



November/December 2012



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

"I had the opportunity to volunteer at Operation Nightwatch recently with my Mom, who is a volunteer homeless advocate in Los Angeles. We were both impressed with the idea behind Operation Nightwatch, as well as how it was carried out. We both visited a number of other agencies serving the homeless that same day & commented on how much interaction there was between volunteers & guests, how relaxed & calm guests were invited to be, the freedom they had to engage in different conversations and board games & come and go as they wished. There seemed to be an effortlessness in how the night's activities were run; while many other organizations passed out food, socks, toiletries & other goods, guests seemed to know they were there to be served & needn't hurry or be demanding in order to have their needs met. Operation Nightwatch does just that - attentively, respectfully & compassionately attend to eager guests. Nowhere else in the city did I see quite this level of welcome."

This review of Nightwatch was posted on the Web site, GreatNonprofits.org, by Shane L.—although (I'm embarrassed to admit) I remember neither Shane nor her mother.

But that's what makes everything she writes all-the-more gratifying. For she obviously had no stake

saying something simply because she thought it would please me. Rather, she wrote her honest perceptions.

And while our aspirations are always to provide a hospitable space and presence for our guests, we can never know whether we are truly succeeding unless we hear from third-parties like Shane.

I'm relieved to know that when I tell you about the great things we're doing, I'm neither deceiving myself nor hoodwinking you.

Clearly, Nightwatch is appreciated and needed. Shane's time was spent at our downtown Hospitality Center. But we're filling a vacuum in SE as well. Our Mobile Hospitality Center is feeding up to 30 people every Friday, and our SE Hospitality Center on Saturdays is at capacity.

Yet as the apostle Paul heard the call of the Macedonians to venture beyond his familiar haunts and help them (Acts 16:9), so we are aware of other areas in and around our city that cry out in need—places like the Rockwood area, the Gateway District, and across the river in Vancouver. While sensitive to the pitfalls of potentially overextending ourselves, we are seriously looking into the possibility of expanding our services into one or more of these locations. The Collins Foundation has just awarded us a two-year grant to enable us to engage in that exploration, and we have just welcomed a new intern, Mikaila Smith, to devote some energy to do it.

But as you can imagine, the more we serve, the more is the demand on our resources. Our socks and blanket supply is depleted at a faster rate, our Mobile Hospitality Center requires more fuel, a growing army of hungry stomachs requires more sandwiches. So as we approach the conclusion of another year, I would ask you especially to remember Operation Nightwatch in your end-of-year

giving. As the holidays come around, you might even consider the spirit of the season by giving a gift in honor of a friend or loved one. We will respond by sending a card to the one you have honored informing them of the gift and letting them know—as per Shane—just exactly what good that honored gift has accomplished.

For I'm neither deceiving myself nor hoodwinking you when I say that it is truly due to you that all these good things are possible.

Gary L. Davis



P.S. You can read more reviews about Nightwatch—and even add your own!—by scanning the QR code.

OPERATION NIGHTWATCH IN WILLAMETTE WEEK HOLIDAY GIVE!GUIDE

Learn all the details with a simple scan:



TAKE A LOOK AT OUR
NEWLY REVAMPED WEB
SITE: www.operationnightwatch.org

ROGER FUCHS TO BE AWARDED FIRST GARY VAUGHAN HOSPITALITY MEDAL

Operation Nightwatch is proud to announce the Rev. Roger Fuchs as the recipient of the first "Gary Vaughan Hospitality Medal."



The Gary Vaughan Hospitality Medal is a new award reserved for those extraordinary individuals who "embody the spirit of Nightwatch." As Nightwatch's chaplain, Roger certainly more-than-meets that standard. For over five years, Roger has been offering our Sunday worship services and leading our mid-week Bible studies, entirely without compensation. Furthermore, the space he creates in those contexts offers exactly the kind of welcome where healing can take place. We are blessed to have Roger play an integral part in Nightwatch, and honored to present him with this award.

The award is named for Nightwatch's first Executive Director, Gary Vaughan, who helped to bring Nightwatch into being and defined the essence of its ministry over its first 22 years. Gary has written a memoir of his early life and the road that led him to Nightwatch, entitled [God on Drums: A Journey of Faith](#).

Gary Vaughan will be present to award the medal to Roger at our November 3 concert featuring Portland Chamber music. For more information, please call 503-220-0438 or email info@operationnightwatch.org.

DECEMBER = CHRISTMAS PARTY

Last year we did a "re-boot" of the annual Christmas Party. We extended past one evening, and, well, we made into more of a PARTY.

The new format seemed to be enjoyed by both guests and volunteers, so we'll be repeating it again this

year. On Thursday-Friday, December 13-14, we will be hosting the Christmas Party during our regular 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. Hospitality Center hours downtown. On Saturday, December 15, we hope to host the party at our SE Hospitality Center from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Our hope is to identify groups that will organize the food and activities for each night. *But volunteering will be open to all.*

So if your church, club, or gathering of friends would like to sponsor the party on one of our evenings, please let us know. Similarly, if you would simply like to volunteer and join in the festivities, sign up with us by calling 503-220-0438, emailing info@operationnightwatch.org, or going to our home page at www.operationnightwatch.org and accessing our online Volunteer Calendar.

CHAPLAIN'S NOTES: "Fleeing Babylon: Say More, Please!"

Leave Babylon, flee from the Babylonians! Announce this with shouts of joy and proclaim it. Send it out to the ends of the earth; say, "The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob."—Isaiah 48:20

ONW Bible study became bookends. In September, we walked through the book of Lamentations, hearing the sad cries of an exiled, captive people. In October, we experienced Second Isaiah. What a story with God as cheerleader who awakens his trampled people as they are liberated by King Cyrus of Persia who conquers Babylon.

I'd bet most of us don't think we'd need to be told to run if our long-locked prison cell door suddenly swung free. Or would we? Would we rather stay in the cramped but well-known captivity? Would we hesitate and refuse to enter the terrifying but unknown world of freedom?

As we listen to conversations across the table, share coffee, a laugh or a prayer with guests, are we ever aware of a locked door with a person inside? Have we ever seen someone waiting only for that last speck of encouragement before taking the

next step to freedom? Is it the person across the table? Is it the person we see in the mirror every day?

What to say when another person hints at some locked door in their lives? "Flee Babylon!" might go nowhere. Try this one instead: "Say more about that, please." Listen for the answer. It might be chatter. It just might be a ticket out of Babylon.

--Pastor Roger

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT, NOVEMBER 17

Operation Nightwatch would be nothing without its volunteers. If you are numbered among them: **THANK YOU!!!**

To express our further gratitude, we would like to invite you to a special Volunteer Appreciation Event—a Happy Hour!—on Saturday, November 17. It will be held at the [Gnarly Grey Restaurant & Sports Bar](#) at 1235 SW Jefferson (just 1 1/2 blocks from Nightwatch) from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

There will be food, free pool, the presentation of the Volunteer of the Year Award, door prizes (Nightwatch T-shirts and hats), and . . . some surprises!

We hope to see you there!

OUR CURRENT WISH LIST

Here comes the inclement weather! So what we're especially looking for now are:

Blankets / Sleeping bags
Socks
Sweatshirts (esp. hoodies)
Rain gear
Razors

For stuffing Christmas stockings:

Combs
Chapstick
Toothbrushes
Playing cards
Travel toothpaste
Razors
Gloves
Knit caps
Socks
Pocket Kleenex

CO-SPONSORS INVITED TO SUPPORT 2013 OUTINGS

In developing 2013's Outings Schedule, we were sobered by rising expenses. Our Spiritual Retreat alone has skyrocketed in cost because Camp Adams is no longer donating the space.

Consequently, as we invite support for 2013's outings, we are especially encouraging folks to serve as co-sponsors. The cost of an event may be too dear for one individual to cover, but in teaming with others, an outing may get covered.

Below is a listing of next year's outings, together with their projected expense. If you see one you want would like to finance, either partially or completely, please let us know.

MONTH	OUTING	SPONSORS
January	Movie Matinee (\$125)	
February	Bowling	Al Bowen
March	Roller Derby (\$200)	
April	Miniature Golf (\$150)	
May	Silver Falls State Park (\$125)	
June	Spiritual Retreat (\$1100)	
July	Baseball: Hillsboro Hops (\$175)	
August	Oregon State Fair (\$200)	
September	Ecola Beach State Park (\$125)	Madeline Grimm
October	Columbia Gorge (\$125)	
November	Camp Adams Day Trip (\$150)	
December	Christmas lights (\$175)	

MEMORIAL GIFTS

The following memorial gift was made to Nightwatch:

DONOR	GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:
The Rev. Rick Reynolds	Niki Powell

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO RESPONDED TO OUR PLEA TO REPLENISH OUR BLANKETS/ SOCKS FUND!

Because of your support, we were able to order 1440 pairs of socks. We also had donated over 120 blankets.



DAY OF HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS, NOVEMBER 16

The 3rd annual Day of Homelessness Awareness will be observed on Friday, November 16.

The day will begin with an early morning walk through downtown Portland, passing important landmarks, including faith communities and social service agencies that assist people experiencing homelessness ([route map](#))

and engaging with people who have experienced homelessness. Participants will meet at First Baptist Church, 909 SW 11th Ave, at 7:30 AM. Among the sites that will be visited will be Operation Nightwatch.

Following the walk, a forum will take place titled "Linking Arms: Affordable Housing and Homelessness in Our Community." The forum is co-sponsored by the City of Portland, Multnomah County, and Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, and will last from 9 AM to 1 PM. Lunch will be provided.

For more information about the Day of Homelessness Awareness, contact Susanna Rempel at New City Initiative: susanna@newcityinitiative.net

USE GOODSHOP TO SUPPORT NIGHTWATCH

As thoughts turn to holiday shopping, here's another way you can help Nightwatch:

If you do any shopping online, don't go directly to your retailer; go to www.goodshop.com instead. When asked, "Who do you GoodShop for?"; type in "Operation Nightwatch Portland." Nightwatch will receive a percentage of every purchase you make.

Every major retailer is represented (and many you haven't heard of, as well)—from Amazon to WalMart.

And if you're traveling over the holidays and reserve online, you can also go through GoodShop. All the travel sites are there—and every purchase of an airline ticket, every car rental, and every hotel reservation will pay something back to Nightwatch.



*Our new intern,
Mikaila Smith*

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