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CHARLES T. CHRIETZBERG, JR. IS ESSENTIALLY LIVING HIS FOURTH LIFE. HIS PILGRIMAGE HAS LED HIM THROUGH INTERESTING PATHWAYS.

# BEYOND THE GREEN GABLES

Shelley Claudel has been living on the Peninsula since 1970, after moving here from Southern California at the age of 10. Her dad moved his family into Pacific Grove's Green Gables Inn and converted it into a family dwelling. Shelley remembers life at the Green Gables with her three sisters as a merry experience — filled with friends and happy activities. They left the “Green Gables” sign hanging outside because they loved the name. People would keep stopping and asking about rooms. “It was fun growing up in such a large and wonderful home,” Shelley recalls. There were five bedrooms, a billiards room, a family room, and a dining room. Then for a summer the four sisters moved into a single large room and began renting the other three bedrooms to visitors. The family ran a very casual operation. The front doors were left open so people could wander in at their leisure. “We all cooked and worked in the kitchen,” Shelley recalls. The business incorporated in the 1970s and was named “Four Sisters Inns” because, Shelley says, “The name was welcoming and conveyed a family quality that was always our style.” The Four Sisters Inns has now expanded to 14 facilities, stretching from Washington to Santa Monica's newly opened Channel Road Inn. Each retains the signature warm and welcoming culture with complimentary coffee and teas, a jar full of cookies, wine and hors d'œuvres in the afternoon, a complimentary buffet breakfast, and a generous array of services, complete with such amenities as Jacuzzi tubs, swimming pools, fireplaces, and free wireless Internet access. °

To get more information about Four Sisters Inns call 800-234-1425, 831-649-0908, go to [www.foursisters.com](http://www.foursisters.com), or email [shelley@foursisters.com](mailto:shelley@foursisters.com). Send any comments on the article to [editors@65mag.com](mailto:editors@65mag.com).





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