

Nightwatch News

June, 2018

Valley of dry bones

By Rev. Rick Reynolds



Since 2012, the number of unsheltered people in Seattle has doubled, and along with it, the number of deaths of homeless people has also doubled.

We've been talking, arguing, waving our arms about this topic for years, and much more intensely the past few months. The main argument seems to be about money: how to get it, how to spend it.

Meanwhile in April, 2018, the average one-bedroom apartment in Seattle costs \$1,987 per month.

I pondered these facts while helping move an "organized" homeless camp from one church property to another this weekend. Thirty residents, four big truck-loads. It rained later that night. I hope their tents were set up in time. The water and power will get turned on later this week.

The following day, I read from Ezekiel 37; a valley of dry bones comes to life. That's our community right now. Hopefulness comes, in the middle of despair and crisis. Hear our cry, O Lord.

God grant compassion and hopefulness to this community. Help us to get our neighbors inside and safe. ●

Don't sweat the small stuff

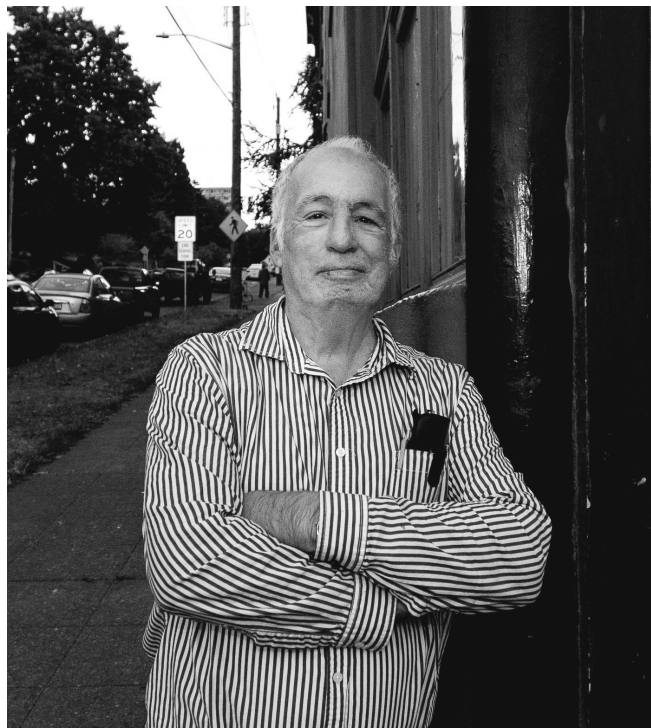
By Marlene Poland,
Housing Coordinator,
and staff

When I first started at Nightwatch, I would come to work thinking about all the things I needed to get done. But it would never happen. There would be seniors lined up to talk with me about various crises in their lives. Others needed to chat. Bonds of friendship have formed.

I have come to realize how precious life is. We've had two tenants pass away, and another sweet man is in a nursing facility. One of the guys we lost last year was a friend of my daddy here in Seattle. So I had to relive those sad times all over again.

After thinking about it, I realized that those "interruptions" of tenants needing to talk, aren't really interruptions. **Those moments are critical to the care we practice daily at Nightwatch.** And I realized that I have more to learn.

Your gift will save a life. Please help today! ●



NIGHTWATCH

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community in the
name of Christ**

Done with paper newsletters?

We can email the monthly Nightwatch News to you!

Sign up at:

<http://eepurl.com/x5Epv>

Or email:

coleen@seattlenightwatch.org
(include your first & last name)

Volunteer Open House

Find your favorite
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Thursday, June 7, 2018

7:30–8:00 pm

RSVP or questions:
info@seattlenightwatch.org

Find out more:
<http://tinyurl.com/ydaqfjsx>

Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Jeff Bohall	Bud Forbes	Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Leda and Nate Buller	Daisy Beach	Tony Volchok
Bill Branom	Jean & Sherwin Flewelling	& Cindy Monsen
Mary Branom	Jim & Fern Smith	Glenn & Shirley Weed
Charley Bush	Christopher Allen Grimm	Andy & Ramona McBeth
Ginny Larkins	Michael Jay Taylor	Jim & Cynthia Weaver
Marie Davidson	Mal Higgins	Gilbert Weiss
Lola Davidson	Linda Martin	John Weiss
Craig Davis	Daniel Kriedt	& Corry Venema-Weiss
Bruce Davis	Kelly Black & Louis Durand	Leonard Woodgate
Robert Domzalski	Al & Maxine Lobb	George & Carolyn Rippee
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	John & Jody Fenlason	Mary Wooldridge
Tony Domzalski	Norm & Melinda Lobb	Holly Boone
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Harley & Mercedes Lolley	
Pat Domzalski	Vern & Marilyn Lolley	
Dolly Gerber Elkins	Dick Shipe	
George & Carolyn Rippee	Gary & Theresa Shipe	
Michael Fendrich	Mary Speltz	
Marla Hoffman	Greg Speltz	

Tributes

Mark McLaughlin
Anonymous
Mary Oaksmith Nichols
Cammy Hendrix
Bert Nordstrom
Don & Lenora Spears
Mike Potts
Catharine Fletcher
Lalania Reynolds’ birthday
Jim & Frances Reynolds
Sono Sakaguchi
Ats Kiuchi

We’re growing

By Ann Sakaguchi

How does Nightwatch keep on going, in the face of growing homelessness, increasing needs and rising costs all around? The answer is: the people. That’s you and others like you that support us with your prayers, with your financial donations and the gifts of your time.

Nightwatch is a frugal outfit; we take good stewardship very seriously. We try to spend money wisely and honor the trust you’ve shown us with your giving.

We count on hundreds of volunteers to help us carry out our work each month. Without them, we would simply not function. Volunteers are the backbone of the service we provide to the people we serve.

After much deliberation and careful evaluation, we’ve added a Volunteer Coordinator at Nightwatch. We want to enhance service to our homeless guests and senior apartment residents by providing dedicated support for our volunteers.

Please meet Tonette Winston. Tonette has been working in our Dispatch Center as a Night Supervisor for almost 3 years, so many volunteers already know her. In her new role as Volunteer Coordinator, she will be recruiting, scheduling, training and all around supporting the volunteers that come to Nightwatch.

Tonette has many years of experience working with homeless and poor people; she is passionate about helping those who are in need and she knows our guests well. She is a great “people person;” everyone who meets her comes away with a smile.

Thanks for your support that allows us to add to the team. Join us in welcoming Tonette. Hope you get to meet her soon.

For more information on volunteering at Nightwatch, visit our website:
www.seattlenightwatch.org/volunteer ●



Pictured: Tonette Winston

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

Amazon Wish List:

<http://tinyurl.com/zjo64fd>

Amazon donates to Nightwatch when you shop through Amazon Smile! Here’s the link:


<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-0964027>

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