

the
CRANberry VINE



FORGIVENESS

In my recent devotional time, I read the story of David and his treasonous son, Absalom. The Bible says Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel. As the men of David went out after Absalom, David begged, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom."

As Absalom was fleeing on a mule, he went under a tree where his head was caught in the tree. When Joab was told about Absalom being caught in the tree, he thrust spears into David's son and he died. When David heard the news that Absalom was dead, he wept and said, "O my son Absalom—my son, if only I had died in your place."

This story reveals David's genuine heart of love even for his rebellious son who was out to steal his father's throne.

How do we treat those who despitely use us? Are we happy at their trouble? Do we feel good about their demise, or do we, like Jesus, say, "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing?"

Forgiveness frees us from the burden of bitterness. Forgiveness brings a sense of peace and joy. Forgiveness brings us to the heart of Jesus who said, "I did die in their place."

—*Barry Mahorney*, President

Join us as we pray for the needs of our Carolina Conference

CAROLINA PRAYER LINE every Monday evening, 7:00-8:00

1-712-770-4010 passcode 205023# (long distance may apply)



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

EVENTS COMING UP—

Retreat at Nosoca Pines Ranch, September 16-19. Plan now for a great time of fun, inspiration and fellowship! Have you sent your application?

Christmas Banquet at Fletcher Academy, Wednesday, December 4. It's always a beautiful, festive and tasty event!



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.

Many years ago, a poor, dirty, ragged, dissipated tramp found his way into the Bowery Mission in New York. On that particular morning, the pianist was absent and the singing done by that motley crowd was anything but good. After several failures, Mrs. Bird, the leader, asked for a volunteer to play the piano. The young “hobo” in the back seat heard the request and volunteered. Amid the jeers of those assembled, he rose, slouched along the aisle, ascended the platform with bleary eyes and tousled hair, and seated himself at the piano. Every breath was held, every eye strained.

Then a new light suddenly came into his eyes,

ABUNDANT LIVING—FOCUS OF RETREAT

September 16-19 at Nosoca Pines will be the venue of our annual retreat with some new, interesting events and opportunities. Elder Don Livesay will be our guest speaker as he addresses our theme of Abundant Living. He was a 2017 camp meeting speaker who was loved and appreciated, speaking to the heart!

Wednesday evening will be The **Retirees’ Gala** and ladies, you are invited to wear your fancy dresses for this festive banquet. It is requested that each retiree bring along your academy (high school) graduation picture for a fun time (sh-h-h! don’t show it to anyone) and give it to Linda Miller. She will return it safely to you.

Also, throughout the retreat, there will be a corn hole tournament for all who are interested in entering. Merle Peterson will be organizing this fun, exciting, skilled event. Can you throw a bean bag? Plan to enter the fun!

Oh yes! Your shared faith stories are inspiring to hear. If you have one to share, please tell Barry Mahorney so he can schedule you during the retreat.

WE MISS YOU!

Coleen Hallock, 79, died August 5, 2019. She and her husband were active in the Union, SC church. Her passion for and stories of early Adventist pioneers will be missed, as she even dressed the part of the one she portrayed.



CRANBERRIES — so good for you!

QUINOA AND CRAISINS

| | |
|----------------------------------|--|
| 2 cups quinoa | 4 oz can mushroom pieces |
| 2 cups water | 1 cup raisins |
| 1 pkg Sazon tropical seasoning | 2 garlic cloves, smashed & sliced |
| 1 large onion, diced | 1 tablespoon Adobo seasoning (no cumin) |
| 2 tablespoons margarine, divided | |

Bring water, Sazon and 1 tablespoon margarine to boil. Add quinoa, stir and cover. Allow to simmer for 20 minutes. Turn off heat but leave pot on stove, covered.

Saute onion, garlic, mushrooms, raisins in 1 tablespoon margarine. Check on quinoa. When it is flakey, having absorbed the water, stir it into the sauted veggies.—submitted by Sharryn Mahorney

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

CRAN BOARD MEMBERS

| | | |
|--|--------------|--|
| President, Barry Mahorney | 828-391-8233 | elderbarry7@yahoo.com |
| Vice-president, Sam Leonor | 828-367-6502 | seleonor@gmail.com |
| Treasurer, Carol Hayes | 828-595-3118 | chayes1940@gmail.com |
| Asst Treasurer, Joy Thomas | 240-310-5662 | joyfulthomas@icloud.com |
| Secretary, Peggy Peterson | 937-694-9660 | peggy.merle@yahoo.com |
| Asst Secretary, Ellen O'Connor | 828-684-9356 | ellensh44@aol.com |
| Newsletter Editor, Sharryn Mahorney | 828-391-8233 | elderbarry7@yahoo.com |
| Communications, Ron Quick | 704-609-1919 | ronaldquick@me.com |
| Hosting Chairperson, Linda Potgieter | 828-697-7664 | ladylindafy@bellsouth.net |
| Decorating Chairperson, Linda Miller | 704-898-4694 | mmgngnr9@gmail.com |
| Pictorial Directory Coordinator, Carol Johnson | 919-859-1550 | cnjhome1@gmail.com |
| Candid Photographer, Owen Spencer | 828-606-2844 | oespencer@yahoo.com |

the hopeless look passed away. As the dirty fingers fell upon the keys his entire being was changed, his whole frame quivered with emotion. The piano itself seemed to undergo a subtle transformation. When it was all over, Mother Bird spoke such kind words to the poor tramp, that they broke his heart. He became a Christian and was presently appointed organist of the mission. His fame spread far and wide. Many churches offered him splendid positions, but he remained true to his Bowery friends. Some of the most beautiful gospel songs of recent years are from his pen. He was one of the mission's most successful speakers. He died a martyr to his incessant toil for his suffering fellow men. A beautiful tablet erected in the mission to his memory reads, "Victor H. Benke, died July 15, 1904. The men of the Bowery loved him."

"A word spoken in due season, how good is it!" Out of Mrs. Bird's heart, which was warmed by the love of God, came the words that rescued this poor, hopeless man, and gave the world one of the most beautiful characters of these last days. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."—Unknown, *Signs of the Times*, June 13, 1906.

Have you submitted your Retreat application? September 16-19 is coming quickly and we surely would miss having you there.

Did you misplace your application? If so, give Carol Hayes a call or go to our retirees' website as given at the bottom left of this page, to print off your Retreat application.

Mail it in quickly! We want to enjoy the Retreat with your being there!

If your address or phone number changes, please let our secretary know. Peggy Peterson, 937-694-9660

Congratulations to Jim and Leona (Bassler) Phillips who married January, 2018. They are living in Cleveland, Tennessee and attending the Chattanooga Church. We wish them abundant blessings from God, along with heaps of love and happiness as they enjoy many years together! They found each other at our 2017 Retreat. Do you remember?



PLEASE
PLACE
STAMP
HERE

**Carolina Retirees
Association Northwest**

693 N Rugby Road
Hendersonville, NC 28791

**RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED**

Sharryn Mahorney, editor

