

Coming Home

News from The Bishop's Ranch

Fall 2016

Trailblazer Lloyd W. Aubry

by Sean Swift, Executive Director



Lloyd and Margaret Aubry

When I worked in the mountains during winter a long time ago, we led groups on ski trails among red fir and pine trees. Some older trails were marked with blazes on tree trunks, a pattern cut into the thick bark of the trees with an axe, placed high enough on the tree so that the blaze would be visible to travellers on skis or snowshoes in deep snow. I'm sure this method is not good for the trees and we certainly don't mark trails this way at the Ranch. But we do have trailblazers.

Bishop Karl Morgan Block is a Ranch trailblazer of course. He purchased the Ranch from Osborne and Aileen White in 1947 and turned it into a place of retreat for the Diocese of California. He conceived and raised the needed funds to build the Chapel of St. George and the Refectory. Bishop William E. Swing is the second trailblazer on the list: his decision and effort brought the Ranch from the brink of being sold away into an organization with clear goals, revived hospitality and strong governance. John Lemmer and Cal Rutherford, early board presidents, neighbor Dr. Marty Griffin in protecting the Ranch environment, and innovative board president Nigel Heath who has guided the Ranch in the 21st century are on my list – and there are more. However, at the top with Bishops Block and Swing is Lloyd W. Aubry.

Lloyd, who passed away on July 9th, 2016 at the age of 92, came onto the Ranch board at Bishop Swing's

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Preparing The Bishop's Ranch for Now and for the Future

by Susan Pierpoint, Bishop's Ranch Board President

What is the Master Plan for The Bishop's Ranch? Reference.com gives a good start on a definition if one removes references to urban life: A master plan is a plan that shows an overall development concept that includes design, landscaping, infrastructure, service provision, circulation, present and future land



Susan Pierpoint

use and built form. It consists of three dimensional images, texts, diagrams, statistics, reports, maps and aerial photos that describe how a specific location will be developed. It provides a structured approach and creates a clear framework for developing an area.

The Master Plan for the Ranch, however, is all that and much more. For one thing, it's as organic as Gina's Orchard and the Ranch Garden – arising over many years of use and experience, growing thoughtfully out of dozens and dozens of conversations with guests from Episcopal parishes, the Diocese of California, campers and their families, a wide variety of nonprofits, guests of Ranch programs, book clubs, quilting groups, members of the Board and the Acorn Society, donors, friends, volunteers and neighbors – to name just a few. The plan has changed a great deal over the last couple of years – as plans do when so many caring and capable people offer input and encouragement. However, there is a small but mighty and very hardworking core team that has turned all the thought, experience and shared wisdom into exciting reality: our own visionary Executive Director Sean Swift, our talented Landscape Architect Jane Marx, and our imaginative Architect Jon Worden.

The Plan addresses even more than the definition above. It includes a look back to the history of the Ranch and addresses preservation, environmental analysis and action, collection and use of water, green energy and radical support of the Ranch's mission – creating a place where lives are changed – with

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The River of Life: Summer Camp 2016 *by Ardath Dixon, Camp Director*



Explorers Week at BREAD Camp

Summer camps this year at The Bishop's Ranch were a success. We served a total of 266 campers over six weeks, with campers' ages spanning from 1 to 79 and campers' home bases ranging from New York City to the next-door driveway in Healdsburg.

The "River of Life" theme flowed throughout every program this summer. We kicked off the camp staff training with a canoe trip down the Russian River that came to show the value of perseverance and communal support for unexpected obstacles. We sang many water-related songs to get ready for the music deeply integrated into every week of camp, and prepared for the camps to begin.

The Ranch Hands, Assistant Camp Director, and myself then dove in to the first week of camp: **READ Camp** for Healdsburg students. This was a day camp for five afternoons with 22 students entering grades 4-6. These campers were part of the Healdsburg School District's intensive literacy summer program with morning classes at school. We partnered with them for one week of the summer, offering students the opportunity to come to camp each afternoon. READ Camp included swim lessons, hikes, tag games, camp songs, art projects, and a campfire. This program was made possible thanks to the raffle held during the Acorn Society weekend and the Maria Kip \$10,000 Partnership Fund Challenge. An additional \$3,535 is needed to complete this Partnership Fund Challenge grant, enabling a third summer of READ Camp and other program Scholarships next year. It was a great step in the continual community building between Healdsburg youth and The Bishop's Ranch, and we look forward to leading the program in 2017 for its third year.

Following READ Camp, it was time for **Family Camp**! Every day was "a great, great, one great day," as we sang in the refectory at breakfast. The river of life theme took shape through art projects, including wind chimes made of drift wood, songs like "Shenandoah" or "Down

in the River to Pray," and an afternoon canoe trip on the Russian River. We also had many chapel skits, pool games, fun dance moves, dodgeball excitement, and story time with all ages. Next came **Generations Camp**, with bunches of families, music, and crafts. We began the week with an activity painting mandalas onto river stones, where certain colors represented our own personal values. The week continued along with a fabulous softball game, a passionate night of capture the flag, a beach trip, and an impressive project making rocket ships out of soda bottles. The river theme took shape through art, music, and chapel activities.

Midway through July, the BREAD Camps began! BREAD is an acronym for Bible, Recreation, Exploration, Adventure, Discovery, and we call our youth camps here at The Bishop's Ranch our BREAD Camps. **BREAD: Explorers**, for high school-aged campers, was our first BREAD program, with 70 campers the most participants for this age group in years. Music time was moved to the Pavilion, and we came to know and love many water-related songs, with "Oceans" being a new favorite. Other highlights included Camp Olympics one night, where groups participated in relay races and created their own new camp songs. One song became a favorite around the campfire for the rest of the summer! **BREAD: Discoverers** came second, with campers entering grades 4-6. This week was filled with interactive skits with costumes to capture the Biblical stories of the day. Whether a slip 'n slide to demonstrate baby Moses floating down the Nile, or a bird costume plus a swimming pool to show Jesus' baptism, the river of life theme became tangible with excited engagement among campers. The last week of camp was **BREAD: Adventurers**, for campers entering grades 7-9. The mornings began with outdoor games, and this was a fun and lively way to start the day. We shared meaningful moments in the evenings, with foot washing in the chapel, sharing personal hopes on trail at the Cristo, and the candlelit pool Compline. The beauty



Campers walking back to campus from ball field

of camp is how those spiritual moments are combined with less serious moments, like the epic counselors vs. campers capture the flag game, loud campfires, and great dance moves.

Thanks to all the campers, parents, families, counselors, chaplains, nurses, musicians, and administrators for a successful season. Much time and effort was dedicated to these summer programs, and it paid off! Campers of all ages wrote uplifting evaluations, including how camp is “inspiring, relaxing, loving, and brings out the best of us.” They shared how camp “has given space to develop amazing friendships and deeper relationships with my children,” “has been a safe place for me to grow into myself,” “offers a sense of community to explore my faith,” and “reminded us of the bonds we have and capacity for wonder.” Love and thanks to all, whether you attended in person or supported these programs from afar. Time to keep flowing down the river of life, whatever eddies or rapids we come upon around the next bend. See you next summer!

Upcoming Ranch Programs

- **The Aramaic Jesus Meets the Meister**
September 9-11, 2016
- **Encaustic Collage with Lisa Thorpe**
September 10-11, 2016
- **Fall Service Day**
October 1, 2016
- **Lord, Teach Us to Pray with Davis Keller & Emily Wilmer**
October 3-6, 2016 & October 7-9, 2016
- **Fall Hike**
October 22, 2016
- **The 3rd Act: For Women over 50**
October 30-November 1, 2016
- **Yoga with Marie Hirsch**
November 5, 2016
- **Winter Creative Retreat with Lisa Thorpe**
November 5-6, 2016
- **Silent Days in Advent**
December 9-16, 2016
- **Wisdom of the Heart with Kayleen Asbo**
December 16-18, 2016
- **Epiphany Day with Bishop Marc Andrus**
January 7, 2017
- **Celtic Consciousness with John Philip Newell**
January 31-February 2, 2017
- **Ranch Quilt Retreat**
February 12-16, 2017
- **Enneagram Workshop with William Glenn**
February, 2017 – Date to be announced
- **Spring Hike**
March 11, 2017
- **Preaching Symposium with Bishop Marc Andrus**
March 14-17, 2017
- **Easter with the Aramaic Jesus with Neil Douglas-Klotz**
April 14-16, 2017

2017 Camp Dates

- **Generations Camp**
Sunday, June 25 – Saturday, July 1, 2017
- **Family Camp**
Sunday, July 2 – Saturday, July 8, 2017
- **BREAD: Explorers** (entering grades 10-just grad)
Sunday, July 9 – Saturday, July 15, 2017
- **BREAD: Discoverers** (entering grades 4-6)
Monday, July 17 – Saturday, July 22, 2017
- **BREAD: Adventurers** (entering grades 7-9)
Sunday, July 23 – Saturday, July 29, 2017

Save the dates! Registrations will be live online in early fall.



All smiles from these Family Camp campers.

Hello & Goodbye: Staff News



Cacilia has retired to spend more time with her 7 children, 15 grandchildren, and grandpup, Zoe, pictured here.

Long-time Ranch employee Cacilia Dale retired this summer after over 25 years of loyal service. She began as a member of our housekeeping staff, and over the years became head of housekeeping. She then shifted her Ranch focus, spending many years as our bookkeeper and human resources representative.

While Cacilia is now retired, she is still our neighbor to the north and has pledged to stop in, help out when needed, and share a meal from time to time.

New in the office is Dana Starr, who will take over bookkeeping duties, and Eileen Hallock, who is now the friendly voice at the end of the telephone to answer all your Ranch questions and fulfill your reservation needs. Kalenn Stine and Sarah Farmer-Williams have bolstered the kitchen crew and Anabel Marquez joined the housekeeping staff this summer.

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Betty Nolen: A Life of Service *by Judy Harris, Board Member*



Legacy Circle member Betty Nolen

Betty Nolen is not ready to slow down – even though she reminds me she is now 88! I caught up with Betty at the San Mateo County History Museum where she volunteers one day a week in the bookstore. Betty also swims a half-mile three times a week at the Y and volunteers several days a month for FISH – Friends In Service To Humanity. All of this in addition to her dedicated service at Good Shepherd, Belmont!

Some of Betty's early memories include being at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Her father was the Chief of Surgery at the Naval Hospital there. He was called to the hospital immediately after the bombing. For several days, as he worked non-stop to try to save lives, his family did not know if he had survived the attack. Betty, along with her mother and siblings, remained in Honolulu for the duration of the war.

After finishing high school at Punahou in Honolulu, Betty continued her education, following in the steps of her father, into the field of medicine. She graduated from the University of Oregon with a degree in nursing and served four years as a Navy nurse before continuing her nursing career as a civilian. Along the way, Betty met a "good looking guy," retired Air Force, who caught her eye on one of her nursing assignments – Floyd Nolen, who became her husband of 37 years.

Betty has lived for many years on the San Francisco Peninsula. A "cradle

Episcopalian," she was a parishioner at St. Andrew's, San Bruno, and then at Transfiguration, San Mateo. She has been at Good Shepherd for over 40 years, serving that parish in many capacities – as a member of the Vestry, a delegate to Diocesan Convention, and now the "kitchen manager."

Floyd passed away 11 years ago. In appreciation for the strong Episcopal faith and community that sustained them over the years, Betty and Floyd worked with Richard Schaper (then the Diocesan Gift Planning Officer) to set up a Charitable Gift Annuity to benefit both Good Shepherd and The Bishop's Ranch.

Betty has had a long history with The Bishop's Ranch. Over the years, she visited the Ranch for Vestry retreats, women's group retreats and parish retreats. She facilitated bringing a choral group from Arizona State University (God Unlimited Singers) to the Ranch in the early 1970s. Betty's daughter, Carrie, also attended camp at the Ranch.

Betty described a spiritual "aha! moment" at the Ranch. She was following a path that had been set up on the main campus with the Stations of the Cross and came to the station that called on her to "pick up your cross and follow Him." Betty's life has been one of sustained service to her family, her parish and her community.

You too may wish to leave a lasting legacy and remember The Bishop's Ranch in your will or estate plan. Feel free to visit <http://www.bishopsranch.org/support-us/the-legacy-circle/> or contact the Diocesan Gift Planning Officer Amanda Kiernan Martin at 415-869-7812 or amandam@diocal.org for ideas about how the Ranch might be included in your plans to mutual benefit. New Legacy Circle members will be inducted into the Legacy Circle during the Acorn Society Annual Forum on the weekend of June 2-4, 2017.



READ campers lining up for some fun!

Abundance Flows Through Generosity

from the Advancement Office

One of the key indicators of a successful year of operation for The Bishop's Ranch is the Annual Fund campaign. Since its inception in 2009, the Annual Fund campaign has continued to provide essential support to the day-to-day ministry at the Ranch. It has enabled us to keep a strong and talented staff on-hand for guest service, make repairs to the buildings and grounds as needed without undue strain on the organization's cash flow, and expand the programs and services offered to groups and individuals visiting the Ranch.

Although much of the direct daily costs of operating the Ranch are paid with guest fees, the full cost of maintaining the Ranch and providing its rich array of programs and services is higher than the income generated by those fees. The Annual Fund bridges the gap between guest fees and the true cost of stewardship, so donations to the Fund provide the additional resources necessary for major repairs, planned activities and program support. The Annual Fund helps keep guest fees lower so that more people may have an opportunity to experience the benefits of a retreat. Without generous contributions each year, the Ranch would not continue to have the capacity to be a transformative destination, "a place where lives are changed" for all members of our community of faith.

The 2016 Annual Fund campaign is off to a solid start thanks to 217 households to date, and generous leadership support from Board of

Directors and Acorn Society members. Of the \$200,000 needed to balance the 2016 operating budget, \$140,294 has been raised. Thank you to the many people who have made this important investment in the life of the Ranch. If you would like to make a gift to the Annual Fund you may use the enclosed donation envelope or do so on-line with a credit card by visiting <http://www.bishopsranch.org/support-us/annual-fund/>.

Ninety-four households or organizations have given to the Annual Fund every year since its inception in 2009 – that's seven years of consistent annual giving! Would you consider making annual support of the Ranch a tradition in your household? By sharing some of your abundance each year, at any giving level, you ensure the success of this cherished retreat center.

On-going monthly pledges are an easy, hassle-free way supporters can cement their commitment to The Bishop's Ranch. By filling out the on-going pledge form found on-line at <http://www.bishopsranch.org/support-us/how-to-contribute/> your designated amount will be charged automatically to your credit card, or we can work with you and your bank to have an automatic payment sent from your bank account to The Bishop's Ranch on a regular basis. Would you like to make annual giving to The Bishop's Ranch both steady and simple? Contact the Advancement office anytime: 707.433.2440 x105. Thank you for your on-going support.

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Field of Wheat *by Matt Kissmann, Facilities & Land Manager*



Looking Northeast, Farm to Altar Table Wheat beyond mown grass of ball field

Did you ever think you would see wheat cultivated on the hillside below the Swing Pavilion? Could you have imagined that the steep hill below the veranda that had once been mowed each spring and summer would support an undulating expanse of grain, ebbing and flowing with the summer winds? In the spring of 2015, it happened; it was there for all to see and it was beautiful. What you might not have seen, however, was the small tractor pulling a single plow to fracture the highly compacted soil, or the Americorps Silver 7 team spreading 20 yards of compost and amendments and removing several truckloads of softball-sized stones. You may have missed the volunteers with bent backs, painstakingly placing seed by hand into furrows created with modified gravel rakes in the spring, or harvesting the ripe wheat with hand sickles, bundling and hauling it to be threshed in late summer. Amongst all this there were the Ranch staff that incorporated the amendments, diligently watered the field with a single overhead sprinkler, and transported the harvested bundles of wheat to be processed. We collectively touched on each step of the process, from soil to oven, and the romance of it all was not lost on me. It touched me in the satisfaction of having transformed the soil, dropped the seed, and waded through waves of wheat, but also in knowing that smell of freshly baked bread at grandma's house and how this wheat could perhaps conjure up something so powerful for somebody else.

We had done it; we had created a product that we were proud of, one that had literally absorbed bits of the Ranch and could be used as a vehicle to redistribute those morsels to people all over the Bay Area. The Ranch had produced something that was delectable and clearly wholesome when you first tasted it. But we could do better! We needed to critique ourselves and improve where we could, altering our tact to make the process less wasteful and less invasive, while still feeling connected to the land. We had wasted seed (at both planting and harvest), used too much water and too much labor. And we wanted to expand. In order to not disrupt the grazing of our pastureland in a haphazard way, we turned our attention to the only other large, flat space

available: the ball field. It immediately conjured up images of Shoeless Joe Jackson stepping out of a field of corn. Could we have our own Field of Dreams but with wheat?

Lucky for us, back in 1993, Bishop Swing had implored the Board of Directors to expand the flat area that had once served the White-O-Rancho as an area to exercise its draft horses. During World War II, Osborn White would go on to use the area as a training ground for the local militia he led. The Bishop saw a good opportunity to develop this area into a space for visitors to play games and exercise, and was firm with the Board in his conviction. Under the supervision of then Board President Lloyd Aubry, over 3,500 cubic yards of soil was graded and compacted over a period of about 10 days. Later that same summer, Bishop Swing took advantage of this new play space as he led a softball game at a Diocesan Picnic. It was such a hit that for several years thereafter, the Bishop led an annual game at the Clergy Conference that pitted the clergy against the seminarians. It's rumored that, in his humility, the Bishop would usually "let" the seminarians win.

Thanks to the Bishop's grand vision, there was plenty of room to double the extent of our wheat crop while still providing plenty of space for softball, football and kickball. The space also provided a flat expanse to easily amend the soil and we were able to rent a seed drill from a local Resource Conservation District that enabled us to efficiently place the seed in the ground in one simple step. It was so much more efficient, in fact, that we used the same amount of seed as the previous year on twice the area of land. We took advantage of our mild, moist winters by planting in late fall and letting Mother Nature take care of the rest. We had simplified, but enhanced the process. We were still able to touch the soil with each step while using our limited resources in a more profound way, never losing that sense of giddiness when the rows of wheat first pop up through the soil, start forming seed heads or turn that hearty shade of gold. I can only hope that Bishop Swing and Osborn White would be proud of the use we have put to their field and would share in the sense of awe we feel in watching an expanse of golden, ripe wheat swaying to and fro.

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Lloyd W. Aubry

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A slice of heaven; Fall vines as seen from Refectory lawn

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If you no longer wish to be on our mailing list, or want to update your contact information, please email: info@bishopsranch.org with your mailing information.

The Bishop's Ranch Wish List

- Electric golf cart
- Sheets, twin or double, new or in excellent condition
- Towels and washcloths, new or in excellent condition
- Coffee makers, new or in excellent condition
- Vacuums, new or in excellent condition
- Pots and skillets, new or in excellent condition
- Utility trailer
- Digital water tester
- Microscopes for field biology
- Vehicles in good working order: Mini van, 9 passenger type
- Pepper mill
- Electric spice grinder

A monetary or in-kind gift for an item on the wish list helps Ranch guests have a more comfortable and productive stay, and helps the Ranch staff improve services to guests.

Thank you for Gifts to the Ranch's Annual Operations and Development!

Includes gifts and pledges to: the Annual Fund campaign, the Art Center, the Chapel of St. George, the Endowment Fund, the Farm to Altar Table Wheat Project, Gina's Orchard Watershed Environmental Education Program, the Partnership Fund for scholarship assistance, the Pool Area Renovation and Landscape, the Tree House, and the William and Mary Swing Hospitality Pavilion Project. All names listed on pages 7-9 reflect gifts or pledge payments received between March 1, and July 30, 2016. If you sent in a contribution during this time and your name is not here, we sincerely apologize. Please contact us to let us know. If we received a contribution after July 30, your name will appear in the next issue of the newsletter.

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 Pleasant Hill
 The Beverly M. Folger Foundation
 The San Francisco Foundation
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 Roger and Mary Hassett
 Kairos Gives Back work day from De la
 Salle High School
 Sarah Montoya
 Charley Netzow
 Ezra Parkhill
 St. James', San Francisco youth group
 Alex Tai
 Wheat planting day volunteers

DONATION OF REAL GOODS

Anonymous, coffeemakers
 Sandra J. Ahn, soap, note cards, three
 chairs, stainless steel bowl
 Jo Ellen Arnold, reference book about
 bats, with notes
 Kayleen Asbo, Yamaha baby grand
 piano, with delivery
 Bryce Austin, fruit
 Chris Berardo, chair, ottoman and
 floor lamp
 Shelley Bermudez, flower plants and
 basket
 Toby Bruce and Gabriela Strand
 Bruce, costumes
 Betsy Chen, linens

Lindsey Crittenden, linens
 Miriam Drake, coffee server and coffee
 Julie Ferguson, linens
 William Glenn, library items
 Roy and Joanna Henrichs, linens
 Jack and Carolyn Klemeyer, books
 Henry H. and Carole Jan Lee, platter
 and linens
 Christopher and Peggy Lewis, ice chest
 Susan Lucas, wind chimes
 Sandy Mann, oranges
 Bill and Betsy Nachbaur, Acorn Winery
 wine
 Matt and Laura O'Connor, MacBook
 Pro
 Therese Saint-Andre, mattress
 pads
 Adam and Kathy Sbragia, Sbragia
 Winery wine
 Michael and Catherine Secour, note
 cards with envelopes and mattress
 covers
 Arthur Still, linens
 Mr. Ian M. White, architectural
 drawings
 Dickson Yeager, two water jugs

*The following are members of the Yolo
 County Knitters Guild who hand knit
 squares for an afghan that was raffled
 off to benefit READ Camp*

Jane Best
 Beth Conte
 Shelley Hird
 Janice A. Hogan
 Barbara Kelly
 Jean Palma
 Willa and Stuart Pettygrove
 Cindy Rice
 Linda Schwartz
 Pat Smith
 Rory Tafoya
 Toni Terhaar



*West Side School 3rd graders participating in
 Gina's Orchard Environmental Education Program*



*Friends, supporters, staff
and board members gathered
together for Annual Forum 2016*

Ninth Acorn Society Annual Forum Celebration *from the Advancement Office*

There are so very many things that go into making a good retreat experience possible for guests at The Bishop's Ranch. There is a committed and caring staff of well over 30 people helping year-round to make the day-to-day operations run smoothly. There are hundreds of volunteers from around the Diocese of California and beyond, helping to improve the site and set policy for the organization. There is a supportive Diocesan Bishop and his staff, guiding the growth of the retreat center and providing support when necessary. Over the 69 years of its existence, The Bishop's Ranch has gone from a smaller Episcopal retreat facility to a retreat and conference center well known throughout the country and used by thousands of guests each year.

In a recent tradition, the staff and Board of Directors host a special Acorn Society Annual Forum weekend at The Bishop's Ranch in the late spring. This weekend is devoted to Ranch leaders and friends, and to benefit the ministry of hospitality. One of the special guests at this year's forum, Skip Schwartz, former Executive Director of Audubon Canyon Ranch (ACR), visited with guests and discussed the prosperous growth of ACR over the past 30 years. Bishop Marc shared his pivotal experience at the Paris climate conference this year. The weekend allowed Ranch supporters to learn from one another, and to celebrate and discuss the future direction of this beloved center.

The weekend was a happy one for many reasons. Significantly, 2016 marks an historic event worthy of note. As a result of the efforts of many Ranch supporters, including those in the Legacy Circle (see page 4) and also many others who are no longer with us, The Bishop's Ranch drew down its first Endowment distribution. Since its inception with a generous lead gift and a strong, clear vision from the late Ven. John J. Weaver, the El Rancho del Obispo Endowment Fund has been growing steadily for 16 years. This year the Ranch operating budget

received \$20,000 in an interest and dividends distribution, and the Endowment Fund remains intact and growing.

These funds, as part of an ongoing annual distribution to the operating budget, have allowed:

- Replacement of the Ranch House roofing material in the tower area, where the beautiful curving construction calls for extra care;
- Maintenance to the fire suppression system for the Swing Hospitality Pavilion; and
- Sealing and protecting the asphalt of the main driveway, installed in 2008, in order to maximize its longevity.

These distributions will happen year after year as a result of the El Rancho del Obispo Endowment Fund. In 10 years the operating budget of the Ranch will have received \$200,000 from the Endowment Fund, and in 20 years it will have received half a million dollars. (These estimates are based on the notion that the Endowment Fund principle remains at roughly the same level. It is likely that the Endowment Fund will continue to grow over time, as will the annual distribution amounts.)

The Endowment clearly demonstrates the power and effectiveness of longer-term thinking about helping the Ranch. As John Weaver used to say, "O Happy Day!" Special thanks go to all the Ranch leaders and friends who are growing a tradition of hospitality at The Bishop's Ranch. Their efforts and generosity will be felt well into the future and allow the descendants of today's Ranch community to find peace and growth here as we do today.

Please visit <http://www.bishopsranch.org/support-us/acorn/> or <http://www.bishopsranch.org/support-us/the-legacy-circle/> if you'd like more information about the Acorn Society and Legacy Circle, or contact the Advancement Office at 707.433.2440 x105.

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request in 1986. Bishop Swing famously recruited Lloyd during a round of Lloyd's favorite game – golf. Perhaps Lloyd was softened up, but he responded to Bishop Swing's call with great energy. When Lloyd sold his engineering and construction business in 1990, he could have spent all his time travelling, golfing and relaxing with his wife Margaret and his active family. He did do those things, but he also took on the big job that Bishop Swing asked him to do. In those days, though the Ranch was beloved, it needed a lot of care. Lloyd generously shared his valuable organizing and negotiating skills, business acumen, and a tremendous amount of time to develop the Ranch into a place that people of all ages could really use. Over the years, working with Bishop Swing, and later with Bishop Marc Andrus, he led the renovation of St. Stephen's Youth Village in 1991, the Refectory Kitchen in 1998, the Ranch House in 1999, Kip Cottage in 1993 and the Friary in 2002. He spearheaded the new construction of St. John's Meeting House in 1991, Webb Lodge in 1994, Harrison House in 1996, the William and Mary Swing Hospitality Pavilion in 2008, and the Swimming Pool construction in 2013. Lloyd also led the playing field construction in 1993, vastly improved the driveway entrance for safety and made sure the first accessible restrooms were built. While preserving the California ambiance that people love, under Lloyd's leadership the Ranch has become more accessible, has more to programs to offer, and has become a special place in the lives of a much wider segment of the population.

I witnessed a tremendous amount of trailblazing work in Lloyd's ability to get things done. He demonstrated leadership with focus, enterprise and motivation, seeking to do the right thing for the Ranch in the long term. He did it in a low-key, humorous way, but also brought urgency that got us going, knowing that it would take time and action to get the Ranch into shape for people to enjoy.

When Lloyd started, there were no open Episcopal summer camps at the Ranch. As I write this, the seventh straight week of summer camp is coming to a close. It's been an amazing summer for the many children, teens, staff and adult guests who come to Ranch Country for a week or more: living, meeting, swimming, playing, singing, working and praying together while creating an inclusive community, without much media, close to nature. This is followed by two weeks of choir camps, and for the rest of the year and beyond, the Ranch will host churches, schools, hospitals, non-profit public benefit groups of all kinds, art and music groups and numerous creative and spiritual Ranch programs. For many people it is their treasured time of the year and their favorite place,

and they take away memories that will last a lifetime, literally – thousands of people of many backgrounds and ages that step onto sacred ground and recognize it.

The people who find renewal, friendship and community here don't often know about the trailblazers who marked the way to their welcoming room, inspiring meeting place or beautiful trail. Lloyd and his wife, Margaret, felt it to be their privilege to contribute to a place that had such a positive impact on people's lives, a privilege to do the nitty-gritty, sometimes difficult and thankless work of bootstrapping up a non-profit institution under a heavy set of challenges. Their generous example shows that meaningful work is worth it, especially if you know how to have fun while you are doing it.

It will be hard to get along without Lloyd. He is tremendously missed. As I walk around the Ranch today, I think about him and other trailblazers. I find myself remembering the feeling of being on skis in deep snow, following the blazes marked on the trees. Thank you, Lloyd.

You can read more about Lloyd's life on the Ranch website – please go to www.bishopsranch.org

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emphasis on welcome, hospitality, and communion with the land. Finally, the Plan is designed to improve access by reducing barriers to those with limited mobility or funds. As we continue the work of refining and finishing the Plan, there is still time for you to be a part of it – please come to the website at www.bishopsranch.org/about/master-plan-update/ and share your thoughts with us either directly on the website or via letter or email.

What's next? The Ranch Board has formed an energetic Capital Campaign Task Force that is discerning and preparing for a campaign to fully fund the Ranch Master Plan. Interviews with a highly select group of prospective consultants to assist with the project will start in early September. We hope to launch our campaign next year with early lead gifts in place. The Diocese of California has generously offered to be among the early lead gifts for The Bishop's Ranch campaign with a contribution from its own Expanding Horizons capital campaign currently in progress. This gift could constitute up to 14% of the Ranch goal based on current cost estimates.

We will be sharing more about The Ranch Plan and the upcoming Capital Campaign throughout the next several months. In the meantime, our heartfelt thanks for being a part of the wide and beloved Ranch community, for your support and commitment to the Ranch and for considering how you and your family can be a part of our covenant with all the future guests, volunteers and friends – including you!




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Recipes from The Bishop's Ranch Kitchen

Zucchini Frittata Makes 9-12 squares depending on desired size

Well, this won't use up all that zucchini in your garden, but it is a great light dinner dish or perfect for a leisurely weekend morning. The zucchini can be grated the night before and left to drain in the refrigerator overnight.

- 1 1/2 pound zucchini (6 cups grated)
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- Fresh ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 6 large eggs
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh marjoram
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup feta cheese, drained, or ricotta, or a mixture of the two

Coarsely grate the zucchini, toss with salt, and set aside in a colander or sieve to drain for at least 30 minutes. Rinse briefly to remove excess salt and, using your hands, squeeze dry.

Preheat oven to 350° F. Heat the oil in a skillet over medium high heat. Add zucchini and cook, stirring frequently, until it is dry, about 6 minutes. Just before the zucchini is done, stir in the garlic to let it cook briefly. This will take away a bit of its sharpness. Remove the pan from the heat and set aside.

Break the eggs into a large bowl and beat until well mixed. Add a grinding of pepper. Stir in the zucchini and garlic mixture, add marjoram and cheeses.

Grease an 11 x 7-inch Pyrex pan and pour the mixture into it. Bake for 45 minutes or until the frittata is set and slightly browned on top. Cut into squares and serve.