

Hello Spring



April eNewsletter

*"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."
-Isaiah 40:31*

Focus Word of the Month

Hope: having a desire and anticipating that it will be fulfilled

We encourage you to share your hopes and dreams with your mentor this month. Be patient and hold on to your desires with hope! If your desires are within God's will, He will fulfill them in His time.



Mentor Spotlight



Bill Greenwood, now 93 years old, gave up on his childhood dream of becoming a teacher. The money and opportunity was just not available.

Years later, after he became a Seventh-day Adventist, a job in the workplace wanted Bill to work on Saturdays. Bill was against doing that. A teacher friend said, "Why don't you go to Pacific Union College and become a teacher?" Monetary help for veterans helped him do just that. He

majored in biology and education. After graduation, he just kept learning throughout life.

After teaching in Seventh-day Adventist schools for 25 years, he served on the Board

of Education for 11 years for the Beaumont Unified School District, CA. Bird watching and the study of flowers are special joys of his. Other passions include woodworking, wood carving, and wood burning. His attention to detail produces stunning home décor and furniture.

Bill's lifelong passion for learning and teaching others has been a tremendous asset to the PFE program at the Galt Adventist School since its inception five years ago. His tremendous talent along with the words of wisdom will have a lifelong impact on students in the PFE program!

Bill states, "I enjoy mentoring so much and I enjoy the kids! The best part about being a mentor is seeing the kids' joy in honing a new skill." He reminds students that God gives them their talents as well as the potential to develop those talents. Bill's influence is multi generational. He taught the father of three of the students he has mentored!

Life experiences and a strong work ethic has made Shirley Greenwood, Bill's wife, a tremendous asset to the PFE program. She has involved the students in painting by number, painting a water fountain, putting together and painting a birdhouse, sewing Barbie clothes, planting flowers or veggies in the yard, and making an amazing basket out of paper bags and raffia. Mrs. Greenwood also showed students how to start a black rose cacti pot and then had them make some to give away. They have also decorated cookies and enjoyed spreading holiday cheer to her neighbors.



The students love hearing Mrs. Greenwood's memories of yesteryear—how she loved growing up on a farm and gathering eggs, gardening, and how she preferred milking the cows over cooking. However, she hated the hand-me-down bib-overalls from her brothers that she had to wear while doing all these things.

One of Shirley's incredible stories goes like this: Shirley begged and begged for "half jeans"! Finally, when she was 12 years old, her Father said, "If you will stay home from school and butcher 100 chickens, I will get you a pair of "half jeans."

The very next day she chased down chickens, caught them, chopped their heads off, and put them in boiling water her mother had prepared. She also plucked off the feathers and took out the insides of the chickens. Shirley butchered and prepared a total of 103 chickens, in ONE day, for her father's rented freezer-locker in town! Her father bought her "half jeans" the next day.

When Shirley's parents moved to California, her mother immediately put Shirley's name on the Job-Shop announcements that aired over the radio each morning. She was hired to do housekeeping, cleaning, and babysitting and even worked at Woolworth's. She did this until she got married, having to give every penny she earned to her parents.

Shirley worked at Valley Industries in Lodi, well-known for its manufacture and sale of trailer hitches, for 35 years. She became an executive secretary in charge of numbering every part that was manufactured and then entering each part into the company's computer system. She also managed all the blueprints drawn up... running off the blueprints for the men out in production as well as entering those prints into the computer system.

Her PFE students learn, through her stories, that hard work and taking on

responsibility can benefit one all through life. Mrs. Greenwood states, "It was good for her (me) to grow up on a farm and have a lot of responsibility."

Bill and Shirley, you are mentors par excellence. Mentors like you make the PFE program what it is - outstanding, notable, and remarkable! THANK YOU for creating memories and teaching lessons that last a lifetime!



Spring Activity Ideas

- Gardening
- Go for a walk
- Visit your local park
- Go fishing
- Take a hike
- Go on a picnic
- BBQ/grill
- Have a bonfire (if allowed in your area) and roast marshmallows
- Throw a frisbee or football in the yard
- Bird watching/put out bird feeders
- Collect rocks
- Look for four-leaf-clovers
- Fly a kite
- Sidewalk chalk
- Wash your mentor's car
- Make a lemonade stand



Celebrate with your Mentor

April 5: National Caramel Day
April 10: National Siblings Day
April 10: National Pet Day
April 12: National Grilled Cheese Day
April 22: National Earth Day
April 30: National Honesty Day

Reminders

Reflections should be submitted within 24 hours of your visit. Submission tips -

- Take the last 10 min of your visit and fill out the reflection with your mentor
- Submit your reflection on the way home using a cellphone

Virtual visits do **not** count towards PFE visits! You must visit your mentor in-person, participate in a service activity, or deliver a care package to receive credit.

We want to highlight you and your mentor in our newsletter! Send us an email with a story, activity, or picture of you and your mentor to be considered.



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