

2025 BOARD CANDIDATES

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce a slate of three members to fill vacancies that will occur at the end of the current term. The election will take place at our annual meeting on Sunday, March 23, on Zoom.



Iris Maitland



Lawrence Edwards



Olivia Kinzler

Iris Maitland is a retired nurse with 50 years of practice. She has been a member of the center since 2008 and values the space the center creates for members as well as its outreach to the larger community through support of chosen nonprofit organizations. Iris spends a lot of time in her garden, hiking with her dog, visiting her grown kids and grandchildren, and volunteering as a nurse at a rural retreat center. She also teaches Tibetan Yoga and studies Tai Chi. Iris calls herself, “a human in progress.”

Lawrence Edwards grew up attending church with his family and singing in the church choir. He felt that he was searching for a deeper understanding of Spirit for most of his life. He was invited to Center for Spiritual Living, Santa Rosa, heard Edward Viljoen’s message, and knew he had found his spiritual home. Lawrence loves the generous spirit of our center and gladly participates in it by being involved with the music ministry, teaching classes, and being an active practitioner for the past 14 years. He is honored to serve on our Board with the ultimate intention of having our community and visitors feel at home and know the gift of the Divine that they are.

Olivia Kinzler was born in Lebanon, Tennessee and grew up in Ft. Knox, Kentucky. She’s a self-described Army brat that graduated from Ft. Knox High School. She traveled to Europe as a dependent, then married in France in 1964. After a tour in Germany with her husband Lou, they returned to the US with two small children and settled in San Jose, California. After working part-time to help with household finances and her husband’s education, she was able to go to college herself, graduating from Cal State University Fullerton. She earned a teaching credential at Cal Poly Pomona. Ultimately, the family settled in El Granada, north of Half Moon Bay. When Lou was offered a position in Paris, France, Olivia was thrilled! While there, she attended Cordon Bleu culinary school and apprenticed with a chef extraordinaire. Many years later, upon retiring, she gave herself over to volunteering wherever she was needed: in Oakmont as coordinator of Meals on Wheels, holding positions in a few clubs, and cooking weekly at The Living Room. Olivia has been a member of the center since 2011.