

THANK YOU

Do you say *Thank You* often enough?

We can never say *Thank You* often enough. Don't you liked to be thanked? Sure, you do, as does everyone else. Plus, it's nice to hear it again a long time later for something you have done in the past. Don't we all like to be reminded about how we helped someone?

There are many stories, which I believe are true, of students going back to say *Thank You* to a teacher years later and making a huge difference in the life of the old teacher who is questioning the value of the life he or she have lived. How great would it be to reach out to an older person and thank them for what they have done for you in past years and meant to you along the way? I know you'd feel as good as they would in doing so.

Years ago I was the President of the Providence Ronald McDonald House, and during our capital campaign we had two people who rode their bikes across the country to raise money for us. That was 20 years ago, and I still think of them, and I recommended to the current manager that we be sure to find them and thank them again on the 20th anniversary. They deserve it.

***Thank You* are magical words. They make people feel good, feel valued, and feel that what they have done means something. It will inspire people to do more and be more. It is a reward worth more than money. It's an act of respect.**

How many people can you thank today? Here's just a partial list for me reflecting on this 100th issue of the newsletter:

***Thank You* to**

- **My wife, Cathy**

- My children, Christopher, Erin, and Katy
- My children's partners – Shannon, John, and John
- My mother, Gina
- My father, Elmer
- Bebo and Tootsie, my in laws
- My guides
- Renee, for web and graphic design
- My editors JoAnne, Deb, and Walter
- My critics, who bring me back in line, when needed
- My tormentors who show and teach me so much
- YOU, my readers for your feedback and encouragement
- My sailing crew that is always ready to hoist sail on the Golden Goose
- My sailing racing crew
- George, master craftsman, and Dominic, master rigger, who keep the Golden Goose, my wooden schooner, in perfect working order
- My friends for all the good times
- Jim, our contractor of 30 years, who keeps our property as if it were his own
- My master mind partners for their insight
- Cameron, my grandson, for his insight, inspiration, and teaching and showing me the joys of being a kid, living in the now, love, and focus on learning new skills daily

This is just a quick, partial list and I am sure I have missed many. The real issue is YOUR list. Who is on your list? Dare you make a list? You'll be glad you did.