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Care for our Common Home

Directive #2

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I have just finished reading a lovely story about a college professor who stood before her class with a copy of a book titled *Beloved* in her hand and shared that she and her husband fell in love by way of letter writing. "They both met at a time when distance managed to keep them apart. She said it happened, the falling in love part, in the waiting time. In the fact that you had no choice but to put your whole heart out there and then wait and wait and wait to see if the words had been received. Digested. Accepted. There was no instant communication. There were no words flung carelessly upon a screen. There was, instead, a vulnerability and the process of carefully assembling words on a page and waiting for them to be delivered to someone you love."

Nothing feels so wonderful as knowing someone, somewhere is thinking of you. There is something remarkable about just the thought of that. The thought of someone sitting down for you. Taking out a piece of paper, or a card, for you. Focusing on the words they write for you.

In my Directive #1, issued last November, I encouraged you to: "*Consider purchasing several 'Thinking of You' cards (available at Dollarama or the Dollar Store for just \$1.00) and bring them to your next CWL meeting. Invite members to suggest someone who would love to receive a card and then have all present sign the card(s). While the recipient may not know every person who signed the card, they will know that their sisters in the League have not forgotten them. In our council we were informed, at our last meeting, that one of our members and her husband were being admitted to an assisted living facility. I am sure they would be so pleased, and feel so loved, to receive a card during this time of transition. If finances are tight in your council, invite members to donate a card and/or stamp. Either way, for the cost of a card and a stamp, you will have reached out and touched someone and made their world a better place.*" I would love to hear if you have initiated this in your Council. The full Directive can be found at <http://cwl.on.ca/sites/default/files/directives/1988.pdf> and please send me copies of your directives. I look forward to reading them.

Although we are incredibly busy, both with our personal and CWL commitments, I encourage you to take time to sit down and write a note/card to those in your Council who may be isolated, lonely. In between the lines they will read: "I care. I'm here. I think of you often."

Blessings always,

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