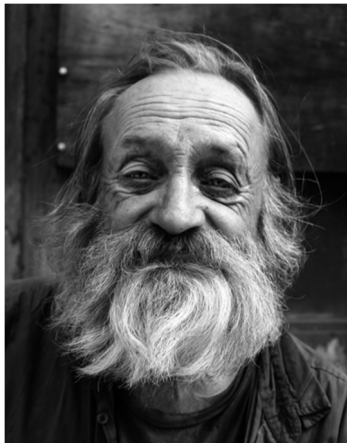


Nightwatch News

April, 2025

Thanks for talking with me By Deacon Frank DiGirolamo, Executive Director



"Thanks for talking with me!"

We said it simultaneously, overjoyed at our connection over dinner.

"Paul" had just been discharged after more than a month spent at a local hospital. He was dropped off at our evening meal and was now transitioning back to life on the streets. It's never perfect. He was about to spend the night in a friend's tent.

Meanwhile, we chatted about everything. The passing of his mom and his wife, and his street family; how loyalty can turn on a dime because of the ravages of addiction. He also told me about the good folks on the Seattle CARE team, who would soon be picking him up to get him to north Seattle. **We discovered that we had met each other briefly years ago, in an encampment near where he will be tonight.** What a small world.

Paul believes he is on the mend. He says a cane will help him to be more fully mobile, enabling him to gain access to more shelter opportunities. I invited him to keep checking on our waitlist and to consider applying for our senior housing. He's excited about those possibilities.

This brief connection, at the crossroads of life, was possible in our wonderfully old Shelter Dispatch building.

Thanks to your support, hope fills this space for all who enter. ●

What will be your legacy? By Rev. Rick Reynolds, Street Minister, Executive Director Emeritus

The downtown of the 1960s is barely discernible now. The bars Nightwatch visited are gone. Characters like "13 Cents" have faded from the memory of most people downtown. Affordable weekly-rate rooms for poor people have been torn down. Our civic memory is short-lived.

Not enough people remember Ruby Label. He was a fixture at his pawn shop on First Avenue. He encouraged Nightwatch when we were launched in the 1960s, letting the ministers use the basement of his shop as a staging area for their late-night adventures downtown.

A movie clip from the 1970s, about Nightwatch, shows Ruby Label sitting with a guy living on the streets. Ruby tells us to look at the troubled young man. **"He's a human being!"** I get teary-eyed every time I see this.

His passion and generosity is Ruby's legacy to us all, nearly 60 years later. What legacy will we leave the world? ●



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



GiveBIG 2025
May 6th & 7th
Early giving starts April 22

Your support provides food,
shelter, housing, and hope
to people in need.



<https://bit.ly/GiveNW>

**Volunteer
Orientation**
Friday, April 11
5:30 pm

Come on in, take a look
around, and hear about all of
our volunteer opportunities.

RSVP:
michelle@seattlenightwatch.org

Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

- Lena Apple

Molly Bosch

Bill Branom

Mary Branom

Charley Bush

Ginny Larkins

Gail & Jay Winberg

Robert Domzalski

Mark & Lisa Domzalski

Pat Domzalski

Tony Domzalski

Mark & Lisa Domzalski

Pat Domzalski

Andrea Sue Forde

Ryan Lile

Chris Graff

Norma Jean Hanson

Jimyco Greene

Molly Bosch

Michael Harlan

Molly Bosch

Delilah Hernandez

Ben & Flo Curtis

Mal & Effie Higgins

Linda & Mike Martin

Laura Jean Howard

Ellen Johanson
- Dean & Hattie Kimble

Kathy & Jared Greiner

Ron Kimble

Carl & Heather Craven

Al & Maxine Lobb

John & Jody Fenlason

Harley & Mercedes Lolley

Vern & Marilyn Lolley

Craig MacGowan

Pat & Ron Cygan

Horst Mader

Eva Mader

James & Patricia Mazure

Mary Smersh

Mark McNeil

Robb Petersen

Elmer Molzahn

Sherianne Caldwell

Bud Palmberg

Anonymous

Mary Jo Phaneuf

Andrea & Paul Von Goedert

Robert & Nellie Porter

Bob Porter

Mike Potts

Catharine Fletcher

Carole Powell

Doug & Dale Townsend

Sheltered

By Tonette Winston, Director of Housing & Shelter Services

Our much-anticipated, expanded women’s shelter, Donna Jean’s Place, is now open in its new location! I didn’t expect all of this to happen so soon!

We are excited but also know there will be challenges. Still, it warms my heart to see how the community has showered this space with generosity. The beds are topped with handmade quilts, lovingly sewn by volunteers. **The staff have worked hard to create a welcoming, homelike environment, providing comfort and peace to our guests as they enter each night.**

Showers and laundry are now available to shelter guests. The women also have space to leave their personal belongings safely during the day, which is a true blessing for the folks we serve. This means they can attend workshops, job interviews, and medical appointments without carrying all their belongings with them.

My hope is Donna Jean’s Place shelter, a safe place to rest and sleep, can inspire women to reassess their lives and allow them the peace of mind to consider their options. I am thankful, and believe this place is a true miracle. I pray that it is a blessing to all those who stay and work here.

Please join me in praying for this new place of peace. ●



Tributes

- Elizabeth Clark

Tom Weingarten

Jo Ladd Clark

Joy Lauderbaugh

Our “family’s” safety in DR Congo

Dan Patterson

& Debby Walters

Julie Grant

Roger & Julie de Quay

Leah Leicester

Jen Blackwood

Donna Jean Palmberg’s birthday

Stephanie Dotson

Lorri Reynolds

Vern & Marilyn Lolley

Ann Sakaguchi

Paul & Tina Miller

Denny Shaw

Carol Sue Janes

St. Benedict Seattle

Niamh Coleman

Shopping List

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

- Cookies and pastries
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- Lotion
- Soap & body wash
- Deodorant
- Men’s new athletic socks
- Wash cloths & towels
- Twin sheet sets, new or clean
- Twin blankets, new or clean

For more information, or to schedule a donation drop-off: info@seattlenightwatch.org

Amazon Wish List:

Ship donations to our door!
<https://bit.ly/ONWlist>



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