Here is a synopsis of the class:

What propelled the earliest believers to risk displeasing imperial Rome, other established religions and popular culture? Participants will read and discuss the Acts of the Apostles inductively, comparing the Spirit’s action then and now. They will probe how the church was formed and energized. Were the narratives about those early years *sanitized* and scrubbed so as not to antagonize? How did early Christians respond to competing religions, internal dissension, political tension, and twisted immorality? Were early believers similar to us or of a totally different mold?

The class runs November 4, 11, 18 and December 2, 9, 16. Participants are asked to read a chapter of Acts before each class.

- Pat Magee

Brock to Speak at First Pres, Palo Alto

Saving Paradise: Christianity’s Forgotten Love for this World

First Presbyterian Church (1140 Cowper St, Palo Alto) invites everyone to their November 2007 Robert McAfee Brown Lectureship featuring Rev. Dr. Rita Nakashima Brock.

Dr. Brock is visiting scholar at Starr King School, the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. She is author of the award-winning book, *Journeys by Heart: A Christology of Erotic Power* and is co-author of *Proverbs of Ashes; Violence, Redemptive Suffering, and the Search for What Saves Us*.

All events are free and open to the public:

- ☛ Fri., Nov. 3, 7:30-9 pm: Key-note lecture
- ☛ Sat., Nov. 4, 9-11:30 am: Breakfast, Lecture, Workshop, *The Earth as Blessing*
- ☛ 5:30-8 pm: Community Dinner with multi-generational program led by Dr. Brock
- ☛ Sunday, Nov. 5, 9:30-10:30 am: Adult Ed class led by Dr. Brock
- ☛ 11 am – noon: Worship, Dr. Brock preaching

- Pat Magee

Church Library Adds Personal Story of Our Own Cham Yeon

One of our recent worship themes, *Feast or Famine*, carries through to our library in various ways. In the *feasting* category, adults can find books like *Celebrate the Bounty*, *The Frugal Gourmet Celebrates Christmas*, *The Book of Tofu*, a Bible cookbook, a Jewish cookbook, and several church cookbooks, all at 641. And at the same number in Family there is *Birthday Cakes for Kids*, and in Children’s, there are *The Junior Cookbook* and *Eclairs & Brown Bears*.

At the other end of the spectrum, our library holds some accounts of famine and other forms of suffering in our sections of History, Biography and Social Issues.

This month we’re privileged to add a small autobiography written by one of our own members. *My Four Years with Angkar: A true story of Chamroeun Yeon during the Khmer Rouge holocaust 1975-*

1979 (B YEAN) tells Cham’s story of being uprooted from her college studies in Phnom Penh, working at forced labor, suffering hunger and sickness and the killing of her close friends. From this sad story we can gain some understanding and compassion, and I thank Cham for sharing it with us.

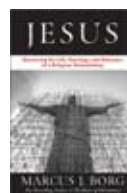
- Sue Williams, Library Coordinator



A new book for young folks: *I Can Count to Ten and Back Again* by Linda Hayward (1st Books Hay), given by Vivian Shimon

A new book for young adults:

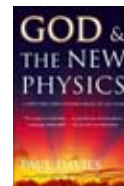
Women Who Changed Things: Nine Lives That Made a Difference by Linda Peavy & Ursula Smith (YA BB PEAVY)



Here are additions to our adult side:

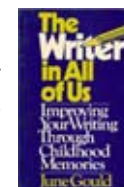
Jesus: Uncovering the Life, Teachings, and Relevance of a Religious Revolutionary by Marcus Borg (232.9 Bor), given by Pat Magee

God and the New Physics by Paul Davies (291.1 Dav), given by Rebecca Kuiken



Saving the Soul of Medicine by Margaret Mahoney, M.D. (600 Mah), given by Betty Moran

The Writer in All of Us: Improving Your Writing Through Childhood Memories by June Gould (291.2 Got)



Faith & Fun – Winning Combination for Stone’s High School Group and ...

The High School Group is off to a roaring start - with 19 kids the first evening! The group meets in room 3, from 7-9 pm, on Sunday nights, from September to June.

The group consists of both Stone Church high school kids and their friends; the latter often become an integral part of our youth community. Activities range from the ridiculously fun *Bigger or Better* scavenger hunt, to *He Said, She Said*, in which the kids divide into gender-based groups and devise questions for the other side. Sometimes the questions are pure fun, but they can also be serious - about gender characteristics and relationships to the larger community.

Other activities this fall have been a beginning-of-the-year BBQ at Bill Ribble’s home, a pizza night with a spiritual DVD, followed by a discussion led by Jim Nissen, and the annual Pumpkin Carving night.

On November 4, Kate Wheatley will talk about the annual Youth Mission Worktrip in mid-June 2008, with Bill Ribble showing photos of previous years’ trips. On December 16, the Middle and

High School Groups will join to go caroling to Stone Church members who are homebound.

Every meeting begins with *Check-in Time* where the kids are encouraged to tell where they found their *God moments* during the week or to talk about what they are grateful for and what has been challenging. The evening always closes with the passing of the lighted candle around the circle - a time for voicing needs and sharing concerns and prayers for friends and relatives.

The kids are constantly learning and growing together in faith and fun. Their relationships and the formation of a supportive family of teenagers are an inspiration to the *Youth Ministry Community*, who consider it a challenge and a privilege to help these kids as they assuredly make their way to discovery, strength, and faith.

The Youth Ministry Community includes Mary Alice Collins, Mel Goertz, Julie Ludwig, Jim Nissen, Bill Ribble, Anne Storer, Hilda Salazar, Lawrence Summers, Suzanne Wolf-Nilson, and Kate Wheatley, who wrote this article.

Stone Seeks CE Associate

Stone Church is seeking a uniquely gifted individual to administer and promote children’s programs, birth through middle school.

The *CE Associate* will serve as a staff resource for the Christian Education Committee, oversee the nursery staff, coordinate Church School activities, and collaborate with volunteers to create an environment of Christian nurture and spirituality for our children.

Strong communication skills are required; a loving and open heart is essential.

For a more complete job description, please contact Rev. Dr. Ken Henry or Bill Ribble.



Childcare Services, Nursery Scheduling

The Christian Education Committee and the Session have agreed that scheduling of all childcare services for Stone is to be coordinated through Debra Brezil, Nursery Supervisor. Requests for childcare must be made two weeks in advance so Debra can line up properly qualified assistants.

We are fortunate that Debra cares so much for our children and the facility that she suggested this policy. The nursery will not be open for general use in order to keep it both neat and sanitary.

In addition to Debra Brezil, you may also contact Claudia Hoagland, Stone Church Office Manager, for childcare requests.

... Stone’s Middle School Group!

The Middle School Group’s year started with a bang - we kidnapped the kids! (This insures attendance at a church event.)

The kids were picked up at their homes early on a Saturday morning. Dressed in PJs and with sleep in their eyes, they were served a breakfast of pancakes and sausage. A variety of fashion statements were made, especially in fuzzy foot attire. Rev. Ken then led them in games and songs.

This year’s program includes two Sunday evening meetings and one Sunday morning each month for chimes instruction. This year’s theme is, “Being a friend and developing friendships as Jesus taught us.”

The October highlight was costume night with pumpkin decorating. In November, we look forward to our annual retreat.

Drop-ins are welcome. If you want to laugh, eat, and be challenged, this is the place for you. We have a remarkable group of bright young people who are a vital part of our church community.

For more information, contact Rosaleen Zisch, Steve Nelson, or Kate Wheatley.

Caring for Every Child

Every child is precious in our church family, and we are not healthy if we don’t care for all of our youth.

The Church School and Middle and High School Groups are designed to help children of all ages to be vibrant, spiritual Christians who choose to follow a Presbyterian path. Our volunteer leaders believe strongly in their work and demonstrate their love for the kids every week. Please hold these ministries in your prayers. And pray for the children we see every week and the many we don’t see very often.

A shared faith, shared life and shared mission are what make a church strong. Our Presbyterian denomination has common worship and education programs that reflect our reformed beliefs. The curriculum we use for Stone’s Sunday Church School is from our denomination. These educational materials embody faithfully our perspective on Christian life.

It is critical to nurture our young with faithful, educationally sound curricula that help them understand the Presbyterian Church. We do this every week and invite your involvement. - Rosaleen Zisch, Children’s Ministry Coordinator

Session Beat

My eyes were fixed on the many flickering candles. By the time the music started, my awareness of the hard wooden pew beneath me had softened, faded, and shifted to the plain wooden crucifix illuminated by the many candles.

Finding Stillness at Advent A cantor offered smooth soprano verses, her voice moving through the sacred space like smoke wafting from burning incense.

As the voices around me joined her in a contemplative response, they carried the ancient-sounding melodies to every corner of the sanctuary.

Adapted from *A Pilgrimage of Song and Silence* (Sojourners, July 2007), this passage expresses what many experience during Stone's Taizé services.

Taizé services offer an interlude of peace – a time of kairos (God's time) in the midst of chronos (human time). During Advent, this special time can deepen your spiritual experience of the season. Sit quietly, relax in silence, be surrounded by beautiful music and candlelight, find a moment of peace and centeredness in your busy life.

Taizé services are held each Tuesday in Advent (Dec. 4, 11, 18). The sanctuary opens at 6:30 pm for music and meditation; the service begins at 6:45 pm and ends at 7:30 pm. - Maureen Ryan

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 lets Individual Retirement Account (IRA) owners age 70½ and older make direct gifts of required distribution amounts to public charities from IRAs without first counting the distribution as income and paying income tax on it. The law covered 2006 and 2007 and has not been renewed (yet) for 2008. To qualify:

- The donor must be 70½ years of age or older;
- Transfers must go directly from an IRA to qualified charities;
- Gifts cannot exceed \$100,000 per taxpayer per year; and
- Gifts must be outright.

You can use this method to fund your annual and/or capital campaign gift. Gratitude to God, along with your values, provides a good opportunity for giving, both for you and for Stone.

- Ruth McCreath

After lively discussion, the Session approved a new program of Health Ministry for Stone Church and an increase in Session size to facilitate leadership for it. Mary Johnson, long-time Parish Nurse for the congregation, has brought members nursing care, as well as health information. The Health Ministry will expand on Mary's work, emphasizing the whole person - body, mind and spirit - and promoting health and wellness. A Health Ministry Committee will provide leadership.

Session learned that the Presbytery of San Jose has approved Marge Palmer as a Parish Associate for Stone Church, and that two other pastors - David McCreath and Dale Bracey - are eager to serve in the same capacity. David will focus on the Men's Ministry Mission projects and on support of the Stewardship Committee; Dale will work with the Church & World Committee on Peacemaking promotion and global mission and on

some Christian Education. Like Marge Palmer, both will assist on Communion Sundays and will preach when asked. Session voted approval of these positions and their referral to the Presbytery Committee on Ministry. Ken Henry remarked that Stone is blessed to have such pastors available.

Responding to the need for a better work flow, the Session changed its meeting date from the second Tuesday to the third Tuesday of the month, effective in January. (Because New Year's Day falls on a Tuesday, Committee meetings will move to the second Tuesday for January.) The permanent calendar will have committee meetings on the first Tuesday, Personnel & Administration on the second Tuesday, and Session on the third Tuesday.

Ruth McCreath reported that the Presbytery of San Jose, at its September meeting, elected the Rev. Joey Lee as its new Executive Presbyter, effective January 1. Joey has been Associate Executive for Program since 1996.

- Alice Thorn, Clerk of Session

C&W Shows Love for Others and the Earth

The Church & World Committee continues to provide inspiring events for all of us to show our love for each other and for our planet.

Shopping Trip to Mervyn's - An Event Filled with Hope and Love

The Spirit was alive and up early Sat. morning, Oct. 20, as 23 generous Stone Church volunteers helped 30 enthusiastic children from homeless programs shop for their own clothes!

Colorful welcome banners and delicious muffins, both made by Stone Church children, further created a sense of hospitality.

Mervyn's provided special discounts, beverages and gift bags for each child. The clothes were so needed, but the spirit of hope and the face-to-face caring shared with the children should stay with them even longer.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this important event a success! **Friends Outside Need Our Support Again at Christmas**

Once again, Stone will be supporting the *Friends Outside* program for families of prison inmates. In late November, Christmas trees will be decorated with gift tags with names, ages, and gift ideas for members of

our adopted family. Gifts will be collected in the social hall early in Dec. Look for more detail in the bulletin.

Eco-Faithfulness Tip of the Month: Stop Junk Mail

The holiday season is a huge one for unsolicited mail. Do the earth a favor and get off the lists that generate junk mail. Pick up a *Stop Junk Mail Kit* pamphlet on the Church & World bulletin board in the hallway and follow the five easy steps. You're saving paper, which saves trees, which capture CO₂, which doesn't go into the atmosphere to increase global warming. Everybody wins. Your mail carrier will thank you, too.

Peacemaking Offering

Stone's Peacemaking Offering totaled \$3,927, an increase over recent years. In addition to supporting Peacemaking training and projects of our General Assembly and Presbytery, 25% will provide assistance for Stone's youth to participate in a Feb. delegation to El Salvador! Scholarship applications will be available soon for our youth.

- Carrie Giorgianni, C&W Moderator



Thanksgiving - turkeys, stuffing, sweet potatoes, vegetables, pecan pies, family and friends gathered to share good things - these are our images to savor.

News from PW



Speaking of thanksgiving, let us remember those who are less fortunate: PW will not hold its usual fall *Thank Offering* luncheon, but shall receive our *Thank Offerings* at our circle meetings this month. Much of this offering goes to health ministries throughout the world. (A complete list of recipients can be found in *Horizons* magazine.) If you are not in a circle, but would like to contribute, please leave your offering in Sally Magee's box and mark it as *Thank Offering*.

Men Go Flying, See Bear, Hold Book Sale

The men of Stone Church now have several groups in which to participate - come join them! But hopefully, you won't meet the bear ...

Men's Mission Team

The Men's Mission Team worktrip to Zephyr Point was highly successful. Here's the report from Leland Wong:

The guys, John Lococo, Art Holtz, Bruce Raby, Dave McCreath, Lawrence Summers and I, rough-framed and set up for a stairway from the main garage to the road. The project was challenging due to the various types of terrain we encountered, from solid granite to soft loam soil. While we were there, we had a fire in cabin 93 and a close encounter with a bear - what an adventure! Ask John and Lee for details. We were tired, muscles sore, but it was a great experience.

Dave graciously arranged a tour of the CDF/USFS dispatch center where his niece works - educational and informative - they are worth every tax dollar.

We had very interesting discussions and programs during the evening. We are working on ways to make these trips more available to all of the men of our church.

The next Men's Mission Team worktrip is Nov. 2-4 at Westminster Woods. Contact Leland for more detail.

Men's Book Group

The Men's Book Group will meet on

The last orders for Fairly Traded Christmas baskets will be received on Nov. 11 after worship during the regular sales of coffee, tea, etc., in the social hall.

It is time to be thinking about toys for Sacred Heart during the Christmas season. Circle members are asked to bring their gifts (unwrapped), as well as wrapping paper, ribbon, etc., to the December meetings. They tell us that gifts for teenagers are always in short supply. (There will be more on this next month.)

We received a very nice thank you note from Christopher School for the Campbell coupons you have been donating. It takes so little effort to bring extra experiences for so many children.

Are you sure you have the story about Jonah and the whale completely correct? If not, come to Rev. Marge's Bible Study and learn more.

November 19, at 7:30 pm, at the home of Bill Ribble. The book selected for discussion is the classic, *Sea Wolf*, by Jack London. All men of the church are welcome to attend. Contact David McCreath for more detail.

Men's Book Group - Book Sale

On Sunday, November 25, after worship, the Men's Book Group will hold its second Book Sale in the social hall. The goal is to have some fun and make a little money, while sharing books, tapes, and DVDs among members of the congregation. Please bring your used books, tapes, and DVDs to the social hall each Sunday up to and including the 25th, for the men to collect.

During the first sale, children of all ages and adults made many purchases - the diversity of materials and subjects was amazing.

Prices will be 50 cents for soft-cover books and \$2 for hard-cover books and everything else. Proceeds go to mission work, and unsold books are donated to the library.

Contact Stephen Buckley for more detail.

Men's Flying Group

The Men's Flying Group is planning a trip Nov. 10 to the Hiller Museum in San Carlos and then to Half Moon Bay for lunch.

Contact Bill Ribble for more detail.

PW Schedule for November:

Focus Group, 9:30 am, Nov. 6, Elizabeth Shandera's home

Amethyst Circle, 1 pm, Nov. 7, Church Library

Emerald Circle, 9:30 am, Nov. 1, Janice Goertz's home

Sapphire Circle, 7:30 pm, Nov. 12, Marilyn Gardner's home

Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am, Nov. 13, Taiwan Restaurant, Lincoln Ave.

Book Group I, 1 pm, Nov. 5, Liz Shandera's home (*Little Heathens* by Kalish)

Book Group II, 2:30 pm, Nov. 19, Joyce Degan's home (*Luncheon of the Boating Party* by Vreeland)

Prayer Shawl Group (knitting), 4 pm, Nov. 29, Fireside Room (Janice Goertz emphasizes this is *not* gender specific.)

Bible Study, 9:30 am, Nov. 15, Church Library, led by Rev. Marge.

-Catherine Amos



(above) *The Mission Team*: Art Holtz, David McCreath, Bruce Raby, John Lococo, Leland Wong, and Lawrence Summers.

(below) *Cabin 93 after the fire. But where's the bear?*



HELLO FROM THE CHOIR!

As you might have guessed, we are having a lot of fun these days working on a wide variety of literature. Thanks for your compliments - it means a lot to us to know that our music is reaching you spiritually. I have programmed a number of anthems that ask you to sing along with us ... thanks for your hearty voices!

I thought you might want to know what we are planning for the holiday

season this year (and remember, there is still time to learn the music if you would like to join us).

We are currently preparing the *Missa Criolla* of Argentinian composer Ariel Ramirez for a special evening presentation at Stone on December 16, with other carols and celebrations in the tradition of a Mexican Christmas. For Christmas Eve, in honor of our upcoming Stone Church Choir Tour to the British Isles in July of 2008, we will be singing Scottish, Irish, and English carols.

Speaking of the tour, would you like to go with us? You can come

whether you sing or not - we would love your company on what is sure to be a beautiful, enriching, and just plain fun experience. We will be visiting Ireland and Scotland, including a trip to the island of Iona. (Rebecca Kuiken's slideshow last year set us on our way - that's when the idea to go was born.) We will be singing four concerts and may be doing a Presbyterian service in Scotland as well!

If you are interested, please see Donald Foster's informative article with contact information, below.

Warm regards to you all,
Nancy Wait Kromm

Choir Tour Open to All!



The Stone Church Choir is planning a tour to Ireland and Scotland from July 14-23, 2008, and extends an invitation to all Stone Church members and friends to travel with them for fun and fellowship, whether or not you want to sing.

The choir will perform concerts in Ireland and Scotland under the direction of Nancy Kromm and will be joined by singers from the San Jose Symphonic Choir and Monterey Symphony Chorus.

The tour package is \$3539 per person and includes airfare, 3-star and 4-star accommodations, all breakfasts and three group dinners.

After worship on Sun., Nov. 4, Scott Myers from Encore Tours will present a short slideshow and be available to answer questions. Details can be found at www.stonechurch.org/events/Choir-Tour.pdf. For more detail, please contact Donald Foster.

Stone Church and Micro-Lending

The Men's Book Group recently read and discussed *Banker to the Poor* by Muhammad Yunus, founder of the Grameen Bank.

Yunus was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize in 2006 for implementing his concept of *micro-loans* to the very poor, which were invested in income-generating projects that then raised them up a notch in the socio-economic hierarchy. Subsequently, larger loans were made to people who succeeded in repaying earlier loans and showed a willingness to work hard and advance themselves. Over a period of time, the concept improved the economies of entire regions of Bangladesh.

What if ... people at Stone Church could help the very poor in Northern California in a similar manner? Although there are similarities between the poor in America and the poor of Bangladesh, there are

also differences. The challenge is to find a way to obtain similar results here, adapting to our culture, society, and economic structure.

We invite ... or challenge ... interested men and women of Stone to join us in exploring this micro-lending concept to determine if we could either form our own organization or work with other established organizations to help people raise themselves out of structural poverty.

Members of the Men's Book Group will be investigating the topic more thoroughly, along with local possibilities. We intend to hold an open informational meeting later this fall. If you are interested in exploring this concept with us, we encourage you to read the book, *Banker to the Poor*, and to contact either Bill Ribble or David McCreath for more information.

Pastor's Column: Into the Wild

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In the Reformed Faith, we have always extolled the benefits of a spiritual community. Indeed, John Calvin believed that humans were "bound together as by a sacred chain ... [and] embraced in one feeling of love." For Calvin, God meant us to be in community. Thus, while the prospect of becoming a rugged individualist may sound brave, even akin to the pioneer spirit, there is clearly no substitute for the support, nurture, love, affirmation, and grace we receive from others.

Although I thought this film was a bit long, it did make me take stock of my own life choices and adventures. As much as I find great spiritual solace in strapping on my backpack, stomping off into the woods and/or sitting on top of a mountain looking off into the distance, I also realize there is a rootedness that comes from breaking bread with brothers and sisters around a common table.

This movie is probably not for little kids (I don't think my 13-year-old would go for it), but I would recommend it to anyone who has ever found him or herself wandering off the beaten path, searching for answers. We might also know someone in our family like that. It is a film that invites wilderness reflection. At the very least, it's a movie you'll talk about in the car all the way home.

- Blessings, Ken

Stone Golf Tournament A Great Day!

What a glorious October day! Not too warm; not too cool; just right for the 20 golfers playing at *The Villages Golf and Country Club* in Evergreen for the annual Stone Golf Tournament. Since all levels of golfers were represented, teams with the lowest and highest scores were recognized. Also recognized were the men and women who claimed the longest drive and closest to the pin awards.

Donated prizes were awarded by random drawing. Lucky winners received dinner gift certificates, high-end bottles of wine, golf equipment, and more. Once again our Willow Glen neighborhood merchants, Stone members, and other vendors were generous in providing prizes. We are grateful for this support, so as you shop and dine, please thank these merchants who provided monetary support for our tournament by supporting with your business:

Aqui Cal-Mex Grill, Lincoln Avenue
Bill's Café, Willow Street
Coyote Creek Golf Course
Geared for Golf, Bascom Avenue
Gene's Classic Golf Collection,
Almaden
Golfsmith, Stevens Creek Blvd.
Jamba Juice, Lincoln Avenue
John's Xlint Foods, Lincoln Avenue
Joseph George Wines, Meridian Ave.
Le Boulanger, Lincoln Avenue
Monsieur Beans, Lincoln Avenue
Pizza My Heart, Lincoln Avenue
Powell's Sweet Shoppe, Lincoln Ave.
Round Table Pizza, Lincoln Avenue
Starbucks, Garden Theater
Starbucks, Lincoln Avenue
Taiwan Restaurant, Lincoln Avenue
Willow Glen Books, Lincoln Avenue
Willow Street Wood Fired Pizza
Wine Styles, Lincoln Avenue
The Wyllie Family

Editor's Note (from one of the "high scorers"!): A huge thank you to Maureen Ryan, Michael Donald, and Mike Wyllie for organizing this fabulous event every year!



Okay, so it's not *The Villages* ... but some idiot (and that would be your Editor!) forgot to take her camera to the golf tournament ... so here are Gordon and Jody Meacham playing golf at Mt. Shasta last summer ...



And this is *The Villages* ... but it's from one of our previous tournaments ... Mike Wyllie, a friend of Dick Kistler's, and Dick are getting ready to hit the links ...

I promise to bring my camera next year, Maureen!



John Leih, Betty D'Angelo and Kathy Galgano get their Flu Shots from Parish Nurse, Mary Johnson (who is just out of this photo, to the right ...)

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author, *Three Cups of Tea*, SF Public Library,
- Koret Auditorium
100 Larkin St., SF
94102 (415-557-4400)
www.sfpl.org
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Meets in San Jose

PW Offers Fairly Traded Christmas Gift Baskets

Presbyterian Women are again offering Christmas baskets featuring fairly traded coffee, tea, cocoa and chocolate bars. Each basket is custom-made, so you can choose exactly what you want. Orders can be placed through Sunday, Nov. 11. Delivery will start as soon as possible, ending Dec. 9. Order forms are available in the church office. Contact Sally Magee for more detail.



Attention Parents! 10th Annual Parents' Day Out



Let the Deacons of Stone Church take your children off your hands for a few hours. You'll have time for shopping, lunch or just relaxing while your children enjoy crafts, games, movies and lunch!

**Saturday, December 1, 10 am to 2 pm
For kids 12 & under - reservations required
RSVP to Mary Jo Blazek**