

It Wasn't My Fault!

Del Johnson, NAD Retirement Plans Administrator



Reflections

A Newsletter for Beneficiaries of the NAD Retirement Plans of the SDA Church.

It was a beautiful afternoon in Guam. The auditor had just completed his work, reviewing the financial records for which I was responsible as Mission Treasurer.

"Hey, Don," I said. "Let's go snorkeling. I know this really great reef!"



As we stepped into the water, the waves punched past the coral barrier with more energy than usual, but I pressed on, anxious to show my city colleague the wonders of the Pacific.

Hearing a shout, I whirled. Don had been whacked by a wave. It toppled him, filling his mask with salt-water. As we retreated, I imagined the headlines: **DIVISION AUDITOR DROWNED BY MISSION TREASURER!** "Delbert!" (I call myself 'Delbert' when I'm mad at myself.) "This would not look good on your resume!" But it wasn't my fault!

It was a beautiful afternoon as gentle breezes kissed the palms of the Palau islands. The insurance adjuster and I had just completed our work for the day, surveying churches, schools and other denominational buildings.

"Hey, Dave," I said. "Let's see if we can get the pastor to take us for a boat ride!"

We tossed some borrowed gear into the boat and headed for the grandest snorkeling waters in the world. Dropping anchor near a small island with pristine beach, we peered overboard into crystalline depths. The pastor plunged in. I followed, and heard a splash behind.

I blinked my goggled eyes in amazement as Dave sank to the bottom and began to walk slowly but urgently towards the island. The water was so pure it appeared only five feet deep, but was closer to twelve. You would think he would tell me he couldn't swim! While he snorkeled in 18 inches by the sandy seashore, the pastor and I braved the coral depths. I kept imagining the headlines: **INSURANCE ADJUSTOR DROWNED BY MISSION TREASURER!** "Delbert!" But it wasn't my fault!

Genesis tells the sad story of the temptation and fall in Eden. Ellen White says that Eve was deceived, but Adam's love for his beautiful companion was so compelling that he deliberately ate of the fruit to share her fate. But when God asked, "Adam, where art thou?" everybody began to point.



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"The Woman you gave me did it!" "The Serpent you made did it!" "It's

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On my desk sits a silly looking head. His name is Mr. Excuses. Slam him down on the desk and he shouts out an excuse. "My secretary lost it!" he proclaims. Or "I can explain." Or my personal favorite, "I wasn't even there!"

Consider the apostle John, sitting on Patmos, writing to the self-sufficient Laodiceans, "I counsel thee to buy of me gold, . . . and white raiment . . . and eye salve." Real

wealth, righteousness and spiritual insight. "Behold I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come into him, and will sup with him, and he with me." No more excuses. Just fellowship with Jesus. That is enough.



NEWS NOTES

FROM MORT

Contributing Reporter: Mort Juberg

Santiago, Chile ~ Teaching children about tolerance and respect was the focus of recent discussions with Adventist representatives, the International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA) and Chilean government officials. The senate president and a minister met with Adventist Church members for a three-day session. Church members were assured of the government's support of the IRLA in educating the mindset of citizens who might be inclined toward discrimination toward minorities.

Silver Spring, Md ~ GC President Jan Paulsen has expressed his hopes for peace and tolerance and spoke against war and violence. "As I look to the future," he said, "My hopes have to do with tolerance and war. We need to learn to negotiate and find ways to solutions through instruments of understanding. I pray we can find a way that is not war." Paulsen shared his thoughts in an interview on Adventist NewsLine broadcast to members of the world church.

Medellin, Colombia ~ A special day of fasting and prayer was held by Colombian church members in behalf of Pastor Cardona who was abducted more than six months ago. Cardona, who pastored a church of 800 members in Uraba, was kidnapped while traveling in a car with his family and another pastor in his car. All were released except Cardona. This past year the Colombian church has suffered six kidnappings. Several have been released.

Silver Spring, Md ~ With mass starvation threatening 34 million people in sub-Saharan Africa, the Adventist Church is mobilizing its resources to respond and avert thousands of deaths. ADRA has distributed food to 27,000 people in Malawi, and in Zambia more than 13,000 tons of maize has been given. In Zimbabwe ADRA has fed 18,000 people for four months, and several thousand are being given food in Ethiopia. Seeds, fertilizer and agricultural assistance are being provided to farmers in Malawi and Zambia for the upcoming planting season.

Source: Adventist News Network

Bulletin Board

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

Spouse Allowance disclosure

If your retirement benefits are based on 20 or more years of service credit, you were married to your current spouse at least one year before your retirement benefits began, and that spouse is not receiving an employer-provided retirement benefit or did not receive an employer-provided lump sum retirement payout, your benefits may include an additional benefit called a Spouse Allowance. **Please note that your eligibility for a Spouse Allowance would have already been determined when we processed your retirement application.**

Please know that the Spouse Allowance portion of a retirement benefit is a *conditional* benefit and is subject to reduction or discontinuance under certain circumstances. As long as the marital status* of the retired participant remains the same as it was on the benefit effective date and the spouse does not receive employer-provided retirement benefits of his/her own, the retiree remains eligible to continue receiving the Spouse Allowance. (*A divorce or death of a spouse would constitute a change in the marital status.)

However, should any of these circumstances change *at any time*, it is your responsibility to provide that information to our office as soon as possible to avoid any benefit overpayments that will need to be returned. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to administer plan benefits according to policy.

Payroll Information: Checks mailed/direct deposits released: February 27, 2003



Additions & Deaths 4th Quarter, 2002

Additions:

Adams, Robert W.
Aguirre, Ellen V.
Almeida, Manuel M.
Anderson, Ramona
Andersson, Knut A.
Armstrong, Nancy M.
Artaho, Ralph
Bair, Jr., Robert H.
Baker, Cluer J.
Beaulieu, Lorene N.
Becker, Charlotte M.
Bender, Veronica C
Blabey, Alva M.
Blake, Chester D.
Boyd, William E.
Brazil, Joyce E.

Brosnan, Theresa B
Buresh, Edith L.
Busby, Neil
Catlin, Erith A
Chavez, Hulda A.
Chota, Isaias
Cornell, Harold E
David, Esther P.
Davis, Wanda L.
DeBoer, Alma E.
Dibia, Joyce V.
Dobbins, Jr., Harry
Dowell, Judith A.
Drakes, Cynthia
Dykema, Barbara J.
Edwards, Dorice
Foggo York, Alma C.
Frost, A. Elonka
Gebhard, Daniel
Ghiorso, Peter M.
Gonzalez, Lillian

Graczyk, Mary E.
Green, Shirley
Habenicht, Charles W.
Hilderbrandt, Jr., Dwight L
Igler, Jane M.
Johnson, David M.
Johnson, Wayne E.
Kang, Leanna
Kelly, Janet R.
Kim, John Chung-Hi
Kingsbury, Bertha
Kinley, Carol
Kirby, Ada Fullard
Klein, Elizabeth Joanne
Kong, Jonathon Hon Hin
Kunze, Wolfgang F. P.
Kurzynske, Mary Peek
Leiske, Robert W.
Liem, Margaret
Mall, Daniel B.
Mall, Violet D.

Malloch, Ronald
Matthews, Elizabeth E.
Maxwell, Burton D.
Mayden, Harry
McCall, Marilyn J.
McCartney, Dottie
McCurdy, Robert N.
McMillen, Phyllis Evens
Minnick, William G.
Monaco, Estelle Ann
Mooy, Mary Elizabeth
Morrison, John
Nightingale, Joanne C.
Nikolaus, Benjamin
Nozaki, Joseph N.
Nozaki, Verna K.
Palmieri, Carolyn G.
Parks, Elly
Parlin, Shirley J.
Payne, Larry A.
Perez, Octavio V.

Pfeiffer, Brent R.
Pfeiffer, Harold D.
Pflugrad, Wilfred J.
Plummer, Juanita M.
Poppewell, Ruth H.
Puckett, Cecil C.
Randleman, Don O.
Rengifo, Aida L.
Richardson, Sandra K.
Rozell, Joann L.
Santa Rita, Nellie D.
Shaffer, Duane W.
Shearer, Wilma J.
Shipp, Betty
Sisley, Mark W.
Smith, Jacqueline E.
Smith, Rita
Sorensen, Jerry L.
Stacey, Jr, George Edward
Stauffer, Sandra Rice
Steinweg, Philip
Stiles, Helen L.
Stutz, Carol N. J.
Talton, Mollie S.
Tchen, Hio P.
Tetz, Palmer G.
Thomas, Ida
Thomas, Marilyn M.
Thompson, Gerry E.
Thorn, John S.
Torkelson, Robert E.
Trakas, Marcia L.
Trapp, Evelyn G.
Tribe, Edith L.
Van Hise, James R.
Victor, Lillie B.
Victor, Pedapudi J.
Vyhmeister, Nancy Jean
Walker, Carl L.
Walkowiak, Donald R.
Ward, Verlie Y.
Weber, Sr., Friedrich J.
Wegner, Junamae
Wetzel, Louise
Whitson, Sheila
Wilson, Barbara J.
Winkle, Myrna L.
Wooster, Doris I.

Young, Judith
Yunker, Jr., Roy D.

Deaths:

Abbott, Roseline E. - 97
Acosta, Margarita - 90
Alderson, Maude M. - 93
Anderson, Lillian B. - 83
Anthony, Ruth W. - 70
Avitia, Josephine - 79
Ayers, Ralph M. - 84
Banks, Etta O. - 90
Barrett, Leslie N. - 68
Battee, Robert L. - 47
Boehrig, George H. - 92
Boulden, Harold M - 78
Braxton, Alex - 89
Brewer, Juanita O. - 89
Buckner, Dorothy M. - 78
Butler, Isobel C. - 75
Carr, John E. - 82
Craig, Robert - 73
Craver, Jack E. - 89
Cross, Faye H. - 87
Dallman, Joyce - 72
Davidson, Prudence - 86
Delaporte, Ernest P. - 78
Downend, Ethel V. - 79
Duncan, Marion - 87
Elliott, Mary E. - 85
Ellstrom, Gordon M. - 91
Fawcett, Marion L. - 97
Fitzgerald, Dorothea I. - 89
Fletcher, Ermyn G. - 102
Furber, Helen - 91
Gepford, Robert A. - 78
Gil, Alfonso - 81
Gilmore, Betty L. - 92
Goransson, Maybelle - 93
Graham, Louise G. - 97
Green, Rachel L. - 89
Green, Thelma - 88
Groome, Jewell M. - 84
Hall, Louise M. - 84
Hann, Alma - 88
Heinrich, Oscar L. - 86

Hendrix, Evelyn - 75
Heriot, Thomas D. - 68
Hines, Geneva M. - 84
Hooper, T. King - 83
Hoover, Claude E. - 86
Howes, Rosamond L. - 100
Hoyt, Vivian Elaine - 83
Jackson, Adolphia - 81
Jacobs, Robert H. - 93
Johnson, Eva E. - 94
Kebbas, Michael I. - 77
Kinsey, Beverly J. - 72
Klotz, Gladys Everna - 74
Kritsberg, Edith M. - 87
Kuhs, Alita - 90
Laabs, Ernest L. - 70
Lara, Jose Enrique - 78
Larsen, Grace S. - 93
Laubach, Chauncey F. - 84
Lear, Woodburn H. - 83
Lee, Louis - 69
Lobdell, Opal - 73
Lucas, Donald W. - 66
Ludwig, Carl E. - 98
Ludwig, Naomi - 85
Maranan, Rosario - 72
Martin, Marvin R. - 78
Mayer-Oakes, Catherine
87
McChesney, A. Robert - 83
Meehan, Myron B. - 82
Mehling, Mae - 75
Minner, Dorothy D. - 78
Necker, Richard D. - 82
Nelson, Leonard L. - 90
Nelson, Ruth L. - 96
Nelson, William A. - 99
Nichols, Owen - 68
O'Ffill, Daniel L. - 87
Olderbak, Daniel A. - 82
Pahls, Heinrich - 82
Patterson, Zelma - 93
Pendleton, Robert G. - 74
Perry, Anna Mae - 80
Pogue, James L. - 80
Powell, Mina Ellen - 89

Proffitt, Myra L. - 87
Rankin, Rubye D. - 91
Richards, Evan W. - 83
Richards, Mabel - 103
Riner, Alta Irene - 92
Robinson, William R. - 98
Rollins, Wanda M. - 83
Ross, Charlotte D. - 90
Salisbury, Elmer - 91
Sample, Vernon R. - 77
Sanders, Dewel - 71
Sayler, Freda I. - 90
Schoepflin, Erma V. - 87
Shanesy, James G. - 68
Sharpnack, Harold I. - 86
Shiely, Bridget - 76
Shobe, Roy - 79
Skilton, Warren - 83
Smith, Barbara E. - 65
Smith, Beatrice Jensen - 74
Smith, Curtiss M. - 88
Smith, Eric - 77
Smith, Reva I. - 90
Soule, Joseph A. - 83
Strang, Carolyn Adair - 74
Tall, Elwin - 84
Thompson, Verle - 78
Thompson, William A. - 87
Thorrez, John V. - 82
Tompkins, Orville D. - 93
Trenary, Eva Katherine -75
VanTilborg, Sue - 95
Von Kronenberger, Mary -88
Wachtler, John - 71
Walker, Blanche Austin-96
Walker, Franklin W. - 66
Walter, Eva - 79
Walter, Marvin R. - 89
Watts, Mildred L. - 99
Weisberg, Jack - 85
Wendt, Lois F. - 82
Williamson, Aileen - 78
Willie, Mary Louise - 84
Wolcott, LaVern C. - 87
Wolcott, Norma A. - 95
Wooster, Doris I. - 64
Zilliox, Lloyd R. - 82
Zilliox, Nora A. - 89



A peek at the National Retirees Convocation

Andrews University, June 11-15, 2003

└ Sabbath morning speaker, Elder Charles Bradford, former NAD President

└ Evening speaker, Elder John McVey, Dean of the Theology Department

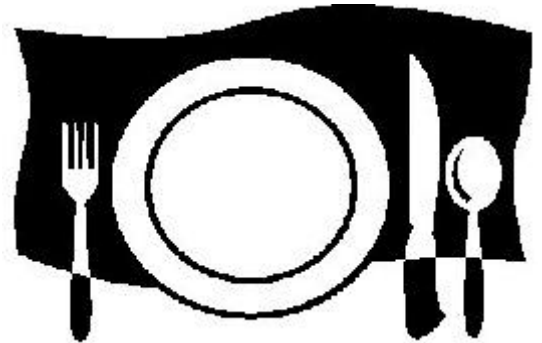
└ Music Chairman, Dr. James Hanson, Andrews University

└ Other positions filling fast. Start planning now

Tamale Pie

Ingredients

1 lb. onions, chopped	1 large can creamed corn
1 lb. vegetarian burger	2 small cans tomato sauce
1/4 - 1/2 C. oil	3/4 C. corn meal
1 C. milk	3 eggs beaten
1 - 2 cans chopped black olives	chili powder, salt & pepper to taste



Brown onions and burger lightly. Add corn, spices and tomato sauce. Soak corn meal and milk while browning burger. Add Corn meal to burger mix. Add oil, beaten eggs, and olives. Mix well and pour into greased casserole dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 - 60 minutes.

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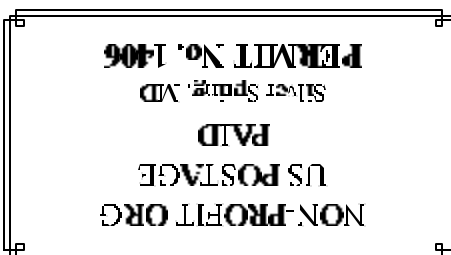
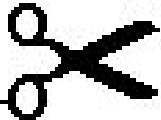
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