

# Nightwatch News

October, 2018

## Rebuilding

By Rev. Rick Reynolds



Thousands of people have come through our doors over the past 51 years. Every single person coming into Nightwatch received some sort of help – food, shelter, safety, socks, blankets, friendship. Many have used these gifts to rebuild their lives.

One night, about 1995, I was alone at Nightwatch, wondering why there were no volunteers. A single homeless guy “Marcus” stepped up. He served soup and mopped the floors. And he stayed with me until 2:00 a.m. – our closing time back then. Marcus continued to volunteer, long after he got into housing.

All this good rebuilding is a direct result of your support. We don't get help from the City or County, but rely on private donations.

Here's a follow up note about Marcus. We had lunch today after 20 years of not seeing each other. He's doing well. He wanted me to thank you all.

*Lord, thank you for your care for the impoverished and broken among us. Grant us the joy of partnering with you in the work of rebuilding. ●*

## Disruptions

By Marlene Poland and staff

Every day of the Nightwatch building project, there is some new disruption for our senior tenants. There is extra dust and grit when their old windows are taken out, and the new windows are getting framed. Soon the carpenters will have to build the new wood trim inside the rooms.

We were really worried that the senior tenants would be up in arms about the disruptions. Surprisingly, that's not the case.

**They're excited.**

Already, the advantages of the new windows are evident. They open more fully, allowing cool fresh air to circulate, even with the construction debris. The rooms are brighter, somehow. And the rooms will be cooler in the summer, warmer in the winter, especially after the new heaters are installed. There's a sense of pride about all this work getting done, despite the disruptions.

**After surviving homelessness, this is nothing!**

Thank you for your support this month as the project moves along. It's important that we pay these guys! ●



# NIGHTWATCH

**Serving the night  
community in the  
name of Christ**



## Hero of the Homeless Luncheon

Tuesday, October 23  
Saturday, October 27  
12 noon–1 pm

Details and registration:  
[www.seattlenightwatch.org/hero](http://www.seattlenightwatch.org/hero)

## SOCK IT TO HOMELESSNESS

Sunday, November 18  
12:30-2 pm  
302 14th Ave S, Seattle  
[www.seattlenightwatch.org/sock-it](http://www.seattlenightwatch.org/sock-it)

## Volunteer Open House

Find your favorite  
volunteer job!  
**Thursday, October 4, 2018**  
7:30–8:00 pm  
RSVP or questions:  
[volunteer@seattlenightwatch.org](mailto:volunteer@seattlenightwatch.org)  
Find out more:  
<http://tinyurl.com/ydaqfjsx>

# Memorials & Tributes

## Memorials

Kay Abe  
Ron & Sharon Hirata  
Hiro & Irene Matsuda  
& family  
Andrea Sames  
Sue Arbury  
Ann & Jon Palmason  
Sue Peringer  
Bill Branom  
Mary Branom  
Charley Bush  
Ginny Larkins  
Chris  
Norma Jean Hanson  
Robert Domzalski  
Mark & Lisa Domzalski  
Tony Domzalski  
Mark & Lisa Domzalski  
Pat Domzalski  
Bud & Trudy Forbes  
Jim & Jan Sullivan  
Dorothy Foreman  
Janet Buck

Ozie & Ora Gibson  
Hal Gibson  
Leong & Syen Hom  
Doug Hom  
Mary Ellen Ingersoll  
Jim & Jan Sullivan  
Brian Keating  
Pam & Clay Herbst  
Hattie Kimble  
Alan & Judy Hodson  
Dick Lamb  
Karen Johnson  
& Douglas Hildie  
Art Liddle  
Sheila Liddle  
Al & Maxine Lobb  
John & Jody Fenlason  
Norm & Bonnie Riggins  
Maureen Wells-Henderson  
Edith Root  
Leonard Root  
Kelly Forbes Senecal  
George & Carolyn Rippee

Dick Shipe  
Gary & Theresa Shipe  
Stephen Shipe  
& Marta Pasztor  
Paul Snypp  
John & Dian Snypp  
Mary Speltz  
Greg Speltz  
Zollie & Sylvia Volchok  
Tony Volchok  
& Cindy Monsen  
Doris Ehnat Walters  
Debby Walters  
& Dan Patterson  
Glenn & Shirley Weed  
Andy & Ramona McBeth  
Jim & Cynthia Weaver  
Gilbert Weiss  
John Weiss  
& Corry Venema-Weiss  
John Wejak  
Donna & David Goodlett  
Mary Wooldridge  
Holly Boone

## Tributes

All veterans  
Art & Ruby Meyer  
Verna Honda  
Sharon Burks  
Paul Kuo  
Alice Lawyer  
Jim & Frances Reynolds  
Mike Potts  
Catharine Fletcher  
Judy Sellers  
John Byk  
Sheltering seniors  
Linda Julien  
Greg Speltz  
Mary Evans  
John & Silvana Hale  
Nancy Miller  
Muriel Staple's 90th birthday  
Robert & Dixie Doyle  
Tricia Wittmann-Todd  
Kathleen Todd

## Confession

By Ann Sakaguchi

Have you ever disagreed with your boss?

I have a confession to make. For the past 15 years, Pastor Rick and I have had a fundamental difference of opinion. I've changed my mind and my confession is this: I was wrong.

The building that houses our 24 apartments for seniors as well as our shelter Dispatch Center is having some work done. It's an old, old building with many

physical challenges. As long as I've been at Nightwatch, my humble opinion has been that we should tear it down and build a new one. Rick has always believed we should preserve and maintain it. I now realize he is right and I was wrong.

I had to think about buildings as being like people. If we begin to look shabby, we might just clean up or put on a fresh set of clothes. If our bodies start to fall apart, we find the cause and correct the problem. If our bones break, we set them and allow them to heal. We do all this to keep going.

Why shouldn't we treat our building like we do people?

We're replacing leaking windows, fixing the roof and painting the building. Inside, we're replacing heaters and carpet. Nightwatch is 51 years old. With this investment of resources, perhaps the building will serve our homeless friends and senior residents for another 50 years.

The project budget is over \$200,000. Many generous friends and supporters have already contributed, as an investment in the future of Nightwatch.

Won't you join them? ●



A big "Thank You" to The Biella Foundation and University Kiwanis for their support!

## 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:

Ship donations to our door!  
<http://a.co/1UAUEUZ>

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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