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## A Message from Auxiliary President Brenda Pierce

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Time is fast approaching when we get to be together again. I am excited about seeing everyone, sharing time and experiences and working with each other at the 37th ATS. It is hard to believe my two year term is coming to an end. Time passes so quickly. I don't know why I bother to wear a watch anymore...or mark a calendar for that matter. My efforts seem so small and futile sometimes. Do I ever make a difference? I feel as if I have accomplished so little in these two years, but I have enjoyed getting to know each and everyone of you so much and have been to great places, had wonderful times with you and in doing so have stored up treasures and memories (in scrapbooks in my mind and heart) that will be with me for the rest of my life.

It has been my hope that in our coming together there has been an expectation and prescience of growth in faith, body and demonstration... We may not discern it yet, but the reality of our endeavors will one day prove our faith, continue encouragement and provide more programs for families in coming years.

"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Heb. 11:1

See ya'll in the "Golden State".

Brenda,  
President



## A Message from the ICPC President Cyndee Thomas

Dearest Members of the Auxiliary,

It is an honor to greet you. I do hope that I will have the honor of meeting many of you at the ATS in Sacramento. Our Executive Director, Chuck Lorrain and the surrounding area Chaplaincy's have worked diligently to provide a week full of wonderful California events. As the Chaplains take classes to help them learn to better serve their agencies at home while they "Serve with Gladness" the schedule is designed so that you will enjoy your time.

Although Chaplains work on the front line, we all know that it is because of you, your support and your prayers that we can be successful in our departments. Knowing that our loved ones are at home praying for us helps us get through those unimaginable, unthinkable times. You help us by understanding on those many times when we come home and don't want to talk because what we have seen or heard is too much for us to bear. We can't imagine putting that on you, the ones we love. We come in and hug you extra tight, kiss the kids a couple of extra times, or call the ones that don't live at home. Your support is what gets us through.

Our departments at home appreciate us and the work we do and tell us how important we are. In reality we all know that it is because of your support that we can answer the phone in the middle of the night and go to one more call, one more time.

Being the first woman President of the ICPC has meant some changes for the organization. For one, I think this is the first time a President's spouse has not been a member of the Auxiliary. My husband, Larry, will quickly tell you that he is not a singer and during the ATS likes spending his time golfing rather than shopping or sightseeing. One thing I do know for certain, without his support I simply would not be able to be a Chaplain. I am constantly away from home and spending long hours in police stations and police cars with police officers. I am the Chaplain, the woman I am because of his support. I do not take the role of the "auxiliary" or the loved ones at home for granted.

Thank you for who you are and for what you do! We couldn't do it without you! I hope to see you in Sacramento!!!

God Bless you and thank you for your support.

*Cyndee*

Chaplain Cyndee Thomas  
President, ICPC



### ATS DATES

2010 ATS ICPC  
Sacramento,  
California  
July 12-16,  
2010

THE SEASONS OF LIFE

Author Unknown

There was a man who had four sons.  
 He wanted his sons to learn  
 Not to judge things too quickly.  
 So he sent them each on a quest,  
 In turn, to go and look at a pear tree  
 That was a great distance away.

The first son went in the winter,  
 The second in the spring, the third in summer,  
 And the youngest son in the fall.

When they had all gone and returned,  
 He called them together  
 To describe what they had seen

The first son said that the tree was ugly, bent and twisted.  
 The second son said it was covered with green buds and full of promise  
 The third son disagreed; he said it was laden with blossoms  
 That smelled so sweet and looked so beautiful,  
 It was the most graceful thing he had ever seen.  
 The last son disagreed with all of them; he said it was ripe and  
 Drooping with fruit, full of life and fulfillment

The man then explained to his sons  
 That they were all right, because they  
 Had each seen only one season in the tree's life.

He told them that you cannot judge a tree,  
 Or a person, by only one season.  
 That the essence of who they are,  
 And the pleasure, joy and love  
 That come from that life,  
 Can only be measured at the end,  
 When all the seasons are up.

If you give up when it's winter,  
 You will miss the promise of your  
 Spring, the beauty of your summer,  
 And the fulfillment of your fall.

Don't let the pain of one season destroy the joy of all the rest.  
 Don't judge life by one difficult season.  
 Persevere through the difficult patches,  
 And better times are sure to come in time.

Aspire to Inspire...Before You Expire

Live Simply. Love Generously. Care Deeply. Speak Kindly. And leave the  
 rest to God.

Happiness keeps you sweet,  
 Trials keep you strong.  
 Sorrows keep you human  
 Failures keep you humble  
 Success keeps you growing

But only God keeps you going.

Thanks to Jan  
 Congram for for-  
 warding this  
 beautiful mes-  
 sage.

Remain healthy  
 by maintaining a  
 simple diet of  
 pure feelings,  
 good wishes and  
 positive thoughts.

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If you have any stories, ideas, thoughts or prayers that you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please let me know. You can contact me by email, phone and my home address is 2654 Love Drive, Columbus, OH 43221. I welcome your suggestions and help.

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It is with deep sadness that I share with you the loss of ICPC member Michael Dunnill, husband of auxiliary member Marilyn Dunnill. Many of you will remember Michael when he was president of the ICPC from 1999—2001. From a personal note, Michael was a very special person—in our family. He always called me “daughter” and would make time each ATS to spend some quiet time with me to reflect on our past year and to look forward to the next. Our sympathy goes out to Marilyn and their family during this time. You will be greatly missed Michael!



## Letter from the Editor

We are on the  
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this link:  
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letter

It is amazing to me how many years can pass without seeing or hearing from someone, and when they contact you it is like it was yesterday. I received an email today from Cheryl Kosec. Many of you will remember Cheryl as a past president of the ICPC Auxiliary. I remember meeting her at one of my first ATS events and I felt a sisterhood. She reminded me in her email of the time we had at the ATS that my husband and I hosted and dancing to “Hang Sloppy” at the Mixer. It really brought a smile to my face. And what a “coincidence” that it was at a time when I needed a smile. It was a rough day here in Columbus. Granted, I started my day in the dentist office with two fillings needing to be replaced. But the day went downhill after that. One of those days where you ask “I know You won’t give me anything I can’t handle, but could we limit it to two situations and not three?” But you know me and “coincidences”. My email was just a reminder from God that He wanted a smile from me. And Cheryl must have had a message from Him too! So Cheryl, it was great to hear from you. Thanks for the wonderful memory and the smile. I truly believe that one of the gifts God has given me in my life are the friends that have walked into my life because of the ICPC. Just a suggestion...you might want to reach out to one of your Auxiliary family. You may never know when they could use a smile.

Love to all of you,  
Kathy