

Taking Care

Some advice for helping friends in mourning

by LISA M. PETSCHÉ

When someone you know loses a loved one to death, you want to reach out, but may feel unsure of what to say or do. Perhaps you have not lost someone close, and it is difficult to appreciate what your friend is going through and anticipate his or her needs.



Allow me to share some advice:

Lisa Petsche • Do not agonize over what to say. Keep it simple and heartfelt. For example: “I am sorry,” “My heart goes out to you,” “I am here for you,” or perhaps even “I am at a loss for words.” Avoid platitudes such as: “it is for the best,” or “You still have a lot to be thankful for.”

- Let your friend do the talking and listen attentively and non-judgmentally. Resist the urge to give advice. Be prepared for repetition – this is part of working through grief.
- Accept silence. Sometimes a bereaved person may not feel like talking but would nonetheless appreciate companionship.

Remember, too, that body language – a touch of your hand, a pat on the shoulder or a hug – can also express support and caring often better than words.

- Keep in mind that grief affects people emotionally, spiritually, mentally and physically, and that, although there may be similarities, no two people grieve alike.

- Do not underestimate the pain your friend is experiencing and do not discourage tears or urge him or her to be strong. Do not try to withhold your own tears, either; they are merely a sigh that you care.

- Share memories of your friend’s loved one – kind or funny things they did or words of wisdom they shared with you.

- Find a favorite photo of the deceased person, frame it and give it to your friend.

- If applicable, offer to pray together.

- Encourage your friend to practice self-care, getting adequate nutrition, exercise and sleep, and scheduling regular medical check-ups, as well as avoiding unnecessary stress.

- Offer to help in practical ways, such as fielding phone calls, prepar-

ing meals, running errands or walking a dog. Make concrete offers – for example, “I am going to the grocery store, what can it get you?” – or simply go ahead and do things like deliver a casserole or mow a lawn.

- Many newly bereaved people experience a spiritual crisis, so do not be alarmed if this happens with your friend. Listen patiently and empathically to doubts and fears. If they persist, encourage your friend to speak with a religious leader.

After the funeral:

- Continue to stay in touch after the funeral is over. That is when the reality of the loss, with all its implications, sets in and grieving people need support more than ever.

- Do not avoid the subject of the deceased person or mention of their name. It is comforting to the bereaved to know that others still remember their loved one as time goes by.

- Be patient. Some grief saps energy, take the initiative in the relationship, calling and arranging visits.

- Recognize that time lines for healing vary from one person to the next.

- Do not pressure friends into doing things they do not feel ready for, such as sorting through and disposing of a loved one’s belongings.

- Discourage friends from making major life changes for a while.

- Encourage friends to seek professional help if they are unable to function in day-to-day life (suggestive of clinical depression), or if they appear to be stuck in one particular phase of grieving (for example, denial or anger).

- Remember special occasions throughout the year that are likely to be difficult: birthdays, wedding anniversaries and holidays, such as, Thanksgiving and Christmas, as well as the anniversary of the death. Call or send a card to let friends know you are thinking about them.

- Above all, keep in mind that bereaved people do not expect friends to provide answers to difficult, often philosophical questions – such as, “why did this happen?” or to take away their pain.

- What they do want and need is the comfort of knowing they are not alone.

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Cross-Cultural Key-munication

by SUSAN LARSON

Never again do you have to worry about locking yourself out of your car. Now there's a gadget that will radio a satellite to open your car for you from outer space. As one who has locked herself out more than once, I look forward to the day when this is standard equipment. I can't recall how many times I've been in this bind and have had to either sheepishly call my husband or secretly call the locksmith. However, there is one key incident that always will be a fond memory.

Thirty years ago our church resettled a family of refugees from Afghanistan and I spent a few hours a week visiting with them and acquainting them with life in America. On one trip I brought a used sewing machine and a stack of fabric donated by other church members. The mother was an accomplished seamstress and we thought if she could start sewing, at least in a little way, it would help her feel at home. They thanked me profusely and I kept explaining these gifts were not from me, but from other church members. Zia, one of the teenage sons said, "Susan, you give us so much. I wish we could give you..." Again I started my spiel, but realized there was a language barrier. But if the worst thing that happened was that the proper people weren't getting credit for the gifts, no problem. I could always straighten it out later when their

English improved.

The boys walked me to the parking lot. As I fumbled for my keys, I realized that in my haste I had locked them in my car. There they were on the front seat, within sight, but in no way within reach. There I was surrounded by three boys from Afghanistan who barely spoke English, much less understood the complexities of American life.

To my surprise, Zia's eyes lit up. "No problem," he said with a thickly rolled R. "This happen all the time in Afghanistan! I help!"

Beaming from ear to ear, he returned with a wire coat hanger. Within minutes he slipped it through the window, arced it around the button and unlocked the door. I was thrilled to be rescued, but no where near as thrilled as Zia was to have been able to do something for me.

I suppose the world is now a more efficient place now that we have access to those little devices to unlock our cars from outer space. Besides, these newer cars no longer have buttons. A coat hanger wouldn't do any good today, even in Afghanistan. Yet, in a way it's sad to see good Samaritans being displaced by satellites.

Years later I ran into Zia and his American wife while shopping. He smiled and introduced me as the nice lady who gave his mother a sewing machine. We never did get that straight. I told his wife how he unlocked my car for me that day with a "universal key."

"Oh," he said, as his smile broadened and his eyes sparkled, "you

remember that?"

"Yes, Zia," I said, "that's locked in my memory forever."

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Poets' Corner

AFTER 80 IT'S ALL UPHILL
 by Juanita Childers

*When I was young and carefree
 I thought my life would forever be.
 I laughed and played and had lots
 of fun
 With no thought the end would
 ever come.*

*Then one day I woke up; I realized
 that life is very short.
 I am now over 80 and my life is all
 out of sorts.*

*I go to the doctor; he prescribes
 another pill.
 He said it will help you relax and
 climb up the next hill.*

*Many friends and loved ones have
 gone on before.
 Soon it will be my turn I know.
 I will keep a smile on my face, as I
 slow down my pace.*

*I will have peace and joy in
 my heart.
 I will keep the faith,
 As I climb the next hill,
 To get to that wonderful place.*

*Then my Lord will take me by
 the hand,
 And lead me to the promised land.
 The problems of life will all be gone,
 As I enter into my Heavenly Home!*

A TIME TO REMEMBER
 by Beverly Bryson Norton

*You cry for me,
 But cry no more;*

For time is knocking at my door;

*The tears have flowed for many
 days; in hopes that progress with
 my illness would be made;*

The weeks and months go fleeting by

*with always new hopes and dreams
 on the horizon;*

*But progress has not yet come;
 although our love remains forever
 firm;*

*Yet, in my heart I still know your
 face, feel your touch, and hear
 your voice tell of sunny days we*

shared along life's way;

*So cry for me no more; for the worst
 of times have slowly faded away;
 and we can remember and
 celebrate better days;*

*Our love and faith will forever
 remain strong whatever path
 comes our way.*

"Contaminated Rationale"

by DANIEL W. GATLYN, USN Ret.
 Minister/Journalist

There is nothing wrong in using the term "rationale" – and exercising the same on a regular basis! There is everything wrong when we allow that rationale to become twisted, prejudiced, and contaminated!

Since we are "fleshly mortals," we have the task every hour in combating the tendency to let our feelings take over – of allowing an imbalance to crowd the page (and the judgements) of growing very lopsided in sensible process! And do be advised, a commentary cannot be indiscriminately judged by the amount of academics in the bio!

Such is the recent case of a PHD, spilling an elaborate review on the deficits of death penalties and the intermediate holding patterns!

To begin with, the death penalty for certain crimes (while human interpretations of legalistic jurisprudence varies) Holy Script distinctly spells out the credibility of such – along with the vanities of those same persons who intercepts (and voids) the consummation of such!

Make no mistake, the business of safeguarding the conduct of mankind, is strenuous, time (and nerve) consuming; and, demands a bravery, constraint, compassion, and mental strength untempered by this planet's pseudo benevolence!

And we would be remiss, not to add that the "holding institutions" contain a host of unthinkable condi-

tions! Some are akin to the Holiday Inn, while others resemble the arena of animal containers; neither of which has the approval of civil beings! While a portion of penal institutions are loaded with plush settings, televisions, libraries, and impressive cafeterias; that is not what the judicial system had in mind for intermediate (or permanent) incarcerations! To spend millions on the comfort of convicted felons is only a ritualistic rationale, and exceeds fair boundaries!

To complain over discomfort is to circumnavigate the reasons for the subject being locked away!

All of the aforementioned circumstances/conditions can (and will be) judged by our readers, and citizens, but to spend volumes describing the unacceptable standards of the prison system and not once referring to the crime committed, the victims who's lives are "no more," of families who live with the absence (and often care) of loved ones, of moral violation, of the emotional stress, and financial burdens laid upon homes, the city, the state, and the federal government, is beyond reasonable comprehension, or justification! Face it squarely – the convicted are there to pay a penalty! Most are there as a consequence of personal choice! You may not like it – you may not agree – you may hurt for them! And we take note! And, Yes, mistakes are made! Life is filled with error! Change the system, if you will! But in the interim, follow a sensible rationale! And build upon your own credibility!

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Callanwolde Fine Arts Center presents “Halloween Night on Callanwolde Mountain”

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Callanwolde Fine Arts Center, a nationally recognized historic venue, is hosting the second annual Halloween Night on Callanwolde Mountain.

On Friday, October 30, Callanwolde celebrates Halloween for the whole family by filling the 12-acre historic estate with a live Halloween concert, door-to-door trick-or-treating, and Halloween-themed building activities from LEGOLAND Discovery Center. The Callanwolde Concert Band will be performing selections from *Night on Bald Mountain*, *Phantom of the Opera*, and *Pirates of the Caribbean*.

Other performances include Atlanta Braves Organist, Matthew Kaminski, playing the historic Callanwolde Aeolian pipe organ (over 3700 pipes in the attic of Callanwolde mansion). J&M Sound Design DJ will also be rockin' the night

upstairs in the Mansion.

Kids can trick-or-treat door to door through 15 different locations on the Callanwolde estate. Exciting prizes will be given for the best family-friendly Halloween costumes and other Halloween-themed contests. Kids can build with Halloween-themed LEGOs, and Bertie, the LEGO mascot, will be coming by for meet and greet along with another surprise special guest.

Take a break from trick-or-treating and listen to Storytellers spin spooky stories amid the historic gardens on the estate. A food truck will be on hand as well as a cash bar to provide refreshment.

“Halloween Night on Callanwolde Mountain” will take place Friday, October 30, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$4 online and \$5 at the door and can be purchased at www.callanwolde.org. Parking is free and located across the street from Callanwolde.





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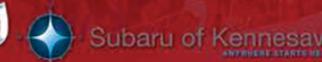
















Out & About

The Elegant Elf Marketplace brings cheer to Holiday Shopping Experience

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The holidays are supposed to be fun, remember? Senior shoppers seeking an easy, safe and festive holiday shopping experience will find great delight in the Elegant Elf Marketplace. Presented by the Sandy Springs Society, the two-day gift market has now added an afternoon of holiday entertainment to this year's "shopping for a cause" experience on November 7 and 8 at Lake Forest Elementary School, 5920 Sandy Springs Circle, Sandy Springs, GA, 30328.

"Rest assured, the ladies of the Sandy Springs Society will be on hand to make your shopping experience delightful and far from the traditional mall chaos," said Karen Meinzen McEnerny, president of the Sandy Springs Society. "We have safe convenient parking, and offer a wide array of gifts for grandchildren, family, and friends at all price points. Our goal is for you to complete your holiday shopping list in one convenient place, feel good about the purchases you make, and experience some seasonal entertainment and food along the way."

The Elegant Elf Marketplace showcases close to 80 local and regional artists, gourmet food pur-

veyors, and distinctive gift vendors. New this year is an entertainment line-up featuring holiday demonstrations, book signings, theatrical performances, dancers and carolers from area school choirs. Honorary Chair Sister Schubert Barnes will greet and delight fans with a cookbook signing, 12 noon on Saturday and a baking demonstration, 12 noon on Sunday.

Shoppers can also treat themselves to a homemade signature lunch at the Polar Express Café and purchase tickets for festive raffle packages.

The Elegant Elf Marketplace has netted \$245,000 for the Sandy Springs Society's philanthropic grants program that funds over 25 non-profit groups in the Sandy Springs community. "What better way to get into the holiday spirit than to know that 100 percent of our proceeds go directly back to your community," said Ms. Meinzen McEnerny.

The Elegant Elf Marketplace takes place Saturday, November 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, November 8 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Lake Forest Elementary School, 5920 Sandy Springs Circle, Sandy Springs, Ga, 30327. \$5 entrance fee. Handicapped accessible onsite parking is free. For more information, visit www.sandyspringsociety.org.



(l to r) Elegant Elf Marketplace advisor Valerie Love with Sandy Springs Society President Karen Meinzen McEnerny



Dale Higdon planting a chestnut tree.



Chris Barneycastle drilling a poplar tree to check for decay.

RANGER

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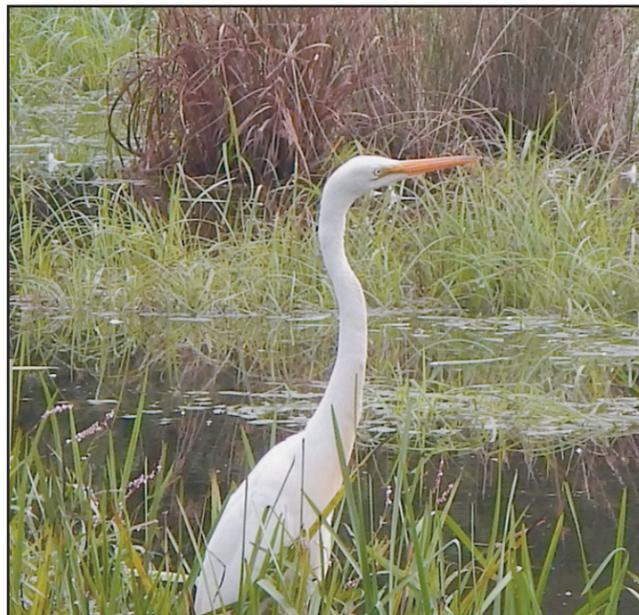
Federation in 2003 as mitigation for tree loss during the construction of the mall. I have spent the past four years providing volunteer work at MCNC and assisting Hank Ohme, project manager," Higdon said.

On average he gives 25-30 hours per month on various tasks such as

blowing off the boardwalks, removing trash, repair work as needed and assisting with environmental programs to school and scout groups. He's assisted with several Eagle Scout projects including a tree identification along the trails and has helped with biological research projects in the wetlands by the University of North Georgia in Gainesville.

"I assist with three main events during the year: Earth Day, National Trails Day and Rivers Alive. This has become like a second home to me and I consider it to be almost like my private preserve so I take great pride in the protection of this natural resource," he said.

It sounds like this retired ranger has really put down roots in his lifelong profession.



A white egret is one of many species living in the Mill Creek Nature Center that Higdon calls his second home.

North Georgia Reads program to host #1 Bestselling Author Homer Hickam

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North Georgia Reads was created to promote collaboration between neighboring library systems and bring bestselling authors to a community of 29 libraries in the region.

Homer Hickam, known best for "Rocket Boys," which was adapted into the film "October Sky," is a Vietnam combat veteran and retired NASA engineer. He will discuss his newest book, "Carrying Albert

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area hosted by the Kennesaw State University Activities Board. The event producers have really made sure to provide a great time for all in attendance.

Box Office and Marketing Manager Maggie Gendernalik looks forward to opening the gates to the park for the event's third year, "to be able to say that we as a venue, have hosted, and are able to host the only festival of this style and size is thrilling!" She adds, "It is truly special to be a part of an event that sends guests almost 100 feet in the air and know that they couldn't get that experience anywhere else, it's magical."

To top of an amazing evening, guests will have their breath taken away by a choreographed hot air balloon glow show, adding a cherry on top of a deliciously perfect day.

October 23rd and 24th is guaranteed to be a weekend filled with

smiles, laughter, fun, and excitement for all involved, including vendors, performers, and patrons alike.

Advance pricing for the event includes free entry for children under 3, \$5 for children ages 3-12, and \$12 for all guests ages 13 and up. Prices increase October 16th.

Parking within walking distance of the event is \$10, and shuttle parking, at Town Point, will be available for \$5. The KSU Sports and Entertainment Park is located in Kennesaw, GA at 3200 George Busbee Pkwy., and tickets may be purchased in advance at (470) 578-4849, or online at owl-o-ween.com.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide seeks Georgia volunteers for 2016 season

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AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance service, is now seeking volunteers across Georgia to help taxpayers who are seeking assistance preparing and filing their 2015 tax returns.

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Qualified AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers receive free tax training and are reimbursed on a limited basis for qualified program-related expenses. They help taxpayers at sites around the state, learning

new skills while giving back to countless communities. While some tax preparation and computer experience are needed to prepare tax returns, other positions are available which do not require this experience.

"Last year, nationally, our 35,000 volunteers assisted 2.6 million people in preparing and filing their tax returns," said Georgia Recruitment Specialist Helen Lowenthal. "We could not do it without our volunteers, who make an indelible mark on the communities they help."

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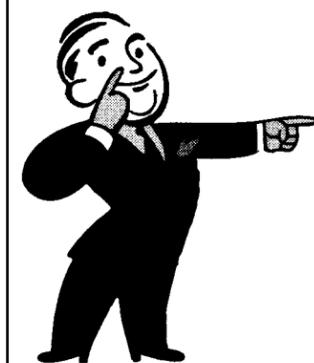
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Recommendations by
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• *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing*; Marie Kondo; Ten Speed Press, 2014

The *Life-Changing Magic of Tidying up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing* presents a convincing case for living a simplified lifestyle surrounded by a minimum of possessions which provide pleasure. Author Marie Kondo says effective decluttering can only be achieved by taking into account the emotions items evoke. If you're uncomfortable in attire that makes you look fat, get rid of it. Get rid of the guilt you may have for doing so by being grateful for the joy you had, if only during its purchase. By relying on how possessions affect you as a gauge of value, you'll find discarding and sorting an easier process than relying on a thing's original cost. The book speaks to the materialism of western thought in proposing that mental/emotional feelings are more important than clinging to something because of its monetary worth.

Using what she calls the "KonMarie" method, Kondo advocates going through items by category rather than rooms. Starting in the corner of a room and working outward is like comparing apples to oranges. Do I like this lamp? Do I need this pillow? What about these shoes tucked under a chair? Placing all of your sweaters in a row allows you to see how many you have as well as compare how one instills confidence while another makes you feel sloppy. Organizing, on the other hand, must take into account not only what one keeps but its care and arranging. Purchasing more and more plastic bins to hold unused items is not an option. By the time you have completed the "KonMarie" method, you will have only life-enhancing possessions you love that are easily accessible. Because the system works, you'll find you tend to keep things in order and continue the process. Doing so is easier than failing.

While reading this book, I took a firm look at my home. How many times had I experienced frustration because I couldn't find something to wear in a closet jam-packed with clothes? How much time had been lost rummaging through drawers crammed with more things than needed, some no longer identifiable...an old key for instance, or a stray screw? Would I really repair those things I didn't remember were broken?

I once knew a couple who never

took trips. Wealthy, the world lay before them, but their collections were just too valuable. Prisoners of their possessions, they wouldn't leave their home even to make new memories. Remembering this, I thought of the value of memorable items lost in my collections of meaningless junk. How much time did I lose dusting useless things? Moving unused furniture so I could vacuum? Transferring stacks of paper from one room to another? "Warehousing" files and books no longer relevant?

Carting boxes to the trash and Salvation Army, I focused on things I needed such as replacing a dated, dark bedroom curtain and spread set with one fresh and light. I decided to house a few pair of comfortable shoes rather than a closet of toe-pinching bargains. With a shock, I saw my tendency to buy things on sale had led to more clutter and more expense often with less quality, less satisfaction, and less comfort.

The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up presents an approach that values our time and our freedom as it leads us to more fully value ourselves. Results include easier cleaning; stylish and less arduous dressing; lovelier and more pleasing surroundings; more time; and better overall decision-making. Marie Kondo's nickname, "a warrior

princess in the war on clutter" is well earned.

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Giftng Clubs are Pyramid Schemes!

by **KELVIN COLLINS**
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BBBs are again detecting a rise in gifting clubs, groups that manage to convince newcomers that they will receive thousands of dollars if they make a “gift” to participate in a private, invitation-only network.

The clubs go by various names. In prior years, groups were organized under the names of The Airplane, Friends Helping Friends, The Pit Stop and the Original Dinner Club. Today’s groups methods are similar. The groups target those with an affinity – such as women’s clubs, community groups, church congregations, social clubs and special interest groups. Participants are invited to attend private meetings. While invitees initially may not be asked to pay any money up-front, eventually participants are asked to contribute \$500-\$5,000.

The philosophy of charitable giving is often used to draw people in. Organizers may cloak their schemes in religious terms, using the love of God as a sales pitch or employing feel-good words like renewal celebrations. Some clubs are touted as fundraisers for a good cause or as an

empowerment program to help people help themselves. However, gifting clubs are nothing more than pyramid schemes that separate people from their money.

Participants put their money into a pool and must find new contributors to keep the pool growing. Recruits add cash and go out to find more folks. There are typically “levels” of participation that you can rise to as you and your recruits bring in more players. Players who get in early, walk away “winners.” However, experience shows that such pyramids always collapse and late-comers lose their entire investments.

The club organizers advise recruits that the operation is legal; it is not. Almost every state has laws prohibiting pyramid schemes and/or assessing penalties on those who participate.

If you are approached to join such a club, the BBB advises you to ask yourself three questions:

- Do I have to make an “investment” or give money to get the right to recruit others into the program?
- When I recruit another person into the program, will I receive what the law calls “consideration” (that usually means money)

as a result?

- Will the person I recruit have to make an “investment” or give money to get the right to recruit and receive “consideration” for getting other people to join?

If the answers are “yes,” steer clear of the scheme. Never buckle under to high-pressure sales pitches, even when they come from the mouth of a trusted friend, co-worker, neighbor or church member!

For more tips you can trust, visit bbb.org.

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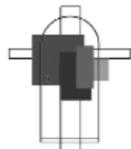
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Literacy Promotion at Lilburn Daze... October 10th

by Lee Schermerhorn, Chairman
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Literacy promotion is an ongoing project at Philadelphia Winn Chapter NSDAR, Lawrenceville, GA!

Miriam Machida, a member of Philadelphia Winn Chapter, NSDAR is deserving of recognition for her efforts to promote literacy at the chapter and in her community. Miriam's son designed, built and installed the "Little Library" at her home in January of 2015.

The library has a contemporary look complete with shingles and a solar powered light at the top! It's installed on a pole near the road. The concept is to leave a book, take a book for which there is no charge. Miriam keeps her LFL stocked with all kinds of books for every age! She has enjoyed watching neighbors stop by to inspect and utilize her "library." Recently Miriam received an unsigned note that said, "Thanks for the cool community library." The Little Free Library is registered with littlefreelibrary.org, has a charter number and a listing on the website.

The NSDAR was founded on patriotism, historical preservation and education. Literacy for children and adults is a primary focus at the NSDAR, both at the national and local levels.

Philadelphia Winn Chapter will have a booth at Lilburn Daze, October 10, 2015 to promote literacy.

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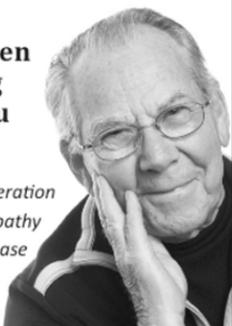


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