

North Lake Church Presents Vegan Food Demonstration

North Lake Church in Leesburg, Fla., recently hosted a three-hour vegan cooking demonstration by Chef Mark Anthony. He prepared and cooked all of the food right in front of the audience, while sharing many health principles.

“It was worth coming,” and “The food was great,” were comments voiced by the more than 70 people in attendance. A drawing was held for free books, and Anthony’s cookbooks were available for sale.

The program information was placed several times on Facebook, announcements appeared in the church bulletin, and emails were sent to members. The church radio station also aired information on the program. Plans are underway for attendees to be invited to other health programs offered by the church.

Anthony is a frequent guest on 3ABN television, and has traveled throughout



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Attendees at North Lake Church in Leesburg, Fla., interact with chef Mark Anthony as he demonstrates eating a healthy vegan diet.

the United States giving more than 1,000 demonstrations at no charge for the program or his travel. He is a firm believer in the vegan way of life, and has written

two cookbooks relating to the “science” of his cooking. 📖

BY JANICE GALAMBOS

Churches Collaborate to Host Dinner



A small group of grades 4-8 students from Osceola Adventist Christian School’s Chorale participated in the special Thanksgiving program.

On a Thursday evening a week before Thanksgiving, the staff of Pleasant Hill Elementary Public School and members of the Kissimmee, Fla., Church, collaborated to get ready for the third annual Thanksgiving dinner in the school cafeteria. The flavorful aroma of vegetarian dishes mingled with traditional Thanksgiving dishes filled the air. Each year, the students, their families, and people from the neighborhood of the school are invited to this special event.

This outreach was created by Cynthia Card and her husband, Wayne Card, personal ministries and prayer ministries directors from

Kissimmee Church. When God inspired Cynthia Card with this idea three years ago, she felt impressed to share it with Lewis Edwards, senior pastor of Mt. Zion and Poinciana churches. Edwards eagerly lent his support, and so did Ronaldo DaCunha, senior pastor of the Kissimmee Church.

Shelby Pagan, principal of Pleasant Hill Elementary School, opened the program with a warm welcome and a little talk about what sharing meant to her, followed with a spectacular performance by Mt. Zion Church’s Pathfinder Drum Corp. Questions from the audience opened the opportunity for church members to explain Pathfinders in



Mt. Zion Church's Pathfinder and Drum Corp, under the direction of Joanne Meyers, performed at the Thanksgiving dinner to a standing audience.

a positive way. Musicians from Poinciana, Mt. Zion, and Kissimmee churches, and Osceola Adventist Christian School in Kissimmee also participated in the special musical program. The principal, teachers, and staff were impressed by how everyone was just so genuine and giving.

Another special element was the fact that people from two local conferences — Florida Conference and Southeastern Conference — as well as AdventHealth in Kissimmee, members from three area churches, and Osceola Adventist Christian School staff and board members, came together with so much love and energy to fellowship and serve the community in a local public school!

“We thank God for this wonderful opportunity to serve our community,” said Wayne Card as all left with goodie bags from Publix. “We hope this is something our churches can replicate, and be a blessing to others in their communities.”

BY DAVID LAROCHE

Howard and Diane Peth Celebrate 65 Years of Marriage

Howard and Diane Peth of Apopka, Fla., celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on April 25, 2019, with a dinner given in their honor by members of Plymouth-Sorrento Church.

Their long-lasting relationship began in West Los Angeles, Calif., in the early 1950s when Howard volunteered to drive a friend to church one Sabbath and met Diane Munyan, who was staying with the friend. Howard began giving Diane, who was raised Episcopalian, Bible studies. She soon realized why she had struggled with reconciling Sunday as the seventh day mentioned in the fourth commandment, and was baptized.

At a Camp Meeting, the Peths made their first purchase together as a couple — *The Adventist Home*, by Ellen G. White. He proposed, and the two were joined in marriage during a private ceremony at their pastor's home on Sabbath afternoon, April 25, 1954. They have since dedicated their lives to serving in many positions in the Church. Diane also served as an administrative assistant in two churches.



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Howard and Diane Peth

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Howard retired as a professor from Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, Calif., as chairman of the Speech and English Department. He established the College Radio Station — KSAK, and founded the Campus Christian Club, where he led students in Bible studies during the lunch hour. He is the author of books about Adventist religion and doctrine, including *Seven Mysteries*

Solved and soon-to-be-published *Profiles in Faith*.

Howard and Diane have three children, Howard Jr., Margaret Cullen, and Deborah Alward; and six grandchildren. They are thankful for the blessings God has provided throughout their lives together.

BY DEBORAH ALWARD