

# Nightwatch News

Thanksgiving, 2018

## Richard and me

By Rev. Rick Reynolds



Richard stopped me on the sidewalk one November day. “Hey, Pastor Rick, what are you doing for Thanksgiving?”

“Not really sure,” I told him. “*Hope he doesn’t want to come to my place,*” I thought to myself.

“You know, you could always come downtown and have dinner with us,” he said, graciously. “Pastor Rick, wherever I wake up in the morning, maybe on the loading dock, or in the park, I never know where I might be. **The first thing I do in the morning is thank God for that first breath.**”

I looked at Richard’s athletic bag, with everything he owned. I thought about my warm home, filled with too much stuff.

But Richard was the thankful one. I’ve carried that lesson with me for 23 years now.

*Lord, grant that thankfulness will overflow our lives into the lives of those around us. And wherever Richard is tonight, grant him your Peace.* ●

## Investment

By Ben Curtis, Street Minister

For the past few weeks, my wife and I have been in the process of buying a home. It’s our first time. I never realized before how much work it actually takes: Searching through listings, going to open houses and tours, inspections, appraisals and endless paperwork and forms.

As we near our closing date, I’ve been reflecting on the plight of my friends outside. They don’t own homes. They don’t even have a roof over their head. The challenge of getting someone off the street and into stable housing can be even worse than what we’re going through.

Often, the slide into homelessness takes time. Getting back into housing can also take time. It’s easy to assume the process is simple; you get a job, you get housing. It’s almost never that simple. There are forms to fill out, more paperwork, interviews, signing things, and lots of waiting to see if you can get into a place or not.

Meanwhile, you’re in survival mode. That’s when Nightwatch helps.

Because you give, we can bring people through perilous times. We share warm food and shelter every night. Street Ministers show up with food, water, socks and more. We hold the hands of hurting people. Our Senior Housing brings stability for people in crisis; and the rents are affordable because generous people like you see the importance of keeping old people off the street. Food, shelter, housing, and hope is what we’re about. Loving our neighbors, as we like to say.

It’s an investment, caring for poor and homeless people. Your support pays big dividends, when we see formerly-homeless people jangling their new set of apartment keys. ●



# NIGHTWATCH

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

### Year-end tax stuff

Donations received by mail must show a 2018 postmark, to be credited for 2018 giving, according to the IRS.

You can donate online for 2018 until midnight, December 31, at [www.seattlenightwatch.org](http://www.seattlenightwatch.org).

Year-end giving reports will be mailed out in late January. Call our office if you have questions.

Thank you.

### 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](mailto:coleen@seattlenightwatch.org)  
(include your first & last name)

### Volunteer Open House

Find your favorite  
volunteer job!

**Thursday, December 6, 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

Renata Asic Kozina  
Dianne Lattemann  
Tom Box  
Lyle & Shelley Staley  
Bill Branom  
Mary Branom  
Bob Bryant  
Janet Buck  
Charley Bush  
Ginny Larkins  
Gail & Jay Winberg  
Chris  
Norma Jean Hanson  
Joe Curtis  
Robert & Roberta Brown  
Craig Davis  
Bruce Davis  
Robert Domzalski  
Mark & Lisa Domzalski  
Tony Domzalski  
Mark & Lisa Domzalski  
Pat Domzalski  
Bud & Trudy Forbes  
Rhoda Peel  
Kim Forman  
Jerry Shigaki

BJ Furgerson  
Kathleen Todd  
Betty Holing  
Judy & Jim Jansen  
Mary Ellen Ingersoll  
Jim & Jan Sullivan  
Brian Keating  
Pam & Clay Herbst  
Al & Maxine Lobb  
John & Jody Fenlason  
Annette Mayor  
Janet Buck  
Martin Murray  
Maria & Greg Van Horn  
Our Parents  
Brian & Pat Hogan  
Norm Riggins  
Maureen Wells-Henderson  
Paul Sakaguchi Sr.  
Ats Kiuchi  
Terry Sheehan  
George & Carolyn Rippee  
Dick Shipe  
Gary & Theresa Shipe  
Jane Shipe

Mary Speltz  
Greg Speltz  
Anne Todd  
Kathleen Todd  
Zollie & Sylvia Volchok  
Tony Volchok  
& Cindy Monsen  
Glenn & Shirley Weed  
Andy & Ramona McBeth  
Jim & Cynthia Weaver  
Gilbert Weiss  
John Weiss  
& Corry Venema-Weiss  
Leo Werlech  
Ray & Jackie Marsh  
Shee Wong  
Irene Cheung  
Mary Wooldridge  
Holly Boone  
Diana Zagurski  
Joanna & Fritz Walter

## Tributes

Christine Henderson's birthday  
Mary Ellen Reimund  
Courtney Hirata  
Jerolyn Yoshihara  
Man Lung Li  
Mimi Yi  
Lois Lingren  
Anonymous  
Brett & Karen Lolley  
Vern & Marilyn Lolley  
Mark McLaughlin  
Anonymous  
Mary Oaksmith Nichols  
Cammy Hendrix  
Mike Potts  
Catharine Fletcher  
Leonard Root  
Jim & Frances Reynolds  
Greg Speltz  
Robert Petersen

## "HEY ANN! HOW YA DOIN'?"

By Ann Sakaguchi

We have 24 tenants living with us in our apartments for seniors. Most of them have been homeless at one time. They are all low income; they are all my age or older. We know some of them really well; others keep to themselves. Several we see and talk with every day; kinda like family.

In families, there is likely a similar situation; some members we are close to, but others not so much. Some we get along with very well. If we're honest, some just get on our nerves, right?

One longtime resident has a habit of greeting me whenever he sees me. He might be across the street and half a block away and I'll hear "HOW YA DOING, ANN?"

I know it's me; I don't like to be yelled at from across the street. I love this old guy like a little brother, yet I get so irritated when he calls out to me like that. What's wrong with me? Why can't I be gracious and just accept the friendly greeting for what it is?

I am grateful for this almost daily reminder of my shortcoming. I am still, even after 11 years, struggling to accept the loving greeting that is shouted to me from across the street.

Do you have any family members that irritate you in this way? If you do, how about joining me in prayer and solidarity to overcome our irritations with one another and simply love? This crusty old guy living at Nightwatch is challenging me to be a more accepting and loving person. Sure, he's getting help from Nightwatch, but he's helping me, too.

Are there other things we can learn from our friends at Nightwatch? Definitely!  
Wanna come and see? ●



## 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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