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The
President's
Pencil.....
By Brenda Hagar

Bon Bini fro Curacao! As you can guess, EJ and I just got back from 8 days in the Caribbean. The weather was great, we met new friends and were able to scuba dive 7 times. What a great time.

Back to business – next week is the annual Regional Training Program for the Southwest Region. Your executive board attendees are myself, Carolyn DeLong, Debbie Miller, Marilyn Hampton and Peggy O'Neal. We will give a full report when we return.

Elections for Regional and National Offices are ongoing – so if you are interested please sign up. If you are not ready for Regional or National level offices there are vacancies on the GOKC Board. We have a new vacancy for Bi-Laws. This is a great job, you will be able to review and amend our bi-laws as necessary. This will give you an upfront look at how GOKC business is conducted. If you are interested in this position, please let me know.

April 9 is Palm Sunday, and April 16 is Easter Sunday. Please observe these very important dates. Without these the ultimate promise would not have been complete.

Have a great month – don't forget the next board meeting is April 10. Everyone is invited.

*NEXT BOARD MEETING
AIRPORT HOLIDAY INN*

April 10, 2006

5:00 P.M.



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Everyone Can't Sit in Your Front Row

Submitted by Brenda Hagar

Life is a Theatre - Invite your audience carefully. Not everyone is spiritual or emotionally healthy enough to have a front row seat in our lives. There are some people in your life that are best loved from a distance. It's amazing what you can accomplish when you let go, or at least minimize your time with draining, negative, incompatible, pointless relationships, friendships, and fellowships! Consider your current relationships. Pay attention -- who lifts and who leans? Who encourages and who discourages? Who is on a path of growth and who is going down fast? When you leave certain people, do you feel better or feel worse? Who always has drama?

The more you seek God and godly thing, the more you seek quality; the more you seek not just the hand of God but the face of God, the more you seek things honorable; the more you

seek growth, peace of mind, love and truth around you, the easier it will become for you to decide who gets to sit in the FRONT ROW and who should be moved to the balcony of your life.

You cannot change the people around you, but you can change the people you are around! Ask God for wisdom and discernment and use these gifts to choose the people who sit in the front row of your life.

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From: <http://www.ftc.gov>

"We suspect an unauthorized transaction on your account.

To ensure that your account is not compromised, please click the link below and confirm your identity."

"During our regular verification of accounts, we couldn't verify your information.

Please click here to update and verify your information."

Have you received email with a similar message? It's a scam called "phishing" — and it involves Internet fraudsters who send spam or pop-up messages to lure personal information (credit card numbers, bank account information, Social Security number, passwords, or other sensitive information) from unsuspecting victims.

According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the nation's consumer protection agency, phishers send an email or pop-up message that claims to be from a business or organization that you may deal with — for example, an Internet service provider (ISP), bank, online payment service, or even a government agency. The message may ask you to "update," "validate," or "confirm" your account information. Some phishing

emails threaten a dire consequence if you don't respond. The messages direct you to a website that looks just like a legitimate organization's site. But it isn't. It's a bogus site whose sole purpose is to trick you into divulging your personal information so the operators can steal your identity and run up bills or commit crimes in your name.

The FTC suggests these tips to help you avoid getting hooked by a phishing scam:

- ✓ If you get an email or pop-up message that asks for personal or financial info, DO NOT REPLY. Don't click on the link in the message either. Legitimate companies don't ask for this info via email.
- ✓ Use anti-virus software and a firewall, and keep them up to date. Some phishing emails contain software that can harm your computer or track your activities on the Internet without your knowledge.
- ✓ Don't email personal or financial information. Email is not a secure method of transmitting personal info. If you initiate a transaction and want to provide your info through an organization's website, look for indicators that the site is secure, like a lock icon on the browser's status bar or a URL for a website that begins "https:" – the "s" stands for secure.
- ✓ Review credit card and bank account statements as soon as you receive them to check for unauthorized charges. If your statement is late by more than a couple of days, call your credit card company or bank to confirm your billing address and account balances.



March 25 Teresa Taylor
March 31 Peggy O'Neal



St. Patrick's Day
March 17

Info from US Census Bureau

Did You Know?

✿ There are 34 million U.S. residents who claim Irish ancestry. This number is almost nine times the population of Ireland itself (3.9 million). Irish is the nation's second most frequently reported ancestry, trailing only German.

✿ There are three states in which Irish is the leading ancestry group: Delaware, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Irish is among the top five ancestries in every state but two (Hawaii and New Mexico).

✿ There are 54 counties where Irish is the largest observed ancestry group. Forty-four of these counties are in the Northeast, with 14 in New York, 11 in Massachusetts and five in New Jersey. –

✿ A total of 4.8 million immigrants from Ireland have been admitted to the U.S. for lawful permanent residence since fiscal year 1820, the earliest year for which official immigration records exist. By fiscal year 1870, about half of these immigrants were admitted for lawful permanent residence. Only Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom and Mexico have had more immigrants admitted for permanent residence to the United States than Ireland.

✿ The value of U.S. imports from the Republic of Ireland during a recent 10-month period (January-October 2004) was \$23 billion. Meanwhile, the United States exported \$6.6 billion worth of goods to Ireland.

✿ There are nine places in the United States that share the name of Ireland's capital, Dublin.

Judge Blocks Personnel System

A federal judge blocked the Department of Defense from implementing its new personnel system, handing the Bush Administration a major setback in its attempts to streamline work rules and install pay for performance in the federal workplace.

In a 77-page decision, U.S. District Judge Sullivan said the National Security Personnel System fails to ensure collective bargaining rights, does not provide an independent third-party review of labor relations decisions and would leave employees without a fair way to appeal disciplinary actions.

Judge Sullivan found, however, that Defense officials did, in fact, live up to their obligation to collaborate with unions in the development of the new system. And he ruled that the Pentagon had followed the law in establishing a labor relations system apart from those that govern labor relations at other federal agencies.

On the legislative front, Rep. Edward Royce (R-CA) has introduced a bill (HR 4735) entitled the "Government Reform Act." This bill would create a national commission, modeled after the "successful Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission," to establish a timely, independent, and fair process for realigning or closing outdated, ineffective, or inefficient executive agencies.

In general, this Commission shall examine the current configuration of executive agencies and investigate their duties and responsibilities; and review the operational jurisdictions of executive agencies to determine whether areas of overlap exist and whether the mission of any agency has become obsolete.

The Commission shall identify and address opportunities for increasing efficiency and

reducing costs in executive agencies as a result of executive action or legislation; areas within executive agencies where managerial accountability can be enhanced and administrative control can be improved; any federal programs that have accomplished their original objectives and should be terminated; any federal services that could be provided at lower cost by the private sector; budget process reforms that could yield savings, increase accountability and efficiency, and enhance public confidence in the budget process; and areas for further study based on likelihood for potential savings.

Upon completion of the reviews, the Commission shall submit to the President and Congress a proposed reorganization plan for executive agencies. The proposed reorganization plan shall provide for the realignment or closure of executive agencies to reduce duplication of services and increase productivity.



Betty Friedan Dies

Betty Friedan, author of *The Feminine Mystique*, helped begin a new interest in women's rights, debunking the myth that all middle-class women were happy in the homemaker role. In 1966, Betty Friedan was one of the key founders of the National Organization for Women (NOW). Below are some of her famous quotes.

- ✓ "The only way for a woman, as for a man, to find herself, to know herself as a person, is by creative work of her own. There is no other way."
- ✓ "A girl should not expect special privileges because of her sex but neither should she adjust to prejudice and discrimination."
- ✓ "Aging is not "lost youth" but a new stage of opportunity and strength."

