

# Nightwatch News

September, 2016

## SMH

By Rev. Rick Reynolds



In internet slang SMH means "Shaking My Head." It's what we instinctively do when we learn something that is inconceivable.

Last week, I was with a lovely group of community-minded people in a suburban setting. The average age was probably 75 - and I may be low, because there were a bunch in their upper 80s. They were a very appreciative audience for my talk about homelessness.

I told them about the previous night on the street. We took ice cream bars to a homeless camp. One

of the homeless guys was a white collar worker. He said he will have his own place on the first of the month. "But it sure won't be in this neighborhood," he exclaimed. "Those places over there," he gestures toward the south - just a few blocks away from the camp. "Those places cost \$2,000 for a one-bedroom."

I told this story to the octogenarians the next day. The average apartment in Seattle now rents for \$2,179 a month.

All of a sudden, a room full of old people were "SMH." In unison. It's just unbelievable.

*Lord, hear our cry on behalf of our homeless friends and neighbors. Save, oh Lord! ●*

Nightwatch needs your financial support—keeping people sheltered, housing homeless seniors, and providing for basic needs. Thank you!

## What an adventure!

By Lisa Connolley

I gave notice this month to the beloved Operation Nightwatch. Allergies and health issues are inviting me to move in a new direction.

The next morning on my way to work, I saw a woman I recognized from my dozen plus years with Mary's Place. She was having a psychotic episode, coming towards me, shouting obscenities, stepping into traffic.

She approached me saying "blah, blah, blah, stupid white girl!" At arm's reach, she glared at me, paused, and said, "Oh, sorry, you fed me once when I was hungry." She continued her angry rant up the street.

I am so grateful for all my years of service with homeless and poor people. Unlike that unnamed woman on the street, I will remember the names of our Nightwatch seniors. I will remember their gifts, graces and idiosyncrasies. Nightwatch is a very personally close place, with only 24 senior residents to get to know in two and a half years, and so many wonderful adventures. I will remember the dozens of volunteers who brought joy with their talents, and the staff who pour heart and soul into their work. I came here for the mission and the people, and I wasn't disappointed. Thank you everyone for this wondrous stop on the journey of life. ●

*We will all miss Lisa, and look forward to great things for her, and for us. Thank you Lisa, for pouring yourself into the lives of our senior tenants!*



## NIGHTWATCH

Serving the night  
community in the  
name of Christ



Please join us for our  
**Hero of the Homeless  
Luncheon 2016!**

Tuesday, October 11  
Seattle Center  
Fisher Pavilion

- or -

Saturday, October 15  
Bellevue  
Presbyterian  
Church

More info and RSVP at:  
[Seattlenightwatch.org/hero](http://Seattlenightwatch.org/hero)  
[Hero@seattlenightwatch.org](mailto:Hero@seattlenightwatch.org)

**Volunteer Orientation  
Open House**

The best way to learn about  
Nightwatch and the many  
volunteer opportunities.

Thursday, Sep 1, 2016  
7:30–8:00 pm

RSVP or questions:  
[info@seattlenightwatch.org](mailto:info@seattlenightwatch.org)

# Memorials & Tributes

## Memorials

Kenneth Covey  
Marilyn Anderson  
Marie Davidson  
Lola Davidson  
Tony Domzalski  
Mark & Lisa Domzalski  
Pat Domzalski  
Marie Erickson  
Judy Hurley  
Don Everson  
Jack & Merle Patterson  
Byron Forbes  
Bud & Trudy Forbes  
Keith & Kay Forbes  
George & Carolyn Rippee  
Pete Gudger  
Cheryl Gudger  
Malvern Higgins  
Linda Martin

Henry Hoffman  
Marlyn Hoffman  
Don Kimble  
Dean Kimble  
Ron Kimble  
Heather & Carl Craven  
Al Lobb  
John & Jody Fenlason  
Albert & Velma Miller  
Vern & Marilyn Lolley  
Robert Burry Pelzel  
Donna Rodda  
Dick Shipe  
Gary & Theresa Shipe  
Jane Shipe  
Stephen Shipe  
& Marta Pasztor  
LuElla Snow  
Lisa & Jim Lady

Louise Solemslie  
Allen Solemslie  
Mary Speltz  
Anna Strahan  
Glenn & Shirley Weed  
Andy & Ramona McBeth  
Carolyn & Curtis Neitsch  
George & Carolyn Rippee  
Jim & Cynthia Weaver  
Gilbert Weiss  
John Weiss  
& Corry Venema-Weiss  
Leonard Woodgate  
Carolyn & Curtis Neitsch  
Mary Wooldridge  
Holly Boone

## Tributes

Sharon & Pat Dennis's 50th Anniversary  
Sally Lower  
Gerry Goff  
Harvey & Geri Nelson  
Sharon Green  
Robert Petersen  
Mary Nichols  
Cammy Hendrix  
Mike Potts  
Catharine Fletcher  
Arlene Weigand  
Kathy Higbee  
Wonderful staff  
Yukio & Julianne Kumasaka

## Relatives

### By Ann Sakaguchi

I am blessed with family. Not just immediate family, but extended family too, like siblings of in-laws and cousins of cousins. This summer has been full of family gatherings, with lots of fun and food. I won't lie; sometimes, some of us don't get along. Sometimes, someone is oddly missing at these gatherings. It's family; we pray for healing of the hurts and for reconciliation.

Our seniors and homeless guests have family, too. They may be estranged or maybe just lost track of each other or maybe they are homeless, too. At Nightwatch, we're in the business of helping people.

When Walter moved into our building, he'd been staying alone for years at the Mission. He'd lost touch with his relatives, who live in the deep South. With only their names and their last known residences, our Housing Coordinator began to search for Walter's family. Located in Florida, they sent a plane ticket for Walter to visit his ailing mother, who was in a nursing home at the time. This contact led to Walt's son finding him too. Father and son reunited after many years, before son was transferred away by the military. Nightwatch helps people.

And then there's Edward. He remembered his cousin as a young man, who he had last seen decades ago. When his cousin was located, 83 year-old Edward was astonished to see that his cousin had become middle-aged. Cousin now checks up on Edward regularly. Nightwatch helps people.

Is there someone in your family you're wondering about? Is someone wondering about you? Sure, for many, many reasons, it's not always easy, but we're still family.

**Thank you for being part of the Nightwatch family, through your prayers, your participation, your financial support. ●**

Your support now will help us get caught up from the summer doldrums. Thank you!



## Shopping List

Please help by collecting these items for us to distribute to our homeless friends and tenants (travel sizes are preferred):

- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Lip balm
- Shave cream
- Hand sanitizers
- Sunscreen
- Cough drops
- Pain relievers
- Kleenex packs
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Kitchen towels—new or gently used
- Bulk drink mix

For more information about these items please contact:  
liz@seattlenightwatch.org

For a variety of other needed items, please check out our

## Amazon Wish List:

<http://tinyurl.com/zjo64fd>


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