

# Valley View Voice

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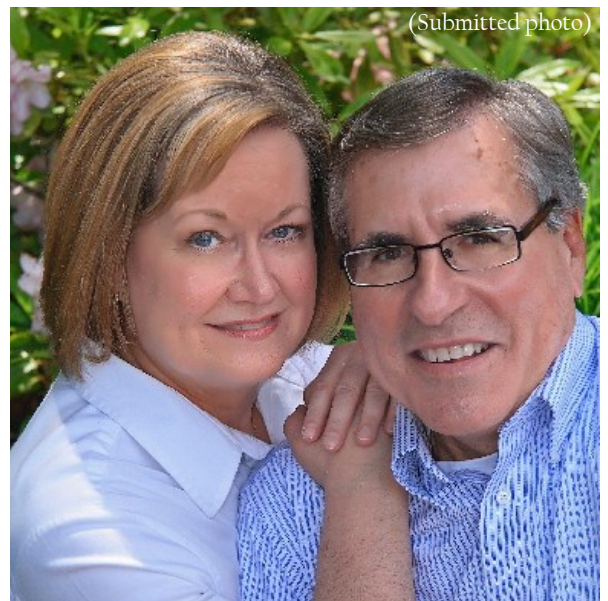
## Paul and Patty Durfee

by

Victoria Wilbanks

Paul was born in Long Beach and raised in Buena Park, Orange County, California. He had two brothers, Jeff and Mark, and an adopted sister, Michelle. He enjoyed an idyllic childhood with his brothers, his father Earl, who owned his own business, and his mother Vera, a wonderful homemaker. The boys enjoyed growing up in their town, which offered plenty of amenities for children. They were close to orange groves, strawberry fields, Disneyland, where he had the privilege of spending plenty of time, and the beach was also close. Paul says he was on chatting terms with Mr. and Mrs. Knott of Knott's Berry Farm. At 14, he worked at Disneyland in the parade and spent time at the magic store where he became interested in slight of hand. After graduation from high school, Paul worked in his father's business, which he knew well, as he had worked with his father since he was 9 years old. The business became very successful after they were asked to modify an Indian motorcycle for a client. This project became a work in progress, and they moved forward producing what came to be known as *The Durfee Girder*. Paul maintains a web page for this invention, because he still receives inquiries from all over the world, and the web page tells the entire story about how he and his father Earl Durfee worked on many Indian motorcycles and other choppers improving them with the Durfee Girder. If you want the entire interesting story on this, go to the Durfee Girder web page, it's all there.

Patty was born in Wickenburg, Arizona, but her parents were born and raised in rural Missouri. Patty's father, Carl Adams, moved to Arizona after high school. He accepted Christ as his Savior at the Phoenix Four Square church. He felt the call to ministry so moved to Arizona to attend Life Bible College. Patty's mother, Mabel, went to Los Angeles where she and Patty's father were married. Their first pastorate took them to Arizona where Patty and her three siblings were born. When Patty was 5 yrs old, her family moved to El Centro, in the Imperial Valley, where they



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## From Bill's Desk



*A thankful heart is a happy heart.*

This quote is from a character, Madame Blueberry, in the popular children's video series, *Veggie Tales*. These creative stories communicate biblical truths in a fun and often silly way. Thankfulness is not limited to a season. I am reminded that each day brings opportunities to be thankful.

*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.* Colossians 3:17.

I am thankful for the opportunity to serve the Rock of Ages community. It continues to be a joy to work here and engage with staff and residents. I am thankful for our quality staff. Each employee adds their gifts of skill and time to our community. I am also thankful for each resident, for their presence and talent they bring to our community.

We have a new staff member on the Administrative Team. Jodi Hansen is serving as the Executive Administrator. Her job is to promote the mission of Rock of Ages in a professional office environment and set a vision for



increased efficiency in office management. The Executive Administrator is responsible for learning and contributing to the overall organization and management of the administrative offices.

*Praise be to you, O Lord,  
who spins shining stars across wondrous heavens  
and stretches out the seas,  
who lifts the dawn in place  
and sets boundaries for night,  
who awes the earth with storms  
and gentles it with green,  
who gives everything a season  
and breathes life and love into the dust of me.*

*Praise be to you.*

*Praise, praise be to you  
for amazing grace.*

By Ted Loder

## Chaplain's Corner



We have entered into the fall season. In the Old Testament, God often refers to the autumn season when He talks about blessing His people.

In the New Testament, Jesus often refers to the time of harvest in relation to winning souls. It's a reminder to us that there are people around us who are looking for the hope of the Gospel. It is the will of God for us to share the good news of eternal life with the world.

Whether we're reading in the Old or New Testament, we know that fall is a time of year when we celebrate the harvest, bountiful crops, and God's blessings. The fall season is also a reminder to us that change happens, but God is always working in our lives. *Ecclesiastes 3:1-2-To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up*

*that which is planted; Life is made up of seasons, and autumn reminds us more than any other time of year.*

I would like to encourage you to join our community walk. Every day we meet at 4 pm near the activity building and walk together, enjoying nice fellowship and beautiful nature. We are going to start a Grief support group this fall so if you are interested or you know who can benefit from it please let me know. Our spiritual activities such as prayer meetings, Bible study, and chapel service are available for you. Please join and participate. Bette Suderman and Mary Hill are in charge of Lady's Bible study on Mondays and Mel Nice leads a Bible study for everyone on Thursdays. Our spiritual care team is available for anyone who needs emotional and spiritual help and support, so don't hesitate to reach out and ask for help and prayers. May God bless you on your life journey!



## Honoring Our Employees

### Employees of the Month



**Alex Kachkovskyi:** June 2024  
He is a friend to all, willing to help with a smile and care for the spiritual needs of both residents and staff. We are thankful to have him on our team as our Chaplain.



**Carla Schrock:** July 2024  
Carla keeps the office going. If anyone has a question, Carla knows the answer. She did an amazing job of organizing the Fun Festival this summer. She plays a huge role in our community here at Rock of Ages.



**Kristin Layton:** August 2024  
Kristin is the definition of a hard worker. She is strong and motivated. She never complains and is always looking for ways to help others. If she sees something that needs attention, she takes care of it. We are so grateful to have her on our team.

## Life in the Village

### 2024 Community Garden Recap by Jan Noland

This was the season of battling varmints – squirrels who buried sunflower seeds that all seemed to sprout. Moles, voles, gophers, and ground squirrels. Gordon and Jan recently witnessed beet greens being pulled down into the soil by something. Teresa had whole tomatoes eaten off the vine.

Regardless of pest challenges, the garden produced a wide variety of healthy vegetables. We are starting to talk about and plan for the 2025 community garden, and how we can best use the expanded space that is under construction. If you are interested in having a part of next season's garden, we invite you to talk with Teresa or Jan.

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lived for 4 yrs. During this period of Patty's life, her mother Mabel passed away, leaving her father to raise four children alone. Carl was fortunate enough to meet a woman who was looking for a man exactly like him, and they married soon after they met. Patty loved her step-mother Kathrine, and felt that her step-mother's influence contributed to the person Patty has become today. Her father and step-mother had another child, expanding the family to five children. After graduation, Patty's plan was to live with her brother and pursue a college degree, but this plan did not materialize, so Patty secured a job with the telephone company, where she was very happy and stayed for some time.

Since both families were very involved in the church, Paul and Patty met at the Buena Park Four Square church. It was a match made in heaven, because to this date they have been married 52 years. They have one son Kevin, who has made his home in Boise, Idaho. Boise almost became their place for retirement, but they decided to stay in McMinnville where they have lived since 1979. Patty became employed with the McMinnville School District, where she remained until she retired. Paul pursued a career in computers. Together, they have enjoyed many interests, including hiking and the outdoors, and they have owned and enjoyed RV's and camped extensively. Paul is also an avid photographer. Their outdoor activities allowed him to fully pursue his hobby. Paul also taught the junior high boys' Sunday School class, and if they behaved themselves he would also do magic tricks for them. The couple have been very involved in their church and the community, and were fortunate enough to learn about Valley View/Rock of Ages, and secure a lovely home here when the timing was perfect for them. They are a wonderful addition to the Valley View/Rock of Ages community, and feel blessed to be residents, as their neighbors feel blessed to have them as neighbors.

**Mystery plant!**  
Name this fruit or vegetable. It's growing on the garden fence that faces the sidewalk. Gardener Teresa has no idea what it is, or where the seeds came from that sprouted this vine. Pumpkin? Watermelon? Hybrid squash?



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### ***Valley View Wildlife***

Pearl has been healed!  
A few issues ago, I stated that the tumor had gotten so big we needed to surgically remove it. No need. Most of the tumor has fallen off!



**The gopher problem.**  
ROA has a self contained sewer and waste water system

that includes about three miles of drain line. This year the gophers have been digging it up big time! I have been able to trap most of them (60 at last count) so maybe the drain field will continue to function.

Mark your calendars for the  
Rock of Ages/ Valley View

**Annual Meeting**

November 23

Dinner 5:00 PM

Meeting 6:00 PM

&

**Christmas Dinner**

December 11, 6:00 PM