

# CENTRAL NEWS NOVEMBER 2017

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## INFORMATION of INTEREST

### Veterans Day

Today, November 11<sup>th</sup>, is Veterans Day—a national holiday dedicated to the men and women who have served in any branch of the United States of America Armed Forces. Veterans Day is consistently observed on the same day each year. After more than one proclamations, and name-changes—from Armistice Day, Remembrance Day, etc., Congress settled on Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, because it marked the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. This is an interesting piece of U. S. History.)



### Church Social

The church social was great! It was fun—for young, old, and those in between. Even I got in on the act. So those of you stayed at home and failed to join us fun-lovers, I can only say, “Oh well . . .” Believe it or not, I put aside my walking cane, and played basketball with my great granddaughters! Yes me, at my age—aches, pains, et al. My game lasted for about five (5) minutes before breathing became labored and my many joints that have been operated on began to silently speak to me. Most rewarding was the joy and laughter both my great granddaughters and I derived from having GG playing basketball with them.

Anyone can stay home and participate in “lay activity”, but it takes a real trooper to get up and drive back to the church to support activities that have been well planned and implemented so that our children can have clean and enjoyable activities to engage in and not become prey for Satan and his disciples. Won't you become a trooper for our young and impressionables—assisting in molding and shaping their lives in a positive way to become active participants in the Seventh Day Adventist Church and of our country?

## ANSWERED PRAYER(S)

### EVERYDAY KINDNESS – *Reader's Digest*

I was running through the streets of New York, soaking wet thanks to a sudden storm, when I heard a voice: “Do you need an umbrella?” It was a woman standing in the doorway of a hotel. She grabbed an umbrella and handed it to me, saying, “Now you have at least one more reason to believe there's humanity in this world.” Continuing on my way, I was not only protected by an umbrella, but also by the kindness that shows up now and then in the world.

Ramona Moysa  
North Salem, New York

Thirty years ago, my world almost fell apart. I had surgery, was fired, and was informed by the IRS that my employer had not paid employment taxes. After two weeks, I saw a flyer about a Japanese festival. Although a physical and emotional wreck, I decided to go. There, I met a Japanese gentleman with whom I chatted for hours. A few months later, I came home to find a bouquet of flowers and a letter at my door. It was from the same friend. Inside the letter was a check for \$10,000 to help me through my rough patch. Sixteen years later, I met a family that had been evicted from their home and needed \$5,000 to close the escrow on a new house. Without hesitation, I handed them a check for the full amount. They call me their angel, but I remind them that I, too, once had an angel.

Hassmik Mahdessian  
Glendale, California

Wouldn't it be a blessing if the above two writings **of Everyday Kindness** excerpted from Reader's Digest had come from members of our congregation? Wouldn't it be a blessing if we said what we believe and believe what we say?

Could it be that we are afraid that we will bare our sins; our faults; our nakedness?

Notice I've used the pronoun “we”; that is because I am included in the “we”. On the other hand, many people are simply private in all aspects of their lives and should not be criticized for choosing to be so. We should respect an individual's right to choose. Still, from a writer's perspective, it would be a blessing to hear from you! And remember, anonymity is your choice!

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The other day I was reflecting: If I had a choice, would I rather have a dirt bike or a dog? You can leave for a couple weeks and the dirt bike will be fine, but you can't do that with a dog. It's often easier to have *things* rather than living creatures. But living creatures call forth and develop sympathy, love and affection. A dirt bike doesn't do that. In the Garden of Eden the Bible doesn't say God filled it with *things*. Besides plant life, Genesis 2 says God formed all kinds of *living creatures* and brought them to Adam and they were his companions. But the *best* living creature God gave Adam was *another human being*.

The greatest *earthly* gift God can give is another human being. I saw this very clearly when God gave me my son. My heart filled with love for him. The greatest *earthly* gift God has given me is my son. The greatest *Heavenly* gift God has given me is *His* Son. God took the greatest possible *earthly* gift He could give: a human being, and combined it with the greatest possible *Heavenly* gift He could give: His divine Son, and combined it in one gift: Jesus Christ. Christ is the *best* that both earth *and* Heaven have to offer.

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### **Life Style Change**

No, the Life-Style Change class is not defunct. Most of you, if not all, received a personal phone call informing you of the class cancellation the last Monday of October due to a conflict in scheduling with the Nominating Committee. You will hear from Charlotte, or her designee, in the near future re the next scheduled meeting. In the meantime, put into practice that which you learned in class or which you learned from a class participant

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