

## TERRY HENRY: A MAN OF JOY AND WISDOM

This issue of Under Consideration is dedicated to Terry Henry, our recently retired Study Center custodian.

### AN INTERVIEW WITH TERRY HENRY

*Do you remember when you first started at the Center? You were the very first person that was hired over 20 years ago.*

**TERRY:** A friend of mine, a co-worker at my main job was doing some work for Dana Focks, so I started working for Dana Focks on the weekends. I think Dana Focks had offered him the position here at the Christian Study Center at Pascal's, but he didn't take it, so that was a great blessing for me to start working here. A blessing throughout the years.

The first time I met Dr. Horner, I was here by myself, singing out loud, some Gospel song. He came down the stairs with a smile.

*Singing lifts your spirits up, doesn't it?*

**TERRY:** Yes indeed. The quality of this place, I love the serenity when I'm here by myself. But I enjoy being around the students and the staff and everyone just as much. It's truly been a blessing to me throughout the years that I've been here, and even a blessing to be here today talking with you. It's wonderful. It enlightens me, and it has helped me through some of the hardships that I've had.

*You've had to deal with prostate cancer. It's got to have been a tough road with all you have endured going through those health problems.*

**TERRY:** Like I say, being around people of this caliber, in this environment, that's really helped me through my bad days. I do have trials and tribulations but I try to go beyond that in some kind of way and I get a big lift from being here. The support that I get from everybody is wonderful. After I

got out of the hospital, the Horner's offered for me to stay at their house for a couple of weeks. I thought that was real wonderful and caring, even though I didn't end up staying there.

*But you have stayed at different times as I hear you have a special friend there.*

**TERRY:** Oh, yes. Reggie [Reggie is the Horner's dog]. I came out to do some work for them when I had a

government furlough. Reggie just really took to me- we have a wonderful bond. I enjoy taking care of Reggie when the Horner's leave town.

But like I said, I'm in a peaceful environment here at the Center and I have moral support. I get inspiration from everybody, the staff, the students.



Terry 2020

*You're such a positive presence. That helps all of us. You retired here, but are you still working at your main job?*

**TERRY:** Yes, I'm still there. I've stopped counting at 35. I think I've been almost 40 years at USDA agriculture research.

*Now that you've retired from working at the Center, have you had any time to rest or do anything special?*

**TERRY:** I've been able to go see my grandkids and some of my family.

*Can you tell me a little bit about your family?*

**TERRY:** Yes. I was just visiting up there [Lake City] and my son - he has three kids. The oldest will be turning 18. During the time that my mom passed away, at her going away celebration, my grandson did a creative dance. And the grandson that is 13 wrote a poem for my mom. I was glad to have them there. And the youngest grandson, he's doing fine. They all do pretty good in school because their mom definitely pushed them beyond the sports. They love sports, but she let them know that their education is more than sports. Sports is okay, it has its place.

My daughter lives in Jacksonville. She was in the military and in Iraq. She came back with a lot of back problems and has a disability from the VA. She worked for awhile in the prison system, and when she was going to leave, the head guy didn't want her to since she's a hard worker. Now she's at FedEx.

*I think hard work must run in your family! Terry, do you have anything else you would like to share with our readers?*

**TERRY:** I believe in the golden rule, treating others as you would like to be treated. But sometimes it doesn't happen that way even when you try to treat people decently and with respect.

*Terry, you've been a beautiful example of the golden rule to all of us. We are so grateful for the years you've been a part of Pascal's and the Christian Study Center.*



*Terry's Birthday*

**Read on to learn what the baristas have to say about Terry.**

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Terry,

Happy breath day to you  
Happy breath day to you  
Happy breath day dear brother  
Happy breath day to you

You sang this to me from the second floor one morning as I was opening Pascal's. It made my day, just as you knew it would. If you take a breath, then every day can be a holiday, every day can be like a birthday. This is a truth you've lived every day I've known you. Thank you for sharing it with me, the Pascal's community, and the Center.  
**-Nick Dunn, former barista and manager**

I will always remember the time when I came into Pascal's one morning, right at opening, and Terry refused to let me sit outside until he picked up all the leaves so they weren't in my way. It was a simple gesture, but it meant so much to me. It was one of the first times I truly got to see inside the lifegiving heart of the CSC.  
**-Lauren Hooks, current barista**

Terry Henry is someone who makes a profound impact on the people in his life without even trying. Terry adorned each day working at the CSC by simply being himself; He is a God-fearing, people-loving and nature-loving poet with words of wisdom and encouragement stored in his back pocket. I want to thank him for his hard work and dedication to making Pascal's at the CSC a home for countless individuals including myself.  
**-Dylan Power, former barista**

Terry, I miss seeing you around the CSC! You made the mornings a little less lonely when I was there and were always so joyful, which just helped jumpstart my day so much! I'm wishing you all the best.  
**-Caryn Ligon, former barista**

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“I remember feeling tired and bleary-eyed as an undergraduate barista coming early in the morning to open Pascal's. Terry would always be there, ready to extend a cheery 'good morning' and a smile. He was always such a joyful presence in those early hours. And, as far as I know, he didn't drink coffee!

-Laurie Goddard, former barista and manager

Terry always had the biggest smile compared to both the baristas and the customers. He embodied the Center's lessons of dedication and service, and if you could please pass on my congratulations to him and his family.

-Andrew Fiore, former barista

I was listening to a song by Marvin Gaye and it reminded me of the sweet conversations that I would have with Terry about art, music, and everything in between. In our conversations, I learned so much about the importance of being present to experience the beauty of the world around me. I am so incredibly thankful for the way that he sees the world.

-Gabrielle Cashe, current barista

Terry, my fellow laborer in Christ, oh how you've taught me! Whenever I dare to think myself a humble man, you come to mind as the ideal to which to aspire. Pascal's and the CSC taught me so many lessons; one of the central ones was the quiet man for whom a broom, a cleaning rag, a dictionary, and a conversation about saffron or classical music -- that is to say, you -- were all of a piece. Oh how I hope the Lord blesses you in this new season.

-Juan Alcala, former barista and manager”

# NEWS & NOTES

## PASCAL'S

M-F 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Sat 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- Congratulations to our new baristas who were hired this semester: Anabel Zimmerman, Ian King and Lauren Hooks.
- This summer we will bid good-bye to Lauren Babb, our wonderful coffeehouse manager. She will be attending seminary.
- This semester, with her capable leadership, the baristas are studying the life of St. Augustine and reading *The Confessions*.

### Pascal's Bar Renovation

It's finally going to happen. Pascal's bar area and the damaged wood floors are going to be redone. Gifts of any size are welcome. Scan to give with a QR code and watch for details in the building and on social media. Pascal's will be closed for renovation in May and June.



### Tributes

Thank you to Connie Yuan for a gift in memory of Jean Russell.  
Thank you to Max Dolinsky for a gift in honor of Sarah Hamersma.  
Thank you to Judy Davis for a gift in honor of Jay and Laura Lynch.

## CSC

- Welcome to Matt Barr, a current barista, who is now also serving as a Christian Study Center intern in graphics and communications. Farewell to Mary Grace Burkett who had been serving as our graphics person despite moving to Orlando last year.
- We are thrilled to have found an experienced library science volunteer. Thank you, Janice Ladd, for your service.
- We are still looking for a building maintenance person, either to volunteer or to receive a stipend. Contact Nora Avery at [nora@christianstudycenter.org](mailto:nora@christianstudycenter.org) or leave a message at 352-379-7375.

Mike Sacassas, Associate Director:

### November & December 2020

- Interviewed on *My Digital Self*, a podcast of the Institute for Policy Research [IPR] at the Catholic University of America
- Published "The Skill of Hospitality: Ivan Illich on technology and the human future" in *Breaking Ground*.
- Interviewed on *WeeklyTech*, a podcast hosted by Jason Thacker, Chair of Research in Technology Ethics at the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention

### January 2021

- Interviewed on the podcast of the Beatrice Institute, an ecumenical learning and research community based in Pittsburgh.

### March 2021

- Interviewed on an episode of *Quarantime*, "Analog Minds, Digital Times: Welcome to Post Pandemic Humanity," hosted by Peter Hirshberg of Maker City, Inc.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Public Lectures

- *Reclaiming the Senses: Perceiving the World with Ivan Illich*  
Michael Sacasas | Zoom | March 24 at 8:00 p.m.

### Reading Groups

- *Dante's Paradiso* | Zoom | Wednesday's at 12:00 p.m.
- *Readings in the Christian Imagination* | Zoom | March 29

\*Audio recordings are available to all via podcast. Subscribe at [Christianstudycenter.substack.com/subscribe](https://christianstudycenter.substack.com/subscribe).

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