



# Garden Park Ward Newsletter

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Dear Garden Park Ward,

As a family, our favorite Cape Cod beach is Chatham Lighthouse Beach. With miles of beach and adjacent dunes, you can really get away from the crowds and enjoy some solitude in a truly magnificent setting. One summer afternoon at the beach, after having seen few other people all day, we noticed a middle-aged couple walking along the beach. New Englanders don't typically invade each other's privacy, but as they passed, the man stopped, pointed to the inexpensive point-and-shoot camera hanging from Judianne's wrist, and asked, "Can I see that?" Puzzled, but not wanting to offend, Judianne handed over the camera. The man walked over to a nearby dune where three of our kids were playing, snapped a single photo, and returned the camera to Judianne. "I'm a professional photographer," he explained, "and you're going to absolutely love that photo."

He was right. The next day, when we saw the photo, we fell in love with it. The three kids are crouched in the dune grass, positioned perfectly, their faces at the corners of a triangle. The late afternoon sun perfectly illuminates the sides of their faces, the deep blue sky offsets the pale dune sand, and the green dune grass surrounding them bends gently in the sea breeze. It is so clearly natural and unposed, and yet perfectly composed. An enlarged print of that photo has hung in our house ever since.

I often reflect on the fact that this stranger, with his highly practiced eye, was able to see something special in a mundane, spontaneous, moment in time. He saw the beauty and perfection in a scene that the rest of us failed to see. He didn't have an expensive camera, lights, or props—but he had developed the ability to recognize when the elements of a great photo are in place, and he couldn't resist capturing the moment.

I've learned that people can become remarkably skilled, through practice and prayer, at seeing all sorts of things that the people around them miss—beauty in unexpected places, the hand of God in their lives, the good qualities in a difficult person, the humor in an unpleasant situation. In fact, when I've struggled to be happy in life, I have sometimes found the remedy in deliberate, prayerful efforts to see and make note of the beautiful and good things around me.

Jesus Christ, who brought sight to the blind, can help us see things as they truly are. Consider Elisha and his servant who were under siege, surrounded by the Syrian army. Elisha reassured his terrified servant, "Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha." [2 Kings 6:16–17]

May we all become more adept at seeing with a godly perspective, and have the joy of declaring, like the blind man healed by the Savior, "Whereas I was blind, now I see."

Warmly,  
Randy Peterson and the Garden Park Bishopric



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## Ward Spotlight

Our friend, David Rishton, after more than sixty years, is leaving our neighborhood. He remembers the days when "Bishop Graham" meant Bishop A. Lloyd Graham, our current bishop's father. David is best recognized in our ward family for playing the organ for Priesthood and Sacrament meetings, and serving on music committees. During the last twelve years, David split his time between his home in Hollywood California and our neighborhood.

David is a musician, a dancer, a businessman, and a beloved teacher. Many of his Salt Lake students and friends remember when he lived on 1300 east and held grand parties and recitals around his concert grand piano, and shared his love of music, dance and theater.

Born in Salt Lake City, David grew up surrounded by music, but he chose to study business in College, and graduated from University of Utah where he studied and became an expert in the Stock Market. Immediately following graduation, he was drafted and served 6 years in the Army.

After the service and returning home, he fell in love with Big Band music and dancing, and sorely missed it as that era faded away. He returned to dancing in 1975 when he became fascinated with ballet and a lady friend up at the U of U encouraged him to join her in formal ballet dance classes. He proclaims that he was huge "klutz," but his years of dedication dancing five days a week paid off! David danced with Ballet West and other local Ballet companies. In Los Angeles, David danced with many of the Russian Ballet Academies, and as both a regular in ballets and character dances.

David performed professionally in the Theater Arts. When he opened his own theater in Salt Lake City, next to the old Hotel Newhouse, David also taught vocal workshops in speech and singing, performance techniques, piano, and of course dancing. He taught young and old, passionate about building up the youth, and encouraging mature students as well. David's LA home features photos of his many talented students spanning decades of teaching and coaching.

Most importantly, David is a great man of prayer and faith. In his professional and personal pursuits, he strove to incorporate the Savior. When teaching, he tried to turn the hearts of his students toward God. His connection to ballet led David to devote years to genealogy research and temple work to complete the temple ordinances for hundreds of professional ballet dancers. He attributes any accomplishment in his blessed life to the Lord.

David Rishton extended his friendship to everyone he met. He exerts a strong, yet quiet, influence in the hearts of those who spent time with him. We will miss his amazing talent, his signature "Red Bow Tie" and swooping scarf ... and of course, his amazing smile. He has truly blessed us all.

--Summarized from a tribute by Juliet Chapman



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Ward Open House - *Minerva Teichert Art*



THE ARTWORK OF MINERVA TEICHERT  
MONDAY, AUGUST 17TH  
6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

GARDEN PARK WARD CHAPEL  
1150 YALE AVENUE

✿ MASKS REQUIRED ✿

✿ 6 FT SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE MAINTAINED ✿



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### Relief Society

We have been spiritually and visually nurtured by attending this wonderful ward. The building is surrounded by beautiful grounds and has exceptional interiors. I am desperately anxious to get back into our physical space!

I am profoundly grateful for past and present stake and ward members who have appreciated and advocated for the quality and aesthetics of this space.

Thanks to the Harold Bennett family, we have also had the privilege of enjoying beautiful and inspiring original art.

This week Bishop Graham sent a loving email informing the ward council of a recent Church decision to remove the Minerva Teichert paintings from our building.

To those of you who are troubled by this, (as I am) I have found some comfort knowing that there are several ward members who are respectfully and diligently doing what they can to secure these paintings. Whatever happens, this is not a trial of my faith. I know that I'll probably get used to the reproductions and possibly may not notice the difference. Most important is the splendor of being surrounded by the beauty of my beloved ward family.

Love to you all,  
Kathy Younker and the GP Ward Presidency



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## Relief Society

We were devastated to learn of the passing of our amazing sister and friend Colleen Thompson Thursday morning. She was a wonderful woman... brilliant, kind, fierce in her devotion to God and her callings and just so warm and lovely in every way. She will truly be missed. Our meetings will not be the same without her.

Our love and prayers are with Roger and all of the Thompson family as they grieve the loss of such an incredible woman. They epitomized devotion and love in their care for Colleen in her final days.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, August 12th at 10 o'clock a.m. on the Garden Park Ward grounds. A loving tribute and complete details are provided in her obituary linked [here](#).

Invitation from Bonneville Relief Society Book Review Group

Q&A with the authors of [A Girl's Guide to Heavenly Mother](#)

Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 206 974 9356

Thursday, August 13th

8:00 p.m.

**a girls guide to  
HeavenlyMother**

Thursday August 13th  
8pm on Zoom  
meeting id: 206 974 9356

**JOIN US FOR A Q&A  
WITH THE AUTHORS OF A GIRLS  
GUIDE TO HEAVENLY MOTHER**

JOIN US ALONG WITH FORMER WARD MEMBER  
BETHANY BRADY SPALDING &  
CO AUTHOR MCARTHUR KRISHNA

To more fully understand the restored doctrine of Heavenly Parents, we all need a deeper knowledge of our Heavenly Mother. Explore glorious truths about Her through the teachings of prophets, apostles, and female church leaders. Filled with expansive art from Latter-day Saint artists around the world, this guide will help girls come to know and love our Heavenly Mother, while strengthening their faith in their own divine potential.

Available at LDS Church History Museum, BYU Bookstore, qnoor.com and dstreetpress.myshopify.com

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## Young Women

### Garden Park YW Sunday Zoom Meeting

**Sunday, August 9 at 12:00 p.m.**

Reading: [Alma 43 - 52](#)

Rachel Romano will lead our discussion this Sunday.

A couple of discussion questions to consider:

- ***What spiritual battles do we face now?***
- ***How have you been able to combat these spiritual battles in your life?***

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://podium.zoom.us/j/94687476297?pwd=ejRYnF2aW5Xd1orQXISYm5GT2F6Zz09>

Meeting ID: 946 8747 6297

Passcode: 119281

One tap mobile

+12532158782,,94687476297# US (Tacoma)

### **Wednesday Zoom Activity, August 12th at 7:00 p.m.**

We'll watch the International Youth Music Festival rebroadcast from July 29

Zoom info to come soon in email and text!

*Note the calendar change, our previously scheduled Blind Chef activity has been moved out to a later date).*



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### Young Men

Reminder to continue working in your individual Personal Development Guide Book, which contains the following topics:

1. You Have a Purpose
2. You Are a Precious Child of God
3. You Can Follow the Savior
4. A Pattern for Growth by:
  - Discover what you need to work on.
  - Plan how you will do it.
  - Act on your plan in faith.
  - Reflect on what you have learned.
  - Consider creating goals in each of the four areas to keep your life balanced.
    - Spiritual
    - Social
    - Physical
    - Intellectual

With love,

Quorum Advisors Jess and Samuel, and Activity Specialists Hunter and Sean

### **Quorum Zoom Meeting**

Sunday, August 9th  
1:00 p.m.

*★Links will be sent through the quorum text chain as the dates draw closer★*



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### Ward Joint Zoom Meeting

This week's meeting is sponsored by our Sunday School and features Mori Paulsen as our presenter.

**August 9, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.**

Come Follow Me Lesson: [Alma 43-52](#) *'Stand Fast in the Faith of Christ'*

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98319278898?pwd=MW1xTW5VZFFFN1QxcHNLTE1DcU56dz09>

Meeting ID: 983 1927 8898

Password: 063893

We miss you and would love to see you Sunday at our ward Zoom meetings!

If you're having challenges connecting to Zoom here's a link to a tutorial to help get connected  
<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-meeting>.



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## Ward Announcements

- ◆ Our hearts and prayers are with the Thompson family with the passing of their wife, sister, mother, grandmother, and matriarch, Colleen. She most recently devotedly served our Young Women, and in the Salt Lake Temple with Roger. Oh, how we will miss her, we are grateful for her release from pain and suffering. Please refer to her [obituary](#) for dates and times of funeral services on the ward grounds.
- ◆ Minerva Teichert Open House date **is changed** to Monday, August 17, to lend support to the Thompson family.
- ◆ David Rishton is moving full time to his Los Angeles home and likely will not be returning. We wish him a fond farewell with appreciation for his many contributions, and with much love as he heads westward.
- ◆ Dorian and Emily Crozer purchased their first home and will be moving August 22. Our love and appreciation go with them and baby James.
- ◆ **Sacrament Administration** from our Area President, Elder Holzapfel: "The sacrament can be offered to families who have not had the opportunity in their homes . . . The First Presidency has authorized the administration of the sacrament at least monthly." The sacrament may still be blessed and passed by your own family members that are able to do so. If you would like the sacrament brought to your home, please contact Relief Society President Kathy Younker (801.971.1504) or Elders' Quorum President Doug Bunker (801.910.7128), and they will help make arrangements for you to receive it.
- ◆ Although Garden Park Ward building is closed for ward activities, we understand that families occasionally use the gym for their family activities of fewer than 10 people. When using the ward building for family activities please bring a garbage bag from home and take home with you any trash that you may create, i.e. wrappers, paper towels, etc. We do not want garbage to accumulate while we are not on our normal cleaning routine. The bathroom under the stage may be used if necessary. Please wipe down all door knobs, and surfaces that you touch with the wipes on the kitchen counter, before and after use. Thank you for keeping each other safe.
- ◆ The Bountiful Temple has been reopened for live sealing temple ordinances for those previously endowed, by appointment only. See [churchofjesuschrist.org](http://churchofjesuschrist.org) for additional information.
- ◆ Temple recommends continue to be available. Even though temples are currently closed, our Stake Presidency is encouraging all to keep their recommends current. Recommend interviews are being held by phone at this time, both at the ward and stake level. If yours is expired, please contact Mark Hindley at (801) 599-8175 to set up a phone interview with the Bishop.



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## ★Happy Birthday★

August 2—Simon Hardy  
August 3—Evan Rabdau  
August 4—Rick Gaykowski  
August 4—Robyn Harris  
August 5—Susan Barry  
August 5—Gene Jones  
August 5—Emily Plewe  
August 6—James Crozer  
August 8—Kathy Younker  
August 9—Grace Brummer  
August 12—Scott Daniels  
August 13—Darren Williamson  
August 14—Stephanie McKinley  
August 17—Jess Anderson  
August 19—Bel Kerig  
August 19—Daniel Ruiz  
August 20—Stephen Bergen  
August 20—Kathy Jones

August 21—Derek Mattsson  
August 21—Ross Sherman  
August 22—Kari Pulham  
August 22—Derek Watson  
August 24—Emaline Barry  
August 24—Wendy Carroll  
August 25—Alex Derenzy  
August 25—Jerry Hatch  
August 25—Randi Patch  
August 26—Aleena Anderson  
August 26—Amanda Evans  
August 27—Charles Perry  
August 29—Jim Barclay  
August 29—Richard McElvie  
August 29—Travis Vought  
August 30—David Rishton  
August 31—David Browning  
August 31—Gay Carlson