



July 2013  
Monthly Newsletter of  
Pioneer Bible Church

# Good tidings

## Mark Your Calendar

**7.3**

Youth group to Jackson  
for fireworks viewing

Deacons' Meeting

**7.8 - 12**

Vacation Bible School

**7.11**

Senior Luncheon  
at Crystal Caves Clubhouse

**7.13**

Quilting Group

**7.21 - 23**

Teen VBS

## Celebrating 60 Years of Marriage: Gene & Jan Stiles

Eugene Stiles was born in San Francisco in 1931. His wife of 60 years, Janyce, was born Janyce Wood in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in 1935. Janyce moved to Pittsburg, California with her family in the 1940s, where her father worked for Dow Chemical.

In 1948, Janyce's brother and father began building model airplanes. Her father founded the Pittsburg Cloudbusters model airplane club. Jan learned to build & fly planes herself from them. Around the same time, Gene, who was living in Alameda, had also developed a love for flying model planes. Jan's brother needed a part for one of his planes, and went to the hobby shop in Alameda in search of the part. There, he met Gene, who built the part and brought it to them. It was through this connection that Gene and Jan met.

Gene won his first contest in Alameda in 1947. That win was the first in a long career: he won each of the international model airplane competitions, held in Detroit, Michigan, from 1948-1952. (Janyce herself won the next year.) In July, 1949, Gene even received an award when one of his planes broke a speed record, previously held by the



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**I know the Bible is inspired,  
because it inspires me.**

**– D.L. Moody**



*“A big ole western howdy  
from Wyoming!”*

Kenny & Jane Osborn, who attended PBC before relocating to Wyoming last year to live on a cattle ranch, send their warmest wishes to the congregation, and Jane shares with us one of her favorite dishes: nothing bridges the miles like a taste of home!

Jane's North of the Border Taco Soup

Make a simple broth, using chicken or beef. Chicken breast or beef strips are good, or even some hamburger. Sauté the ½ - 1 lb. meat with 1 small onion. Add ½ quart – 1 quart of water and simmer for 10 minutes or so. Then add, 1 or 2 jalapenos minced fine; ¼ cup sundried tomatoes; 1 or 2 cloves of garlic; sea salt to taste; the juice of ½ of a lemon, squeezed; and a large pinch each: oregano, cumin, and chili powder. Simmer 5 more minutes. Make tortilla strips out of fresh tortillas (about 6); slice thin and sauté quickly in the pan. Serve with liberal garnishes of avocado, sour cream & minced cilantro.

*Missions Update:  
Which Missions does PBC Support?*

With a wide variety of missionaries visiting Pioneer Bible Church, and updates on various missions & projects appearing in the monthly missionary letters, it can be difficult to know which of these missions are supported with regular contributions from our church. While other organizations may receive donations from the PBC Missions Board on occasion, the following individuals and organizations are those with which we have on-going financial relationships and support monthly:

**Jonathan & Becky Jose, Young Life**

[www.younglife.org/us](http://www.younglife.org/us)

**Tim Thompson, Sierra Law Enforcement Chaplaincy**

[www.slec.us](http://www.slec.us)

**James & Mary Russell, Camp Bighorn**

[www.campbighorn.org/bh](http://www.campbighorn.org/bh)

**Pregnancy Counseling Services**

[www.placervillepcs.org](http://www.placervillepcs.org)

**Marcos & Carla Dos Santos, Mercy Ships**

[www.mercyships.org/home](http://www.mercyships.org/home)

**Al & Linda Bridges, BEE (Biblical Education Extension) World**

[www.beeworld.org](http://www.beeworld.org)

**Mitch McEffe & T.J. Morris, InFaith**

[www.infaith.org](http://www.infaith.org)

**Mark and Mary Esther Penner, World Venture**

[www.worldventure.com](http://www.worldventure.com)

**Don & Mary Grable, retired, Biblical Ministries Worldwide**

[www.biblicalministries.org](http://www.biblicalministries.org)

**Ray Thomlinson, Healthcare Chaplains Ministry Association**

[www.hcmachaplains.org](http://www.hcmachaplains.org)

**Steve & Susan Vinton, Village Schools Tanzania**

[www.villageschools.org](http://www.villageschools.org)

**John & Bonnie Gilbert, 99 + 1 Ministries**

[www.99plus1.org](http://www.99plus1.org)

**Marcello Gonzales**

[www.vinonuevoelpaso.com](http://www.vinonuevoelpaso.com)

**Forward Bible Camp**

[www.forwardbiblecamp.com](http://www.forwardbiblecamp.com)



# Bodayay 2013: Stitching Our Communities Together

This month, members of Pioneer Bible Church will be travelling to Bodayay, Arizona, on the Navajo reservation, and as always, they will come bearing gifts! In the past, firewood was sent to the Bodayay community, and last year, the team left with a trailer load of refurbished bicycles.



Rosemary Bluhm tells us of their plans for 2013: "We will be bringing donated sewing machines and fabric to teach the ladies to make these cute tote bags [sample at right] from the sacks they get their flour in. The only income for the ladies on the reservation comes from their jewelry booth on the side of the road. We thought that this would be another option for them to make money!"

If you are able to contribute supplies or financial help to this important ministry, or have other questions, please contact Rosemary at [rosemarybluhm@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarybluhm@gmail.com).

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Russians, at the Alameda Naval Air Station. That airplane went to the Smithsonian in Washington D.C.

Gene joined the Air Force in 1951, and left the Bay Area for military service. When he came back for a visit at Christmas, 1952, he and Jan became engaged. They were married in a Baptist church on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 1953. They packed their belongings and drove to Texas together, where Gene had been living for some time, and lived there another two years.

Gene and Jan had two children, Mark and Sharyl. Gene spent much of his career working at Lawrence Livermore laboratory, where he designed and constructed specialty equipment. He build a "round house" —one that actually had 18 sides—while living in Livermore. In 1962, they bought a parcel of land in Mt. Aukum, at the end of Cedar Creek. Not having much money for building supplies, they constructed their two-story house with materials which they salvaged from Oak Knoll Hospital in Oakland. They moved into the house permanently in 1992, and at that time joined Pioneer Bible Church.

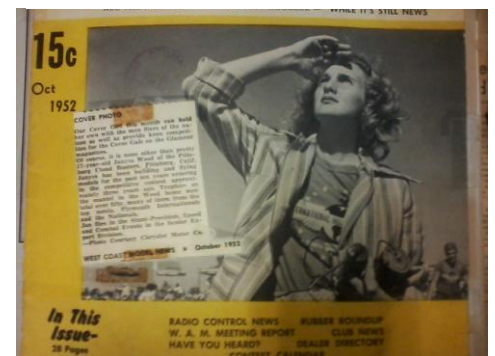
Gene and Jan are long-time 49ers fans, and held season tickets for many years. He is a person who doesn't like to be idle, and has spent years building models, projects, and of course, houses. He has been a deacon at PBC since 1994. Jan used to make doll clothes, and be involved in doll shows, a hobby which she doesn't have time to pursue today. Now, she enjoys reading scripture, researching genealogy, and decorating her famous cakes, which she provides every month at the senior luncheon. She also volunteers at the Food Bank, and teaches the preschool kids at Sunday School.

*"Love comes from you, but marriage from above, from God... It is not your love that sustains the marriage, but from now on, the marriage that sustains your love."*

*-Dietrich Bonhoeffer*



Above: Pastor Rob thanks Gene & Jan for sharing their testimony at the Seniors Potluck; Below: Jan on the cover of a 1952 model-plane publication





# The Rock & Roll Marathon to Benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

June 2nd was a gloomy, overcast and beautiful morning in San Diego; perfect weather for the running of the 15th annual Rock 'n' Roll San Diego Marathon and Half Marathon to Benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Among the 30,000 participants were PBC members Jonathan and Jamin Eggert.

When it began in 1998, the Rock and Roll Marathon was a new concept in racing, transforming a sport which was once the domain of elite athletes into a laid-back, amateur-friendly, long-distance party for the masses. Competitors—hard core runners and Elvis impersonators alike-- had seven hours to complete the course, beginning at 6:15 am across from San Diego's famous Balboa Park, although most participants needed only a fraction of that time. Kenyan Simon Njoroge won the men's race in 2:15:00, and Natalia Sergeeva of Russia won the women's race in 2:35:05. The women's half-marathon was won by Edna Kiplagat in 1:08:57, and the fastest men's half marathon ever run on American soil was run by 5'5" Kenyan Bernard Koech, in 0:58:41, a blazing 4:29 per mile! His time will not be considered a record, however, due to the relatively steep descent of the course, which began at 325 feet in elevation and finished at 25 feet.



Jamin ran the course in 4 hours, 24 minutes. Jonathan ran it in 5 hours, 2 minutes. "Our GPS said that the course was 27.2 miles instead of 26.2," said Jamin, "so we've been telling people who ask that we 'went the extra mile.' "

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