

# EDITORIAL

## WISE AND OTHERWISE

By Kent A. Stock



### WISH YOU WERE HERE!

I think we've all received postcards and maybe we've sent a few ourselves with those words - wish you were here. Well, I'm not falling for it! No you don't wish we were there what you want to tell everyone is really HA HA I'm here and you are stuck at work, stuck in the cold or stuck wherever "not on vacation" or whichever case it may be.

It is like our snowbird friends who constantly remind us that the weather is

very warm where they are and that they walked on the beach today and they ate ice cream and they ran around naked in the yard. Okay, scratch that last one as that might only be my friends. Just kidding!

Yes cavorting in warmer climes while we are here waiting for the temperature to get enough above freezing so we can wash sixteen layers of salt off our vehicles. While you are riding rollercoasters, we are in training for Disney on Ice up here by slip, slid-

ing around on actual frozen surfaces.

Millions of us live in the north and we have made peace with the winter weather, well, all weather really. I like the change of seasons and I don't mind winter too much. I like the snow, if you don't have to travel, I like the cold, as long as it is not windy and I know there will be a thaw, eventually.

I think the thing I like least about the winter is the changing of clothes. When it is bitter cold you have to put your layers on. You go outside, do your thing and you have to take them off. I can't drive with a big heavy coat on so off comes the coat. I still get warm so off comes the sweat-shirt. I get really hot and off comes...next thing you know I'm running around naked in the yard. Just kidding, again!

Of course, all those different changes of clothes and footwear have to go somewhere and all good northerners have a coat rack or a closet just for that purpose. This is why when guests come over the coats **Cont. on pg. 7**

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## Holding It All Together

by Amy McCollom



### It Might Not Be What You Think

It has been a while since my mom told me this story, but it still gets me thinking. My mom had a doctor appointment, and at the hospital where the doctor's office was located, she noticed an elderly couple with walkers struggling to get the heavy door to the building open. She opened the door for them, and held it open while they both slowly got into the building.

Then, when she she made it down the hall to the elevator, she saw that same elderly couple trying to make it to the elevator before the doors closed, so she pushed the button to hold the elevator door open so the elderly couple could make it onto the elevator.

When she got off on the floor to her doctor's office, and checked in for her appointment, she noticed that the elderly couple had come in behind her and were also checking in at the same doctor's office. She watched as the elderly couple slowly made their way to the waiting area, and they sat down

across from her. The couple smiled politely at my mom, but then the elderly lady was called back quickly by the nurse. The older gentleman stayed in the waiting room, seated across from my mom.

After a few minutes, the elderly man looked up at my mom and said,

"You know, you have a really good heart."

And he smiled and slightly nodded. Mom felt humbled, and replied,

"Well thank you, I've always tried to do the right thing and be a good Christian."

"No," he said roughly. "Your ankles. They're not swollen at all. You have a good heart."

My mom didn't know what to say after that, so she sat quietly until she was called back to see her doctor.

The biggest lie we tell ourselves is that everyone around us is thinking the same thing we are. We forget

that everyone is a product of their upbringing and environment; their values and belief systems are custom made by each individual, so are their personalities. In short, everyone isn't just like you, and this is perfectly fine.

We see life through goggles that we have created. We have different viewpoints even though we are seeing the same thing. Point of view makes a huge difference in how you see something. Don't forget to consider everyone's vantage points before discounting anyone's statements or opinions. I recommend that everyone watch the movie Vantage Point, as this movie demonstrates this point exactly.

This year, take a moment, hesitate, think before you speak. Remain open, flexible and curious. Ponder, consider, wonder. And never assume. It might not be what you think.

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