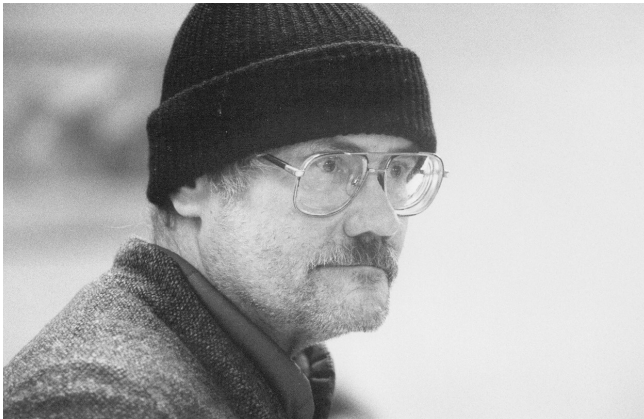


Nightwatch News

February, 2020

Rest in peace

By Rev. Rick Reynolds



David lived upstairs from Nightwatch in 1994. My first week on the job he told me he would help at night, if we needed him. "Just come pound on my door." Many times I'd do that, and Dave would join me in helping homeless people.

Dave told me his story over the course of several years. Military brat. Prison, but exonerated. No

record. He came west for a new start. Because he was a country boy, he lived in the woods, far from people and houses. When Dave was reported to the sheriff, they brought him downtown, and dropped him off in Pioneer Square, with all his gear. He had no idea how to survive the city.

Day and night, Dave volunteered at Nightwatch. A few years later, he moved into an apartment, and got a paying job. I'd buy him lunch, he'd tell me stories. We drifted apart, and lost touch. Our friends in common died or moved away.

The snow made me remember Dave. His teasing, his laugh, his desire to help. How did he survive outside in this cold. How does anyone?

Rest in Peace, my friend.

Lord, keep our homeless friends safe in the dark and cold. Increase our ability to help all we meet. ●

Patience and resilience

By Tonette Winston,
Shelter Dispatch Manager

Our clients are patient, resilient and forgiving. I am learning to be the same!

One client is struggling to work two jobs, to improve his situation. Shelter policies work against him. Shelters have fixed hours. Can't come back late. Have to leave early in the morning. If a person works until 11:00 pm, or a graveyard shift, there aren't options for them.

My homeless friend working two jobs had to remind me. Take a deep breath. Explain to the people running the shelters how we were trying to help him, and why it was important.

I changed my approach, and a beautiful thing happened; I found him a 24-hour shelter that will accommodate his work schedule and allow him to change his situation. He was so excited when I shared the news, and thanked me repeatedly. I finally acknowledged it was my voice, but his words that made this happen.

We are unable to do this good work without the support of Nightwatch donors like you. ●



NIGHTWATCH

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

**Thank you to the
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Volunteer Open House

Come and see us!

**Thursday, February 6, 2020
7:30–8:00 pm**

RSVP or questions:
volunteer@seattlenightwatch.org
<http://tinyurl.com/ydaqfjsx>

Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Art & Kay Abe	Tabitha Thomas Gadzuk	Barbara Post
Michael Abe	Mike & Sandy Birdsall	Nancy Horman
Dorothy Balch	Cathy Braun	Mary Lou Knox
Daniel & Candi Tepke	John & Jody Fenlason	Sally Mackey
Jerry Black	Neal & Ruth Tripp	Lee & Gretchen Monteith
Kelly Black	Nancy Winslow	Mike Potts
Bill Branom	Chris Graff	Catharine Fletcher
Mary Branom	Norma Jean Hanson	Norm & Bonnie Riggins
Neil & Mary Braun	Gunnar & Elsie Guddal	Dave & Robin Roe
Cathy Braun	Kari Guddal	Edith Root
Dick Brenneman	Ruth Hanly	Janet Root
Ruth Brenneman	Marilyn Iverson	Paul Sakaguchi Sr.
Harald Bruun	Effie & Mal Higgins	Ann Sakaguchi
Ruth Chavers	Linda Martin	Stacie & Paul Sakaguchi Jr.
Andy Chavers	Pat Howell	Katie Schwarzhans
Ruth Chavers	Alice Woldt	Chari & Bill Apperson
Anna Coon	Mary Ellen Ingersoll	Dick Shipe
Carol Crouter	Jim & Jan Sullivan	Christine Elson
Alice Cork	James Iverson	Gary & Theresa Shipe
Karen & Don Gwilym	Marilyn Iverson	Jane Shipe
Chris	Sue Kelly	Patty Morgan Smith
Norma Jean Hanson	Virginia Hansen	Sara & Jim Caldwell
Joe Curtis	Christopher Laney	Mary Speltz
Robert & Roberta Brown	Sara & Jim Caldwell	Vicki Grayland
Candy & Bob O'Malley	Al & Maxine Lobb	Greg Speltz
Craig Davis	John & Jody Fenlason	Bud Staple
Bruce Davis	Ted Lomax	Dan & Susan Staple
Robert Domzalski	Gloria Lomax	Gene Todd
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Sally Lower	Kathleen Todd
Pat Domzalski	Charlotte & Virgil Huntsinger	Robert "Mugs" Tracy
Tony Domzalski	Rick & Lorri Reynolds	Eileen Anderson
Paul & Linda Arms	Ann Marie Mayhle	Howard Van Horn
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	The Mayhles, Wises, Millers	Maria & Greg Van Horn
Pat Domzalski	& Carlsons	Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Lois Eggiman	Rosemary Miller	Tony Volchok & Cindy Monsen
Cherie & Mel McDonald	Janet Buck	Donald Williamson
Queen Elizabeth	Cherie & Mel McDonald	Margaret Williamson
Quentin Crocheron	Daisy Neves	Michael Woodruff
Morrie Ensey	The Neves Family	George & Carolyn Rippee
Cherie & Mel McDonald	Bud Palmberg	Mary Wooldridge
Marie Erickson	Nancy Graves-Lankford	Holly Boone & Pat Braus
Martin Hurley	& Blake Lankford	
Kim Forman	Donna Palmberg	
Jerry Shigaki		

Thought I'd seen it all

By Ann Sakaguchi,
Deputy Director

When you've been at Nightwatch for a while, it can seem like you've seen it all, and heard it all. Then something happens and you realize there is more to see and hear. It is humbling.

"Pete," one of our tenants, has been gone for several months. He had a medical emergency, went to the ER, then had a long hospitalization. Now he's in a rehab facility, trying to regain strength and some independence. But he will never come back to his apartment here.

The Nightwatch senior tenants are a big family. Mostly, they get along. To be honest, Pete wasn't particularly well-liked by the others. He could be grouchy or preachy or nosy or just plain annoying. He's been gone for months now, and people seemed okay about it.

Another tenant — Dennis — decided to pick up Pete in his taxi cab and bring him to the building for Christmas Eve dinner, as a surprise for the neighbors. Like old times.

Since his medical issues, Pete is not the same. It's hard to be social when you can't speak naturally. But it didn't matter. The other tenants welcomed him back in their midst. Like a family, they shared a meal on Christmas Eve.

I was astonished when I heard this report.

I am touched by the sensitivity and caring of Dennis, to even think of going to get Pete. I am proud of the other residents who welcomed Pete home, if only for one meal. I pray for Pete, that his remaining journey on earth will be joy-filled.

And I thank God for reminding me that I have not seen it all. ●



Tributes

Holly & Rik Anderson
Hillary Anderson-Oei
Matt & Alana Brown
Terry Proctor
Mary Liz Chaffee
Lois Chaffee
Ruth Chaffee
Anne Duda
Rachel Cook
Jessica Elliott
Elizabeth Kristoferson
Judy Hurley
Martin Hurley
Landis Lingren
Lois Lingren
Phillip Lorente
Buffalo Mazzetti
Victoria Palmen
Harvey & Geri Nelson
Shepherd of the Hills
Lutheran Church
Nancy & Chris Anderson
Samuel Taylor
Chauncey & Susan Burke
Volunteers
Ken & Carol Williams
Lynn Walker
Kristie Weimar
Wonderful staff
Yukio & Julianne Kumasaka
Klaus & Marcia Zech
Michele & Fred Paulsell
Scott & Hilda Zimmerman

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
- Gloves
- Beanie hats
- Bulk drink mix

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

Amazon Wish List:


Ship donations to our door!
<https://amzn.to/2NwV2JG>

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