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President's Letter:

Good Day to all!

In these summer months many people like to sleep in on a Saturday morning, have a cup of Joe and mosey around their air-conditioned houses, avoiding that oppressing summer heat. For me, a day off on a weekend means I can go on an adventure (and to a bunch of Tag Sales along the way). I enjoy tag sales partially for the prices, partially for the treasure hunt & a huge part for the people you meet and the stories they tell you. This weekend I had the rare pleasure of having a day off to roam the streets for some deals and ended up meeting a gentleman who was selling his house out in the woods. He is a contractor originally from Poland who moved here with his wife to America 20 years ago. When he came here he didn't have much money but what he did have was skills, a good sense of humor, and an ambitious spirit so he bought up an older property in the backwoods that nobody wanted and worked on it till it sparkled. Now the property nobody wanted is now quite a beautiful sight. You can see the craftsmanship and care he put into his home, beam by beam he fixed what was once broken and falling down.

God takes us just as we are, a bit rough around the edges, and makes a shine with the light of his spirit. He takes what was used and broken and made it beautiful. This month I hope that God opens your eyes to someone who is feeling broken or used and shine some of that renewing light that God has lit in you. Be the smiling face and caring hands that God wants you to be. Something that may seem broken might have a new life with another purpose. Keep that in mind as you go along in life and at the Aventura Tag Sale on Saturday. I hope to see your bright and smiling faces there!

Emily Lamy

Upcoming Reunions and Other Dates:

August Picnic and Tag Sale:

Saturday, August 22, Tag Sale goes 9-2 Rain or Shine, come early to help set up. Bring some food to share for a picnic during the sale.

1st Congregational Church of Torrington
835 Riverside Ave, Torrington CT

September Reunion:

Saturday, September 12, Assembly Meeting and Reunion 6:30pm
St Pauls Lutheran Church, Torrington CT
837 Charles Street, Torrington CT

October Reunion & Palanca Party:

Saturday, October 3, 3:30pm is when the Palanca Party will start, reunion at normal time of 7pm
Thomaston Covenant Church
64 Grove Street, Thomaston CT

Coordinator's Letter

Greetings everyone, and once again a heartfelt thank you to you all.

The process of building this team has been an emotional roller coaster ride of the first order. I knew all along that I was going to struggle with Patience.....and I was right. But God is good and kind and understanding and merciful and has enough patience for all of us. Praise His Holy Name because as we stare our first team meeting this Friday the last pieces of the puzzle seem to be falling oh so gently into place. The team is substantially complete and the team meeting schedules are set, so let the fun begin.... I still have room for a few auxies so if you are feeling led please call me or email me. I would also like to thank my chief's Sarah and Anna whose organizational skills have been the glue tying my scattered ideas together. I am looking forward to a great weekend and have all the confidence that God will provide us with an abundance of candidates.

That being said ,remember, God provides but we do the paperwork so please act on those tugs you feel and ask....ask again....ask again. Love is patient. But persistent. It took three times before I said yes and I praise God for the persistence of my friends who kept asking.

God Bless Glenn

Prayer Requests:

Please be praying for the team (as well as future guests) Team list is as follows:

Coordinator: Glenn Hafele	Chief : Sarah Morton	Asst Chief: Anna Bigham
Spir.Director: Pastor John Roy	Lay S.D.: Ann Carr	Music Dir.: Nick Samela
Kitchen Auxie: Sandy Miller	Auxies: Nico Aiudi, Jacob Bushey, Casey Saade	
Table Leaders: Amanda Johnson, Laura Roehl, DJ Nicholson, Joe Balducci, Stephen Johnson		
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Please feel free to send prayer requests to our 'prayistas':

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Sandy Miller (SanJeanM@AOL.comor 482-5601)

They will pass the appropriate ones along to the Croaker to be listed here and send out emails to the prayer chain. Be sure to let them know if you wish to remain anonymous or if you don't want the prayer published at all.

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