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I. Death of Dr. Heath Rowsell

Delmer & Thelma Johnson <delnthelj@msn.com> July 1:

This is to let you know of the passing of Heath Rowsell, M.D. who spent so many years in mission service in the old "Far Eastern Division." He was faithfully cared for until the last at home by his wife, Reba, and his family was together for the funeral last Thursday.

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Dicky Ng <dickyng1962@yahoo.com> July 2:

Dr. Heath Rowsell was a missionary surgeon in Penang Adventist Hospital for many years. He retired from work in PAH in late '95 or early '96. He was missionary to Bandung Adventist Hospital and in Burma. He was a graduate of LLU and was a missionary doctor all his professional career life.

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Remembering Heath Rowsell:

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Dave Dennis <davedennis@verizon.net> July 4:

Even though he had suffered long, we were saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Heath Rowsell. Heath and Reba, who so faithfully and lovingly cared for him for many years, were dear friends and fellow missionaries in Indonesia in the late 60's. Heath was a career missionary and an excellent physician. But, more importantly, the entire Rowsell family were exemplary Christians who showed love and tenderness to everyone they met. As a member of the Bandung Hospital Board I recall how happy we were to welcome the Rowsells to our overseas family. The last words Heath uttered were "I love you" to Reba. He will be missed, but, with Reba, we look forward to the Resurrection with Jesus one day very soon. --Dave and Charlotte Dennis

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Don Roth Gravely Ill

David Roth <davidaroth@me.com> July 2:

My dad, Don Roth, is currently in the Redlands Community Hospital with multiple challenges. He is slipping fast, but he has a strong will to live, so we pray the Great Physician continues to be with him. He fell in the parking lot after hemodialysis, and received some stitches, but no concussion. This developed into a blood clot in his leg, now his blood pressure today was so low they could not put him on dialysis, and he is having trouble speaking. He is in a lot of pain in his lower back (he's never had back problems) and has had to sit in the same position on the couch for weeks instead of sleeping normally in bed. This has created large sores on his back which the nursing staff are paying careful attention to. I am leaving early from a business trip in Palm Beach, FL to go spend time with him, as well as my sister, Diane, who will be coming Wednesday from Pennsylvania to be with him and mom. My mother is holding up well, and like any wife that could lose her husband at any time, she may be in a bit of denial, but she is faring OK with her sister's support, her three children's support, my cousin Cindi Wright's support and yes, prayer support.
Please pray for strength, healing, the elimination of dad's back pain, and for his blood pressure to stabilize. If one cannot be dialyzed, the end of life is certain within 5 to 15 days, and we pray this will not be Dad's situation. He is my hero, my mentor in so many areas, and I love and respect him greatly, and it pains my heart to see what he is experiencing, and doing so rather quickly. He was driving two weeks ago! I thought your readers might like to know that my dad and our family could really use everyone's prayer support. My brother, Dan Roth, has been a terrific support to them, as well as my sister, Diane Castle, and many in our family.

You are welcome to send emails to me and I will read them to dad when I see him on July 4 at the Redlands Community Hospital.

Thank you for your fervent prayers for God's restorative healing.

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III. Honoring Irene Wakeham

Ruth Sipkens <ruthsipkens@gmail.com> July 3:

After reading the story about Irene Wakeham chasing a purse snatcher down in the Philippines, we can attest to the fact that she is one lady who is willing to do most anything to get the job done. During the time John and I lived at Weimar Institute (California) Irene joined the staff in time to help get the campus ready for occupancy. The institute, once owned and operated by the State of California as a tuberculosis hospital, had been closed for several years and needed much cleaning and repairs. While a group of male volunteers were clearing trash and pounding nails, they looked over to see Dr. Irene Wakeman, brush and cleanser in her hand, scrubbing the many water stained toilets. In spite of her doctorate degree and vast experience as a college educator, she was a very humble and dedicated worker.-- Ruth and John Sipkens ~~~~~~~~~~ IV. APIU Professors Attend Conference in New Guinea

Dr. Wann Fanwar and Pastor Gerard Bernard of the Faculty of Religious Studies left AIU campus early morning on Monday, June 20, for Pacific Adventist University, Papua New Guinea. Both were headed there for the inaugural conference of the Melanesian Association of Theological Schools (MATS), which was held June 21 to 24, 2011.

The conference, which was called MATS 2011, was sponsored by the University (PAU) and the Sanitarium. The organizer stated: "It is envisaged that the MATS Conference will become an annual gathering of educators and postgraduate students from the theological schools of Melanesia and the wider Pacific."

Dr. Fanwar presented a paper entitled "Isaiah's Song: Liturgical and Missiological Implications." The paper examines three primary Hebrew words for 'song' and 'singing'-zamar, shir, ranan-in both verbal and nominal forms. The paper concludes that "... 'song' (and 'singing') in Isaiah has two primary functions: (1) 'Song' is the most appropriate way of speaking to God (liturgical implication); and (2) 'Song' is the most appropriate way of speaking about God (missiological implication)."

The participants appreciated the idea very well. They were also very enthused by it, apparently because of its fresh perspective on Isaiah.

Both teachers had the privilege of visiting a few places of interest, including SDA churches on Sabbath afternoon. They also had the chance to visit the birthplace of the Seventh-day Adventist work in PNG. -- Newsbyte, an on-campus newsletter, June 30, 2011 ~~~~~~~~~~ V. FEA Newsletter Info Needed

Recently someone wrote asking for the name, telephone # and address of the lady that sends out the FEA newsletter. Mention was made of an Eileen Dickson but that does not ring a bell with me. I responded by saying I had not heard of such a newsletter or person but would be very please to receive it regularly! Any information, anybody? CHT/Sr.
VI. Generations of Johnstons at Andrews

In Andrews’ current alumni magazine FOCUS the following item was found:

"All in the Family
"Fourth generation student graduates
"It is not uncommon for a student to attend their parent's alma mater.

Members of the Johnston family have been graduating from Andrews University since its early days in Battle Creek. In the spring 2011 Commencement. Laura Johnston, who graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration, represented the 4th generation of Johnstons to graduate from AU.

"Laura's great-grandmother, Ena Aldrich Thomason, graduated from Battle Creek College in 1898 and later married George Thomason, who served as John Harvey Kellogg's secretary. The couple served as missionaries in Africa. Their grandchildren Madeline (MA'77) and Robert (PhD'55) Johnston both graduated from Andrews. [They served as missionaries in the Far East.] Robert earned not one but two degrees from the SDA Theological Seminary. All four of their children are Andrews alumni. . . .

"Laura's mother, Kathy Chapin Johnston and three aunts all received degrees from Andrews. And Laura's grandparents, Paul Chapin (BS'61) and Laura (Penrod) also met at Andrews."

VII. LLU Students on AIU's Muak Lek campus

Asia Pacific International University welcomed the administrators, teachers and students of the Loma Linda University School of Nursing (LLUSN) off-campus Masters of Science in Nursing degree program. The LLUSN students are attending classes at AIU's Muak Lek campus for a month. --Newsbyte, an on-campus newsletter, July 7, 2011

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