

# Suncrest 3rd Ward Relief Society NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2025

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **Thu AUG 21 (6PM)**  
Garden Party & Benefit
- **Thu AUG 28 (10AM)**  
(arrive by 9:30)  
Draper Temple  
Endowment Session  
*Please schedule your appointment*  
*Lunch afterwards at Dollie's*  
*10060 State Street, Sandy*
- **Tue SEP 9 (7PM) Book Club**  
Kathleen Piccardos's  
2191 E. Village Vista Drive  
*Wrestling with the Restoration —*  
*Why The Church Matters*  
by Steven C. Harper
- **Sat SEP 6 & Sun SEP 7**  
Stake Conference

## LESSONS

- AUG 10** *True to the Faith*  
(Hans T. Boom)  
*The Love of God*  
(Benjamin M.Z. Tai)
- AUG 24** *Personal Preparation to*  
*Meet the Savior*  
(Dale G. Renlund)
- SEP 14** *And We Talk of Christ*  
(Gary E. Stephenson)
- SEP 28** *Reverence for Sacred Things*  
(Ulisses Soares)

## PRESIDENCY MESSAGE



L-R: Trista Elms, 2nd Counselor  
Lisa Foster, 1st Counselor  
Chauntelle Fjeldsted, Secretary  
Suzanne Burdick, President

From Lisa Foster, 1st Counselor

Almost 40 years ago, I went on a mission to Montevideo, Uruguay.

I had a lot of beautiful experiences there, but I wanted to tell you about a lady named Delfina that I taught the gospel to. At the time I started teaching Delfina, she was 82 years old. She had lived a very rough life and had even been a prostitute. She went through a lot of interviews to become worthy to be baptized, and she was so excited for that day. It was a gorgeous sunny day, and I remember her coming up out of the water. She had the biggest smile on her face! She even glowed! I talked to her afterwards about

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## SPOTLIGHT

JULIE ABRAHAMSON



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## BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Carole Ellis
- 1 Melanie Cameron
- 3 Lissa Werson
- 4 Lisa Thornton
- 7 Nikkelle Hudak
- 9 Collette Carsey
- 10 Morgan Liddiard
- 17 Sariah Kolb
- 21 Melanie Harris
- 21 Lauren Lambson
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- 26 Gail Gray
- 28 Kristi Montgomery
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## FAREWELL, DEAR FRIENDS



Lynn & Burnell Hohl

With tears and loving hearts we bid a fond but bittersweet farewell to Lynn and Burnell Hohl as they journey back to their home in Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania. It has been a joy having you with us and we will miss you dearly. Thank you, Brother Hohl for cheerfully lending your talents and stepping in as organist in our Sacrament meetings. Thank you, Sister Hohl for sharing your heart-felt experiences and life's lessons, enriching us in Relief Society.

Luckily, I was able to catch up with Lynn as they were preparing for their move. She told me how much she has enjoyed taking hikes on the trails here in Suncrest and that these times will be greatly missed. More importantly, she and her husband both cherish the outpouring of love and meaningful friendships they've made here at Suncrest. No "thing" anywhere can compete nor overshadow that.

During the eight years they have lived here, they've made many trips to visit their kids and grandchildren in Nevada, Montana as well as right nearby in Sandy. They now look forward to more good times near their two daughters in Pennsylvania. As to comparing the weather forecasts for the two locations, Lynn exclaims, "Here in Draper, you can expect it to be *Hot with a chance of Rain*; but in Cranberry it's *Rain with a chance of Sun!*"

They will have one more move planned in a few years. Lynn says that most homes in the area are built with all bedrooms on the upper level. For practical purposes, though, the Hohls will build another home that will enjoy a master suite on the main floor. In the meantime, she expects to get plenty of exercise while she hikes the stairs.

The Hohls served a mission at the location of the glorious beginnings of the restoration, in Kirtland, Ohio. There they gained insights to the revelations received by the Prophet Joseph Smith, and the necessary work to prepare the world to receive the restored gospel of Jesus Christ. They've enjoyed attending the Draper temple, and they look forward to serving as temple workers at the new Pittsburgh Pennsylvania Temple — located in their very own Cranberry Township. We wish them well and Godspeed. □

### Contact the Hohls

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Pittsburgh Pennsylvania Temple  
Located in Cranberry Township

## TESTIMONY MOMENTS



from  
Becky Ellefsen

I have a very emotional attachment to [the book] *Making Sense of Suffering*.

While in Salt Lake City, the Spirit told me to go to Deseret Book. I was waiting for my flight home to California. Heavenly Father told me to buy this book. But, that would use the money I needed to get to the airport. I obeyed. Bought the book, then outside the store, I spotted an old acquaintance who offered me a ride to the airport! I read the book on the way home — very spiritual and the **best-ever** book on death.

Two days later, 911 happened. That night, our Bishop came over. He had done business in the Twin Towers, and was upset. I pulled this book out and handed it to him. It said, "You need to read this." The following Sunday, he used the scriptures and quotes directly from the book for our Memorial Sacrament Meeting Service. Perfect time, perfect place, perfect book. I'm glad I obeyed in SLC and bought the book, on faith. □



Who Loves Pink, AND Loves singing "I Am A Child of God" AND Loves their Momma?



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her experience, and she told me, "I never knew there was so much light and beauty in the world! I had always seen the world, and it appeared grey and dingy looking. When I came up out of the water all of a sudden, everything was so bright and light! I even saw color again!"

I couldn't believe it! She had PHYSICALLY seen a world that was colorless, without hope and grey, and when she was baptized and made a covenant with Jesus Christ, light entered her life, and she even saw the world in full color again! I had never thought about it to that degree, that the world could ACTUALLY be colorless without Jesus Christ.

Truly, there are those out there, and maybe even some of us, that feel hopeless or that our lives are grey and dingy and colorless.

All we have to do is look to Jesus Christ!! Look to Him and see beauty and light flow back into our lives.

If Christ can change the view of the world for a little old lady down in South America, then he can do it for us as well.

I testify that Jesus Christ can make a dark, dingy, grey, hopeless life full of light, hope, and beauty again. Light is so much stronger than the darkness.

Christ is not just a source of illumination but the very lens by which life gains meaning and clarity.

*"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen, not only because I see it, but because by it, I see everything else."*

— CS Lewis

In the name of Jesus Christ, amen. □



## SPOTLIGHT JULIE ABRAHAMSON

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I was born in Southern California and grew up in Ontario. I'm the 4th of 6 children, and I have two brothers that are 6'9" and one that is 6'7"! I was blessed to grow up in a loving home where we were taught the gospel and also to enjoy the blessings of earth life to the fullest!

I met Guy at a stake dance when I was 14 and he was 16; we were married 5 years later and became the parents of five daughters. And, now we have 10 grandchildren whom we adore and love to spend time with — it's one of my favorite past times! I also love working in the temple, snow skiing and surfing with the grandkids, and watching and playing tennis, especially with Guy! I have too many hobbies to list, but the phrases

*"I'll try (almost) anything once," and  
"You can sleep when you're dead,"*

pretty much sum up my attitude about learning and trying new things!

I'm thankful to have been raised in the church and married in the temple; I know that making and keeping covenants with my Father in heaven has blessed my life in ways I'm sure I don't even recognize. I know that Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ love each of us, and have provided the way and means for us to return to their presence. I find strength and comfort in the scriptures and the words of living prophets and apostles, and I'm grateful for the opportunities to learn and serve alongside amazing, kind, and wonderful women wherever I have lived! □

## JULIE'S FAVORITE THINGS

Food: Tacos

Treat: See's Candy (Dark Chocolate)

Vacation: Lake Powell

Movie: The Sound of Music

Calling: Primary Music Leader

Scripture: Philippians 4:13

*"I can do all things through Christ,*

*which strengtheneth me."*

## SUMMER READS

\*Church Book      \*Children's Book

Recommended by Joanne Dickson

- \*1. *Wrestling with the Restoration, Why the Church Matters*  
by Steven C. Harper

Recommended by Rebecca Ellefsen

- \*2. *Making Sense of Suffering*  
by Wayne E. Brickey
- \*3. *Understanding Isaiah*  
by Donald W. Parry, Jay A. Parry and Tina M. Peterson
- \*4. *Understanding the Book of Revelation*  
by Jay A. Parry & Donald W. Parry
- \*5. *Do Princesses and Super Heroes Hit the Trails? (A Nat'l Park Adventure)*  
by Carmela LaVigna Coyle  
Illustrated by Mike Gordon
- \*6. *My Lost Freedom, A Japanese American World War II Story*  
by George Takei, Activist, Actor, American  
Illustrated by Michelle Lee
- \*7. *Hidden Figures, The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race*  
by Margot Lee Shetterly  
Illustrated by Laura Freeman
- \*8. *Meanwhile, Back at the Ranch*  
by Trinka Hakes Noble  
Pictures by Tony Ross
- \*9. *Mr. Finnegan's Giving Chest*  
by Dan Farr  
Finnegan is based on  
Dick Van Dyke  
Narrated by Dick Van Dyke

## FICTION

Recommended by Marynell Spicer

10. *Go As A River*  
by Shelley Read
11. *Into the Beautiful North*  
by Luis Alberto Urrea
12. *The Overstory*  
by Richard Powers
13. *To the Land of Long Lost Friends*  
by Alexander McCall Smith
14. *The Frozen River*  
by Ariel Lawhon
15. *The Widow's Circle (Books 1&2)*  
by K.C. Riggs
16. *All the Light We Cannot See*  
by Anthony Doerr







Please join our Relief Society

# Garden Party

along with  
an opportunity to benefit  
Meadowlark Elementary School

Thursday, August 21  
6 o'clock in the evening

AT THE HOME OF  
*Sylvia Scott*

1981 E Oak Summit Drive

Bring your Camp Chair or Blanket

RSVP: [suzanne.burdick67@gmail.com](mailto:suzanne.burdick67@gmail.com)  
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Meadowlark Elementary School

## Wish List

- Backpacks
- Notebooks
- Binders
- Folders
- Scissors
- Markers
- Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Colored Pencils

