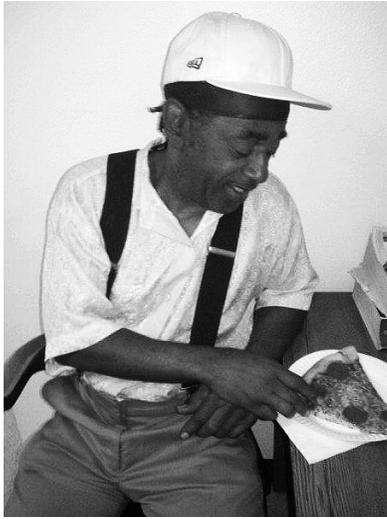


# Nightwatch News

March, 2018

## Bright golden haze

By Rev. Rick Reynolds



Two of us street ministers showed up at a shelter with pizzas. It was 10:00 o'clock. "We thought you weren't coming!" But we always come that late, like clockwork.

While the pizzas cooked, we had quiet conversations with people who wanted to tell us the news of the day, their stories from the distant past, or share a snippet of a song. One guy let me know that he's not doing any art these days. One of his paintings hangs in my house.

"It's not always like this," a worker told me. "They'll be poking at each other and arguing, but then you guys show up. Then everything gets peaceful."

The pizzas were out of the oven, and more residents were drawn out of the sleeping area, enticed by the smell. Our six pizzas were quickly served up.

I looked around the day room, and everyone was contentedly munching pizza. "Look at that, Michael," I said to my co-minister. "There's a bright golden haze over everything."

It felt an awful lot like Something greater than pizza was present. A taste of things to come? It was an awesome sight, not to be forgotten. I want to thank you for your gifts which make such moments possible.

*Lord, help us see you when we feed hungry people and shelter those without homes. ●*

## Shadow's brush with fame

By Marlene Poland and staff

Imagine being a senior, sleeping on the floor of a gigantic shelter in downtown Seattle. This was how Shadow survived until a unit opened at Nightwatch Senior Housing. "Is your life better now?" we ask. Shadow says "100% better."

"What do you like best about being here?" There is no hesitation: "Marlene's cooking," and Shadow cackles with mirth.

Shadow worked for many years with a traveling carnival, learning how to run the various rides. Being on the road can be really tough, but the list of celebrities he met along the way is very long. "I met Dolly Parton, Elvis, Loretta Lynn, Roy Rogers. Elvis gave me \$150 to stop the Ferris wheel when he was at the top."

We ask him about alcohol issues. "I went into treatment in 1990. Now I just have one rum and Coke a month." He remembers a few more famous people he met. "Fess Parker, Audie Murphy, John Wayne."

"Do you think Nightwatch extended your life from when you were homeless?" He thinks for a moment. "I've got nine lives, maybe seven left. Tammy Wynette. George Jones, Gene Autry," he continues the list of famous people he met.

At 71, Shadow is just hitting his stride. Thank you for making this work possible with your gifts and support. **You give Shadow a place to live. ●**



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# Memorials & Tributes

## Memorials

Bill Branom  
Mary Branom  
Matthew Byk  
John Byk  
John Darrah  
Naomi Hayashi  
& Bruce Pulmano  
Ginny Larkins  
The Matsudo Family:  
Hiro & Irene,  
Lance & Laura Lynn  
Marie Davidson  
Lola Davidson  
Craig Davis  
Bruce Davis  
Erika Dehm  
George & Carolyn Rippee  
Robert Domzalski  
Mark & Lisa Domzalski  
Tony Domzalski  
Mark & Lisa Domzalski  
Pat Domzalski

Betty Eldredge  
Pam & Clay Herbst  
Gail Fiess  
Aaron & Rebecca Zide  
Byron & Hazel Forbes  
Bud & Trudy Forbes  
Ozie & Ora Gibson  
Hal Gibson  
William Lauderbaugh  
Joy Lauderbaugh  
Al & Maxine Lobb  
John & Jody Fenlason  
Larry & Diana Lulofs  
Tim Lulofs  
Joyce Mansfield  
Jon & Nancy Troxel  
Mark McLaughlin  
Arnold Becker  
Ruth Prior  
Gerald Prior  
Norm Riggins  
LauraJean & Craig Enge

Dick Shipe  
Gary & Theresa Shipe  
Mary Speltz  
Greg Speltz  
Jerry Teel  
Lyle & Shelley Staley  
Zollie & Sylvia Volchok  
Tony Volchok  
& Cindy Monsen  
Glenn & Shirley Weed  
Andy & Ramona McBeth  
Jim & Cynthia Weaver  
Gilbert Weiss  
John Weiss  
& Corry Venema-Weiss  
Mary Wooldridge  
Holly Boone

## Tributes

Jennifer Byk  
John Byk  
Grace Chinen  
Eric Takushi  
Kathy Graves  
Harvey & Geri Nelson  
Mike Potts  
Catharine Fletcher

## More about Friends

### By Ann Sakaguchi

It was about this time last year we learned we had to leave our old shelter location. That started an almost year-long journey to find another space for our guys to sleep, and to find capable and caring staff to run the shelter for us.

In case you missed it, in November, we opened a new shelter at the University Friends Meeting building, in the University District. Catholic Community Services is providing management and oversight at the "Friends Shelter." When we opened on November 10, we had room for 40 mats, very tightly arranged on the floor.



We've had our ups and downs, getting settled in the new place. Our homeless guests have to find their way. The staff had to establish new routines and get to know our guests.

In January, thanks to a generous gift from the Robert and Helen Hitchman Charitable Foundation, we purchased bunkbeds and increased the capacity of the shelter to 50 men. Oh happy day! Guests have more room now; when they roll over in bed, they don't bump into someone else! They can store their stuff under the bed for the night. There's room to walk around now.

We've traveled a long road to get to where we are; you've been with us the whole way. It's not just special gifts, like from the Hitchman Foundation, but the support of all of you, with your financial gifts and prayers, that have made the Friends Shelter possible. We are grateful and each night, 50 men are thankful to you, too.

Every morning, I hold my breath, until I read how the night went at Friends. On Sunday morning, I read this: ***"Everyone was grateful and glad to be here. While staff were dealing with a couple of issues, everyone just went to bed. We really have a good group of people here."*** Friends. ●

## Shopping List

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

- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Shave cream
- Dental floss
- Lip balm
- Hand sanitizers
- Multi-vitamins
- Cough drops
- Pain relievers
- Kleenex packs
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Bulk drink mix

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

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