



Easy Holiday Fudge



- 2 cups (12oz) semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 can (14 oz) sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 tsp vanilla



Line an 8 inch square baking pan with foil. Combine chocolate chips and milk in heavy saucepan over low heat stirring until smooth. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla and nuts. Spread evenly over prepared pan. Refrigerate for 2 hours or until firm. Lift from pan removing the foil and cut into 48 pieces



Remarkable Readers

Every few months Hillcrest tallies the circulation of its library and typically finds between 240 and 250 items in circulation on any given date. In October 2011, the number was 371 or approximately one item per Hillcrest resident. This number does not include the many books being listened to as part of the Library of Congress Talking Book program.

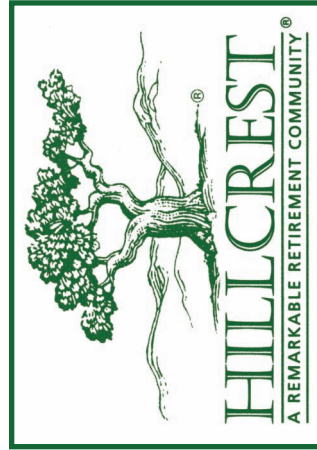
Here're some surprising facts about U.S. reading habits:

- 1/3 of high school graduates never read another book in their lives.
- 47% of college graduates never read another book after college.
- 80% of families did not buy or read a book last year.
- 70% of U.S. adults have not been in a bookstore in the last five years.
- 57% of new books are not read to completion. Over half of those are not read past page 18.

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The Hillcrest Experience
Meet Peggy Redman & Ray Yinger

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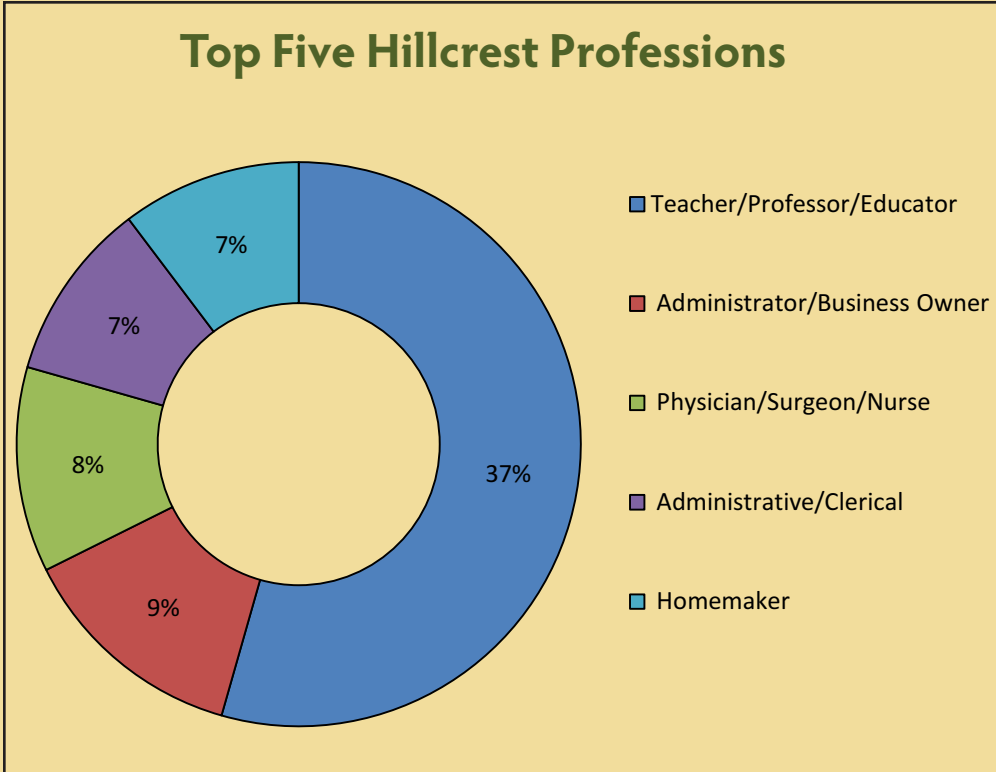
Featured Home

2766 Mountain View Drive



Bedrooms: 2 **Baths: 2** **Garage: 2 car**

Amenities: Conversation Parlor Open Concept Kitchen
 Spacious Master Bedroom
 Views into the heart of Hillcrest



Peggy Redman & Ray Yinger Personify the Hillcrest Experience

Every time she walks out the door, Peggy Redman is grateful to be part of Hillcrest. She loves the sense of community that lets you be as involved as you want to be. She and Ray both agree that, at Hillcrest, you can create your life according to your own idea of retirement living and find your niche. It's safe, quiet, and the food is excellent. "The people at Hillcrest are so diverse and have such interesting backgrounds- you never know who you'll meet."

Stepping inside Peggy and Ray's place at Hillcrest, you find it as unique, interesting and charming as the two who created this welcoming home. You can immediately see what an interesting path Peggy and Ray have taken to arrive at Hillcrest. There's an expansive collection of amazing watercolors by Ray's architect father Don Yinger, art and handicrafts made by the grandkids, a beautiful grandfather clock from the Pyrenees region near Spain and a ship's watch bell that was given to Ray as a retirement gift.

They first met at Lincoln Grammar School one day when a new girl arrived in class and Ray had the feeling that there was something different about her. He told his parents that night, "Peggy Deal's my girlfriend"- though he hadn't bothered to tell Peggy! He got poison oak a few times while sitting in the bushes outside Peggy's house waiting to catch a glimpse of her. He even orchestrated walking home with her at the same time one day so he could give her his first kiss- which Peggy does not remember!

Their paths took different directions with both of them going off to college and living separate lives. Peggy went to ULV and received a degree in History. She got married and had three children in five years. After teaching, Peggy decided she wanted to stay home and be

an active participant in her children's lives. She eventually went back to teaching, starting with gifted kids, and spent 17 years in the public school system. She went on to replace the retiring Alumni Director at ULV and served for 9 years. After 26 years of marriage, she divorced her husband and then when through a difficult two year period fighting ovarian cancer. After her recovery, Peggy decided to go for her goal of getting a doctorate and earned a doctorate in Education from ULV. She was asked to join the Teacher Education



program and eventually became the Director of Teacher Education, a position she maintained for 20 years.

Ray, in the meanwhile, also followed his natural curiosity and interests that led him on quite an interesting path. He received a degree in Mathematics at UC Riverside. His hobby of walking and enjoying nature led him to want to learn more about the environment around him so he went on to get another degree, this time in Botany. Realizing he lacked

the land to become a farmer, Ray went to work at General Dynamics as a mathematician, which was another lifelong love. He realized that he might enjoy branching out into law like some of the scientists at GD so he pursued yet another degree, this time a law degree from UCLA. A serendipitous trip to the city planner's office for a permit led to a job as the City Planner for Arvin. He also found time to teach at Bakersfield College. Ray currently keeps busy working with the Kern County Mental Health Office and performing estate

son's backyard surrounded by family and friends.

Wanting more flexibility after her marriage, Peggy took the position of La Fetra Family Endowed Chair for Excellence in Teaching and Services at ULV. She will spend the next few years working with new ULV President Deborah Lieberman on the La Verne Experience. She plans to "retire" at 75. Peggy loves spending time with her grandkids and has a standing breakfast date with them every Thursday in the Hillcrest Mountain View dining room. Recently her 7 year old granddaughter commented that Hillcrest has "the best restaurant ever and it's free!"

Since their wedding 3½ years ago, Ray and Peggy split their time between living at Hillcrest and at Ray's home in Bakersfield. Peggy has a long history with Hillcrest. Her father was among the initial founders of Hillcrest and her mother lived at Hillcrest for several years. Peggy and her first husband had been on the waiting list when her mother moved in and Peggy came to visit Hillcrest again.

For Ray, the physical campus is a great draw with its beautiful trees, nearby mountains and botanical gardens. He's looking forward to gardening in the resident gardens. Ray is quite the Renaissance man- he's an accomplished musician, playing the piano and guitar, an archer and is learning to cook. He doesn't want to stop- he wants to keep going and keep learning and exploring.

Ray and Peggy enjoy supporting one another as they pursue their passion for living- a passion that is enhanced and supported at Hillcrest.

