

The Other Side of the Desk

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When called to work in the NAD Retirement Office at age 46, I would tell people I was "going into retirement." The usual response was "You are not old enough to retire!" Because I already had a crop of grey hair, a few people actually thought I was retiring--that's when my little joke ceased to be so funny. After all, I reasoned, retirement is for old people.

Seventeen years later, I took the big step out of the administrator's chair to the other side of the desk as a retiree. The change was somewhat gradual, as I continued to work part time for over a year. It took awhile to erase the guilt feeling when I would leave the office in the middle of the day to cut my grass.

The big change came when we left the NAD Office completely and moved to Port Charlotte, Florida. Before long, we found ourselves just as busy as before retirement. The primary difference is we can choose how to keep busy.

For years, I have tried to find glimpses of how retirees spend their time. I noticed that the happiest seem to be the busy ones, especially those who specialize in helping others. Retirees are the backbone of many churches. Younger people are encouraged to take over responsibilities, but retirees have time and talents that usually are not overlooked.

The Port Charlotte Church operates a large Community Services. The majority of the volunteers are retirees. Back in the Division Office, we were "Old Timers." In Community Services,

we are young people.

The best stories come from joint ventures between age and youth. My favorite was when the first to fourth grade classes raised \$90 by selling vegetables they had raised in above-ground gardens. They requested the whole amount be given to one family in need. That family was quickly found. The mother's part time work would scarcely cover the rent alone. The son was ill with pneumonia, and the family was about to be evicted. How could they face being homeless? Obviously, \$90 would not solve all the problems, but it met an immediate need. Caring people from Community Services arranged for the family to move into affordable housing. Through the joint efforts of the young and not so young, disaster was averted and now there is hope for the future. Sermons are not all preached from the pulpit.

Time flies when we are happy and busy. We still find time to enjoy the beaches, bird sanctuaries and wild life. As we once tried to glimpse what retirement might be like, we now glimpse eternity that is just around the corner. Isaiah 65:21-22 indicates that we will be busy in the new earth and enjoy it. Like in retirement but on a much grander scale, there will be so many wonders to explore. I look forward with anticipation to that next big step into eternity where, according to 1 Cor 2:9 "...Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." I can hardly wait!

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

Between the Lines

What would possess an intelligent, handsome young man to want to represent the male component of the 19-member Retirement Office staff almost single-handedly? Perhaps he missed not having any biological sisters, I wondered, or maybe he simply enjoys all the attention. "Sometimes," Chandler muses, I feel like the little brother at my big sister's slumber party." Nine months ago, Chandler Riley joined the Benefits team, processing new member applications and providing some hardware and software support for our computer systems. He transferred from the NAD Information Technology Services department where he supplied computerized service record support for the field and did some technical writing.

Except for four years when he lived in Texas, Chandler has spent most of his life in and around the DC area. A graduate of Sligo School, Takoma Academy, and Andrews University, Chandler began substitute teaching and working

part time at IT Services after completing his bachelor's degree in 1998. Eventually, he moved on to a full time teaching position but decided after one full school year teaching Math and English to 6-8th graders that he would 'retire' from elementary education and returned to the North American Division, subsequently transferring to the Retirement Office.



"This is a fun group of people to work with," Chandler says. "It's been eye-opening and informative." He also likes working with the Human Resources people around the Division, as well as the Retirees. Some have observed Chandler spending time with Lizzie—ostensibly to work on his Spanish language skills, or share information about a mutual friend of the female persuasion? Never one to miss an opportunity to make mischief or play tricks on his fellow staff sisters, Chandler does find time to continue expanding his knowledge of Retirement Plan policies and is making a valuable contribution to the Retirement Office team.

Lyn Wick, Assoc. Admin.

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NEWS NOTES FROM MORT

Silver Spring, Md. More than 250 Adventist leaders from throughout the world concluded a three-day annual business meeting and planning session at the GC headquarters. In one of the top proposals they voted in principle to give the 13 church divisions more flexibility in setting the remuneration in their own territories.

Silver Spring, Md. A new administrative structure for the church in Africa was approved by the session, prompted in part by the rapid rates of church growth. It creates a new third division of church territory to be based in Africa and adjusts the boundaries of the existing



divisions. Some 4,000 new believers join the church each week in the Eastern Africa region alone.

Nampa, Idaho. A contemporary version of the book "Desire of Ages" has been released by the Pacific Press. It aims to make Ellen White's biography of Jesus more accessible to a new generation of readers. Author Jerry Thomas says the adaptation named "Messiah" was written for students, young adults and new Adventist believers. Throughout the two-year project Thomas worked closely with the White Estate.

Bulletin Board

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

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



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Journaling from Jack

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2002 National Retirees Convocation coming to Walla Walla College, August 21-25...

If you don't come, you will be sorry. If you do, you will be glad!

Speakers and seminars include: Elder Don Schneider, President, North American Division, James Nix, Calvin Rock, Lowell Cooper, Jere Patzer, Malcolm Maxwell, Gary Krause, Floyd Bresee and Sharon Cress...

Dr. and Mrs. Darold Bigger on "Dealing with One's Sorrows", Mrs. Ruth Jacobsen on "Improving Prayer Life"...

For more information, contact Mrs. Veda Logan at 204 S. College Ave., College Place, WA

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College Place, WA 99324

Phone/Fax:

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Contact Person:

Veda Logan

August 21-25, 2002

Date registration form mailed: \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation info sent: YES NO

Special needs requested: \_\_\_\_\_

|                     |          |                                             |
|---------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------|
| Registration fee(s) | \$ _____ |                                             |
| Lodging             | \$ _____ | (Accommodations requested: _____)           |
| Meals               | \$ _____ | (Meal Package # _____ Miscellaneous: _____) |
| Brown Bag Meals     | \$ _____ | (For _____ Day Trips - # requested: _____)  |
| TOTAL:              | \$ _____ |                                             |

Form of Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

Miscellaneous information/comments:

**WALLA WALLA COLLEGE**  
**NAD Retired Workers Convocation Registration Form**  
**August 21 - 25, 2002**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Roommate (if not spouse): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_  
In case of emergency notify: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee \$25/person.** This applies to all convocation attendees to help defray convocation costs.

**CAMPUS HOUSING**

Residence Hall rooms are available on the campus. Each room accommodates two adults with two twin beds, linens, towels, blankets, and clothes hangers. All Residence Halls have communal restrooms with private shower. **No cooking in rooms. No pets allowed.**

A \$10 refundable key deposit, payable by cash/check at the residence hall, is required for each key. Rooms are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis according to date of paid reservation. Single occupancy may be available. The Advancement Office may assign a roommate if none is specified.

Air-conditioned rooms are available in Foreman Hall only. Ground floor accommodations are limited and reserved for those with limited physical abilities. Please indicate your physical needs on Special Needs line provided above if requesting ground floor housing. The College will provide limited on campus shuttle service between residence halls, dining room and meeting areas.

**TRANSPORTATION\***

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ 9 a.m. 9 p.m. Airline/Flight # \_\_\_\_\_  
Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ 9 a.m. 9 p.m. Airline/Flight # \_\_\_\_\_

Shuttle service needed for \_\_\_\_\_ people from:

- |                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 9 Pasco Airport                | 9 Pasco Amtrak terminal |
| 9 Walla Walla Regional Airport | 9 Walla Walla Bus Depot |
| 9 Pendleton Amtrak terminal    |                         |

**\* A non-refundable, shuttle fee is due with this registration form - \$10 (\$20 round-trip) to / from Walla Walla and \$25 (\$50 round-trip) to / from Pasco or Pendleton. Fees are per person.**

## TOTAL CHARGES

|                                                                                                      |                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Registration Fee \$25/person</b>                                                                  | Total \$ _____  |
| <b>Shuttle Fee</b>                                                                                   | Total \$ _____  |
| <b>Air-conditioned room (Foreman Hall - women's dormitory)</b>                                       |                 |
| \$35.00 / night single occupancy ..... # nights _____                                                | Total \$ _____  |
| \$17.50 / night per person double occupancy ..... # nights _____                                     | Total \$ _____  |
| <b>Non-air conditioned room (Conard Hall - women's dormitory and Sittner Hall - men's dormitory)</b> |                 |
| \$30.00 / night single occupancy ..... # nights _____                                                | Total \$ _____  |
| \$15.00 / night per person double occupancy ..... # nights _____                                     | Total \$ _____  |
| <b>RV Space Electric hookup, water, sewer \$10 / night ..... # nights _____</b>                      | Total \$ _____  |
| <b>Total due for housing charge</b>                                                                  | <b>\$ _____</b> |

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Meals - served in campus cafeteria (tax is included in prices)</b>           |                |
| Breakfast <b>Pre-paid</b> .....\$5.00 / person (\$5.50 after Aug. 20, 2002)     | Total \$ _____ |
| Lunch <b>Pre-paid</b> .....\$7.00 / person (\$7.50 after Aug. 20, 2002)         | Total \$ _____ |
| Supper <b>Pre-paid</b> .....\$7.00 / person (\$7.50 after Aug. 20, 2002)        | Total \$ _____ |
| *Prayer Breakfast <b>Pre-paid</b> \$9.00 / person (\$10.00 after Aug. 20, 2002) | Total \$ _____ |
| Sunday Banquet <b>Pre-paid</b> \$16.50 / person (\$18.50 after Aug. 20, 2002)   | Total \$ _____ |
| **Brown bag <b>Pre-paid</b> .....\$6.00 / person (\$6.50 after Aug. 20, 2002)   | Total \$ _____ |
| *Friday morning      **For self-guided day trips                                |                |

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| <b>Package 1 (save 10%) Not available after 5 p.m. August 21, 2002</b>                                   |                 |
| 12 meals - Wednesday supper through Sunday Banquet \$81.50 / person                                      | Total \$ _____  |
| <b>Package 2 (save 6%) Not available after 5 p.m. August 21, 2002</b>                                    |                 |
| 5 meals - Thursday lunch, Friday lunch, Sabbath Lunch, Prayer Breakfast and Sunday Banquet \$44 / person | Total \$ _____  |
| <b>Package 3 (save 4%) Not available after 5 p.m. August 21, 2002</b>                                    |                 |
| 2 meals - Prayer Breakfast and Sunday Banquet ONLY \$24.50 / person                                      | Total \$ _____  |
| <b>Total due for meals</b>                                                                               | <b>\$ _____</b> |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL DUE</b>                                                                                   | <b>\$ _____</b> |

**Self-guided Day Trips:**

*Columbia River Gorge* - outstanding!.....*National Oregon Trail Visitor Center* in Baker, Oregon - excellent  
 .....*Walla Walla Historic Museum* - very interesting .....*Whitman Mission in Walla Walla* - historic sight well worth seeing .....  
*Pendleton, Oregon* underground Caves from WWII - interesting

**9** Check enclosed payable to Walla Walla College

**9** Please charge my credit card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed as name appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_

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