



A newsletter for beneficiaries of the Adventist Retirement Plans

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New Supplemental Healthcare Adventist Retirement Plan (SHARP) ID Cards

If you are covered for healthcare by SHARP, you will soon receive a new identification card. It is very important that you discard ALL of your old ID cards and only use this new card. Each covered person has been assigned a new, unique ID number that should be used in place of your Social Security number when calling the Adventist Risk Management Customer Care Center. Also, if you selected the Rx option under SHARP, this unique ID number is especially important to provide at the pharmacy so you do not experience delays in receiving your prescriptions. If you go to the pharmacy without your new ID card, you will need to provide your Social Security Number and then request that the pharmacist contact Medco to obtain your unique ID number before prescriptions can be filled.

Other important information included on your new ID cards is:

- * New Claims Address:
Adventist Risk Management
PO Box 1928
Grapevine, TX 76099-1928
- * Electronic Claims Filing -
Adventist Risk Management
now accepts electronic

claims from your providers. Electronic file submission information is located just below the Adventist Risk Management mailing address on the back of your new ID card. This is all your providers will need to begin using this new service.

Questions about your new cards as well as verification of benefits should continue to be directed to Adventist Risk Management at 1-800-447-5002.

Medical Planning: Customs, Culture and Care

Language. You may be a caregiver and perhaps the person you are helping speaks a language other than English. An interpreter — preferably someone trained in medical interpretation or, if not, a friend or family member — can help explain health concerns to the doctor and medical issues to the patient. If interpreter services are available, make sure to state the need for an interpreter when you make your appointment. Ask for written health information in the right language. Large hospitals, community hospitals, and health centers may be good sources.

- Agingcare.com

2008 Economic Stimulus Payment

By Del Johnson
Retirement Plans Administrator

According to the literature I have received, many of our retirees should be eligible for a payment from the Internal Revenue Service under the terms of the 2008 Economic Stimulus Payment. From the IRS Web Site, www.irs.gov *Starting in May, the Treasury will begin sending economic stimulus payments to more than 130 million households. To receive a payment, taxpayers must have a valid Social Security number, \$3,000 of income and file a 2007 federal tax return. IRS will take care of the rest.*

Many of you don't file annual tax returns because your income is below the required threshold. But if you don't file, apparently you won't be eligible for the payment.

This is just a reminder. We can't give you tax advice, or explain the Stimulus Payment system. If you have questions, you may wish to contact the IRS.

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REPORTING the DEATH of a RETIREE or SPOUSE

The following information has been compiled to assist the surviving relative (spouse, child, etc.) or friend in the steps to follow when reporting the death of a retiree or a retiree's spouse.

1. In the sad event of a death, it is very important to **contact the Retirement Office immediately**, as future benefits can be affected if there is a surviving spouse. Please contact the Retirement Benefits Assistant who handles the part of the alphabet that begins with the first letter of the deceased's last name to report the death. If that person is not available at the time you call, please leave a message and he or she will get back to you as soon as possible. The telephone numbers and alphabet distribution are as follows:

Joyce Keeler	(A-C)	(301) 680-6288	Joyce.Keeler@nad.adventist.org
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Single life and survivor spouse benefits need to be discontinued as soon as possible after the date of death. A relative or close family friend should be chosen to make the phone call to Retirement, unless there is an executor of the estate.

3. The Retirement Plan requires that a **death certificate** be on file in order to process a death benefit. **The death certificate may be faxed to (301) 680-6190**, or mailed to:

NAD Retirement
ATTN: **(Benefit Assistant's name)**
12501 Old Columbia Pike
Silver Spring, MD 20904-6600

4. The Retirement office will usually be able to give a death benefit amount (if retiree or spouse is eligible) during the phone call, and often **survivor benefits** can be quoted as well, if applicable. However, *in many cases we will need to research our files and get back to you with this information.*
5. We will need the **name, address and telephone number** of the person who is to receive the death benefit check. *Please note that the death benefit shall be paid to the surviving spouse, or if there is no surviving spouse, to the person who has undertaken responsibility for the funeral arrangements.*

PLEASE FILE THIS WITH YOUR IMPORTANT PAPERS!



REFLECTIONS

by Stephen Gifford

- July 10 – 12 is the annual NAD RETIREES' CONVOCATION, to be held at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI. See you there!

- Don't forget the work-days at Heritage Village, Battle Creek, the Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday before the convocation. Lodging is provided.

- My wife is doing well from her heart surgery. Thank you for your prayers!

SECOND ACTS

An article in the March 9, 2008 issue of *PARADE MAGAZINE*, written by Frank McCourt, a 66-year-old retired English-teacher - turned Pulitzer Prize Winner for his book "Angela's Ashes," encourages us all to think about "2nd acts."

What did he mean? Most of us started out in denominational work, and that was the "1st act" of our lives. Then we retired – some to fulfilling 2nd and 3rd careers, others to sheer boredom, just waiting for the hearse to arrive at their door.

Frank McCourt began writing – and people were astonished that someone "so old" could win a Pulitzer Prize. He loves writing, and has discovered that people like his writing. He will write until he absolutely can't write anymore.

Dr. Marvin Anderson, retired president of Southwestern Adventist University, is teaching business classes at the Arlington campus of University of Texas. He's one of their most popular professors, with his classes absolutely jammed with students.

Dr. George Parry, retired academy principal, is teaching classes at Southwestern Adventist University. He says it's the best job he's ever had.

My question to you is – "What are you doing with the 2nd or 3rd "act" of your life? My point is – don't give up and retire to a rocking chair. Keep moving. Keep thinking. Keep learning. And continue to give. You'll live longer, and bless others.

Your friend,
Steve

News Notes

From Mort Juberg

Popondetta, Papua New Guinea. An Adventist Church near the town of Popondetta has been washed away following devastating floods in the Oro Province. Church leaders report the Bangoho Adventist Church, built three years ago, was destroyed with more than 10 homes belonging to Adventists in the

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Submit all claims to:
Adventist Risk Management -
SHARP
PO Box 1928
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Medco Health: 1-800-841-5396
*Verify pharmacy participation with
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Reporting a Death, Disability Reviews

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region north of Port Moresby. Reports indicate seven consecutive days of rain from Cyclone Guba had killed more than 70 people and left 55 missing.

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Top Adventist church leaders met with Dominican Republic President Dr. Legnei Fernandez Reina to discuss the church's work on the Island and worldwide. The one-hour private meeting at the National Palace was the first such meeting between national leaders and a non-Catholic organiza-

tion, Adventist leaders said. "We had the opportunity to tell him about the Adventist church's work in educating youth, strengthening families, serving the community as well as its medical work," said Silvestri Gonzalez, executive secretary for the church in the Caribbean nation.

Nepal. The first Nepalese ordained Adventist minister, Deep Bahadur Thapa, 66, died recently. He graduated from Spicer Memorial College in India in 1970 and began working for the church in Nepal at Scheer Memorial Hospital in Banepa. He

earned a Master's degree in health science from Philippine Union College, and then was ordained into the Adventist ministry. At the time of his death his official title was Health Educator since Nepal's constitution forbids evangelism. There are now more than 5,000 Adventists in Nepal.

Silver Spring, Maryland.

The Adventist Church is examining how to best use the media in Africa a region in which the church has yet to capitalize on mobile Internet access. Church communication workers, technicians and church

workers will meet in Capetown, South Africa, to address ways of boosting the church's influence on the Web in Africa.

Maputo, Mozambique.

Under a new literacy education program the Adventist Church is partnering with national leadership to address the country's abysmal literacy rates including among new Adventists. An agreement signed by the church's educational director, is an attempt to boost the nation's 47 percent literacy rate.

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