

Keeping Those Love-Letters

Del L. Johnson, Administrator

Sitting in her favorite chair, my wife was chuckling to herself as she turned the super-annuated pages. She ignored my queries, rebuffing my efforts to examine the object of her amusement. Finally, however, I managed to obtain one of the aged sheets. It was a love-letter; to my wife!

“Who’s this from?” I asked as I scanned through the unfamiliar scrawl. “Clumsy writer. Doesn’t even use complete sentences.” I found the signature line. The letter was from me!

1971. “You kept these letters all these years?” As I looked at the stacked efforts at romance, I suddenly knew what the response would be. “Of course I kept your love letters. You certainly kept mine, didn’t you?” Oh boy. .

I remembered some of those epistles. Like when she decided used adding machine tape would be an interesting choice for stationery. She didn’t know that I had injured my arm, and when the tightly wound letter arrived I had to play yo-yo with it to read it. Or the time when she wrote of her affection on round stationery. Round paper is not a problem, but she chose to write like the grooves of a record, round and round and round. By the time I got to the inner circles of tiny writing I was suffering from vertigo.

From the date I met this woman until

the day of our marriage three years later, we spent considerable time in different states. She wrote faithfully, and I enjoyed the letters and then discarded them (not realizing the grief that would cause me decades hence). Somehow it never occurred to me that she might expect a response. A rather spirited phone call corrected my neglectful ways. And that stack of responses is kept in a secret place to this very day.

Without communication, friendship does not flourish, courtship ceases, acquaintances become strangers, even children become estranged. God is a communicator. He came to Eden to talk with Adam and Eve. Enoch walked so closely with God that God took him. “Come now, let us reason.” The nights Christ spent alone with his Heavenly Father.

What a remarkable Lord we have! He is the King of the Universe, the Creator of untold worlds. He is the owner of all. He is the White Knight for a sinful world, the Hero of the wilderness battle, the Martyr of Calvary. And yet he asks us to ‘come boldly before the throne of grace!’ And he invites us to become part of the family. Take that time each day to commune with your Savior, your King, your Advocate, your Friend.

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Reflections
 A Newsletter for Members of the NAD Retirement Plans of the SDA Church

Don Schneider's upcoming Conversation with Retirees

Mark it on your calendar. On September 9, at 2:00 pm Eastern Time, our Division President is going to talk just to retirees. Using the miracle of satellite communications, Don Schneider will present the first in a series of conversations with retirees.

Find a church that participates in the Adventist Communications Network and thus has the capability of screening this opportunity. Your retirement chapter

Don Schneider (L), Jack Harris (R)

president may wish to arrange for a potluck.

Couldn't attend the convocation in Walla Walla? Here's your chance to hear our president share from his heart. He'll be talking about challenges and opportunities the church faces at home and abroad. And he'll share some pretty exciting initiatives in New York and other places.



Journaling from Jack

Contributing Editor: H Jack Harris

You know it is summer in Palms Springs, California when:

- (The cows are giving evaporated milk.
- (Farmers give their chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying hard boiled eggs.
- (Hot water comes out of both taps.

You know you have missed a blessing:

- ; When you sleep in instead of going to church.
- ; When your grandchild sang for Sabbath School and you were home with a headache.
- ; When you decide not to attend the National Retirees Convocation and stayed home instead.

It's not too late to register yet!
Walla Walla College, August 21-25
Call Veda Logan, 509-527-2364



NEWS NOTES

FROM MORT

Contributing Reporter: Mort Juberg

Arusha, Tanzania. Fifty Adventists were among 200 people killed in a train accident in central Tanzania. The Adventists were returning from a women's ministries convention that had been held in Morogoro.

Moscow, Russia. Adventists in Euro-Asia have launched a Russian language Web site that will make church beliefs accessible to people who would otherwise have no contact.

Tirana, Albania. The Adventist Church in Albania has begun publication of its first magazine, "Ediclioni." The quarterly deals with religious, health, lifestyle and other issues.

Sao Paulo, Brazil. Adventist youth leaders have distributed a three-and a-half-ton shipment of Bibles from the Brazilian Bible Society. This is a special youth translation of the Bible making it easier for young people to read and share.

Source: Adventist News Network

Bulletin Board

If you don't read or keep anything else—read and keep these items!

S.H.A.R.P.

Good News! Of the 10,610 retirees eligible to participate in the healthcare plan, we received 6,982 enrollment forms. The remainder we defaulted according to the policies in the brochure that we sent out. The following questions have been called in:

When will I get a new card?

The new card and plan document will be sent out within the next few weeks. One card will replace the current ID and Merck-Medco cards.

What do I show in the meantime?

For Prescription Drugs you will use your existing Merck-Medco card.

For Dental/Vision/Hearing, continue to use your current healthcare ID card.

For Medicare Extension, remember that the healthcare plan is a reimbursement plan as spelled out in the brochure. You do not need an ID card other than your Medicare card. When you get your Medicare statement, send it to Adventist Risk Management and you will be reimbursed according to the Medicare Extension provisions.

I sent my form to you weeks ago and haven't heard if you got it.

You will receive a confirmation letter from us shortly. If you believe we entered you incorrectly you need to send a written response by e-mail or mail informing us of the error.

I am Pre-Medicare. What about me?

If you are eligible for healthcare, your reimbursement rate for medical expenses remains what it was before SHARP through 2002.

When will the first deduction occur?

The plan is effective July 1. Since your July pension is paid on or around July 27, that will be the date of the first withholding.

Payroll Information: Checks mailed/direct deposits released: August 27

Additions & Deaths 2nd Quarter, 2002

Additions:

Aquilar, Juanito P.
Armour, Marie L.
Arprayoon, Vichai Victor
Badger, Rosalie M.
Baldwin, Duane E.
Barnett, Mary L.
Bates, June
Bates, Sandra J.
Baynton, Barbara L.
Beebe, Charlotte
Benavidez, Nora
Bishop, Clinton
Blair, William W.
Blake, Carole C.
Blumenschein, George H.
Bradford, Ivory S.
Brooks, Stennett H.
Brover, Anita Krug
Campbell, James M.
Campbell, Marjorie E.
Chavez, Magda
Clarke, Robert C.
Claus, Wilbur H.
Clegg, Jr., Ernest J.
Collins, Mario A.
Coon, Ronald O.
Coston, Richard H.
Cottrell, Mary A.
Crain, Richard P.
Crowell, Betty Lu
Crumley, Rose M.
Dalzell, Sandra
David, Paul A.
Davis, Phyllis N.
DeGroot, Jacqueline J.
Dell, Robert
Deree, Violet M.
DeRosa, Margaret F.
Dixit, Gloria
Dixon, Jess W.
Dobson, Barbara J.
Dosey, Eleanor A.
Duong, Sau
Dutton, Beverly J.
Duyst, Marge
Edison, John D.
Ellis, Frederick W.
Emmerson, Elsie
Ewert, Doyle G.
Fernandez, Remedios D.

Fetalino, Carl F.
Finney, Charles E.
Fleming, Roger
Frye, Roger W.
Gallegos, Leonila
Garcia, Benjamin
Garcia, Gustavo
Germano, Eva C.
Ghazal, George M.
Gibson, Jon R.
Gibson, Thomas E.
Giebel, Beverly G.
Grady, Carrol J.
Grady, Jr, Robert B.
Green, Jr., Joseph C.
Griffin, Margaret
Hall, Wilbert
Hamerslough, Walter S.
Hanson, Glenn
Haren, Hilda
Hartwick, James V.
Hawkins, Bonnie B.
Hedding, Marlys M.
Hendricks, Audra S.
Herrera, Olga C. Vallejos
Hoover, Frederick D.
Horne, Billye C.
Hughes, Betty
Inman III, John W.
Jacobsen, Ruth J.
Johnson, Lola M.
Jones, Barbara A.
Jones, Barbara E.
Kahn, Sandra B.
Kelm, Roger
Kim, Brenda
Kim, Pil Jai
Kober, Christof W.
Krueger, Duane A.
LaFave, Ralph Joseph
Lane, Rustin Earl
Leary, Rosalyn J.
Lee, Chung Shin
Lewis-Badger, Carol Y.
Lightcap, Joan S.
Lindfors, Sr., John W.
Litada, Cirilo Tajoda
Love, Jack
Martin, Faye C.
Massey, Aziz M.
Mastrapa, Daysse
McEndree, R. Duane
McPherson, Ivan
Meade, Helen Hazel
Mejia, Eda V.
Moses, Lilly
Murphy, Randall L.
Neil, Richard L.
Nelson, Noreen B.
Newhart, Marion M.
Nieves, Frank

Ord, Cornelia H.
Ornopia, Aurelio
Pangan, Abel
Parrish, D. Merle
Peace, Allan A.
Pearson, Anna E.
Pecce, Edward R.
Pennington, Elhonor
Peters, Clayton
Peters, Roy
Philpott, Nellie
Piercey, Ivan M.
Pooser, Alice
Puenthong, Nitaya
Radvanski, Noemi
Rawson, Robert L.
Reeves, Barbara M.
Reid, George W.
Rieley, Ethel E.
Ringering, Leon E.
Rivera, Lucy
Robbins, Karen Lee
Robinson, Betty Lou
Robinson, Christine
Rogers, Mary G.
Roth, Gerald C.
Ruiz, Cielo
Russell, Stanley M.
Settie, L. Don
Smith, Charles
Smith, Martha
Stecker, Rheeta M.
Steiner, Benjamin
Steiner, George Ann
Trubey, Mary Alice
Valdez, Francisco
Vasquez, Patricia
Velo, Lucy
Velo, Mario
Webster, Sr., Charles R.
Wegner, Junamae
White, Barbara J.
Whitney, Arlene
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Williams, Beverly M.
Wilson, Lois Peters
Wisdom, Rosalie Mae
Wolosuk, Peter
Young, Lamar

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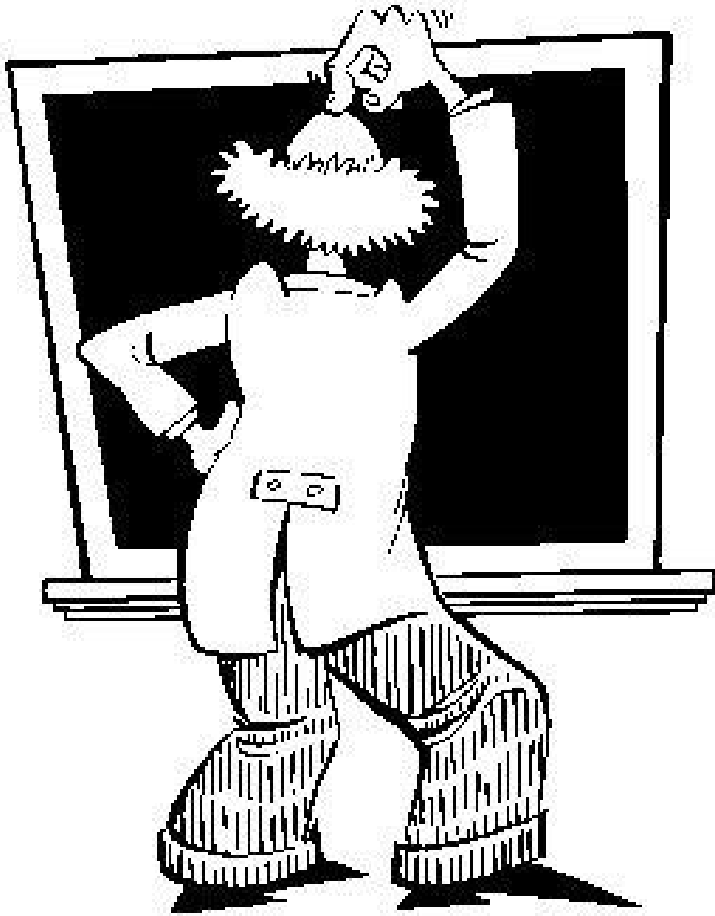
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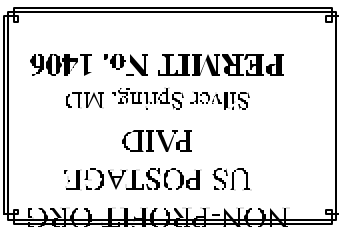


Senility Prayer

God grant me the
senility
to forget the people
I never liked anyway.

The good fortune
to run into the ones I
do,

And the eyesight
to tell the difference.



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