

the CRANberry VINE

HEROES AND HEARTACHES

As we look back over this past year, we are confronted with the stories of heroes and heartache. Many have had the chance to hear the story of Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, Desmond Doss. This truly is an amazing story of courage and heroism in the midst of battle. It was Desmond's faith, that carried him through those difficult days and his motto, "give me one more", should encourage everyone of Jesus' children to make that their prayer.

All the while, homes and businesses have been turned to rubble by unrelenting fires and thousands of others destroyed by wind and water brought on by unforgiving hurricanes and too many precious lives have been lost.

If that is not enough, mass shootings have ripped families apart creating untold pain and deep mourning.

All told, this holiday season is going to be really tough on the thousands who have suffered such loss.

At the birth of Jesus, the angels rang out, "Peace on earth and good will toward men." Really?

How does one reconcile these horrific stories above with the angels' proclamation? It's the reason the Baby was born. Jesus came to offer salvation to all and to promise that this, too, should pass. Not only is He a God of love, He is a God of justice—and justice will be carried out on the enemy behind these tragic events. The story of the Christ Child is the story of hope; hope in an otherwise hopeless world. The Father's heart grieves with those who have lost loved ones; He's been there--done that.

The challenge for most is that we are far removed, geographically, from the fires of the Northwest and the floods in Houston, Florida, and the islands and we feel helpless as to how we might help the hurting. Oh, yes, we can send relief funds, and that is important, but internally we know that is not enough. —continued on page 2



Those who receive
The CRANberry Vine by email,
receive it in color. Do you?

EVENTS COMING UP—

Wednesday, December 6, 12:00 pm. Christmas Banquet provided by Fletcher Academy in the Leila Patterson Center.

Thursday, March 15, 1:00 pm, Fellowship Dinner at Hendersonville Church fellowship Hall (subject to availability).



YOU ARE INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE

This is your newsletter for you to enjoy reading and being a part of.

Whenever you come across something that is particularly inspirational to you, humorous or interesting, please think of your **CRANberry Vine** newsletter. This might be a short story, poem or just a one-liner. Share it. If you liked it, the rest of us would probably like it also.

Your contributions can be sent to the editor by email or snail mail—whichever is most convenient for you. These will be inserted as appropriate and we have room.

WE MISS YOU!

Our sympathy goes to the families of those who have recently died and our prayer is for that special Comforter to be very near. How about pulling out your membership list and sending a card of your sympathy to the spouse or family?

Dave Bauer

Chet Damron

Gideon Chen

Bill Onuska

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Maybe you could be a hero in your own neighborhood or community. The suffering are all around us, so what can we do? I don't know, but I know the One who does and He has promised to direct our paths. You and I are called to be Jesus' hands and His feet.

Heroes don't set out to be heroes, they just do what needs to be done.

—*Barry Mahorney*,
President

FALL RETREAT AT NOSOCA PINES

Our weather was so perfect—not too hot and not even chilly! And, no rain! What a wonderful time of fellowship, good food, and learning and growing in Jesus' because of what we heard shared by the various speakers. We were given some practical tips for sharing with others by the new director of SALT, Douglas Na'a; excellent health pointers for happier living by Martin Durkin, MD; George Grow's presentation affirmed our biblical belief in Creation and oh, so much more! Retreat is definitely the high event of the year where we get to spend 3+ days together! Donations received for Nosoca—\$1527.50. Thanks!





CRANBERRIES — so good for you!

Cranberry Salad

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| 1 3-oz pkg raspberry jello* | 1 diced red apple |
| 1 cup hot water | 1 16-oz can whole cranberry sauce |
| 1/2 cup cold water | 1/4 cup chopped pecans |

Dissolve jello in hot water. Add cold water and chill until partially set. Stir in apple, cranberry sauce and nuts. Pour into serving bowl. Chill until firm. Serves 6

submitted by Sharryn Mahorney

*vegetarian is found at Walmart

Do you have a favorite dairy-free recipe with cranberries? Please share it with Sharryn for an upcoming newsletter. elderbarry7@yahoo.com

We say a great BIG thanks to each officer who served faithfully for the last two years. Thank you! Thank you! You are so appreciated!

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A millionaire said a short time before his death: "I don't see what good all my money does me. I can't eat it; I can't spend it; in fact, I never saw it. I dress no better than my private secretary and cannot eat as much as my coachman. I live in a big servants' boarding home; am bothered to death by beggars; have dyspepsia; cannot drink champagne; and most of my money is in the hands of those who use it mainly for their own benefit." What a sad defeat!

A poor man said a few months before his death: "I care not where I live or how I live, or what hardships I go through, so that I can but gain souls for Christ. When asleep I dream of those things; as soon as I awake the first thing I think of is this great work. All my desire is to give the Gospel to others; all my hope is in God." What a glorious victory!—
Selected, *Signs of the Times*, February 22, 1905.

Fletcher Academy is so kindly hosting our Christmas banquet **Wednesday, December 6, 12:00 pm. We encourage you to dress festively, but most importantly, come prepared to share your hearty appreciation by a loving donation to Fletcher Academy.**

You will be receiving information in the mail for returning your RSVP. It is very important for you to respond, letting them know you are coming!

We look forward to being together at that special event! Location is the **Leila Patterson Center.**

GREAT NEWS IS COMING YOUR WAY!

We now have a website for our CRAN activities, announcements, applications and information. Ron Quick is our new Communications Secretary for CRAN and has ably made this happen for us. You will want to check it out to find pictures of recent events. Where do you find it? ***www.carolina-adventist-retirees.com***

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Sharryn Mahorney, editor



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