

Hour of Power Eagles Club members are the wind beneath the wings of this Hour of Power ministry for Jesus Christ, keeping it soaring higher, lifting more hearts, and blessing more lives every year.

As we announce and encourage Eagles Club enrollment and re-enrollment each year, many uplifting stories of lives lived with purpose come to us. One in particular that touched our hearts and minds came from Judy Lyden, a member of our global congregation in Hingham, Massachusetts. She wrote to say...

Four Generations of Eagles Club Members

SOAR HIGH!

Four generations of Hour of Power friends and supporters — Judy Lyden (center), holding her granddaughter, her daughter (right), and mom, Warrena (left).



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MONTHLY NEWS FOR Hour of Power SPIRITUAL SHAREHOLDERS AND FRIENDS

My mother, Warrena Richard, passed away on September 10th from a rare form of cancer with her family and friends at her side. Your program that day, in remembrance of September 11th, with your message of strength and hope, was especially meaningful to all of us.

My mom never missed the Hour of Power, even in her final hours. She especially loved listening to Roger Williams. His talent reminded her of my dad (see sidebar pg. 2), who was the cathedral organist in Worcester, Massachusetts, for much of his career.

My mother spent much of her time devoted to the causes she believed in. She was a 47-year grateful member of Al-Anon, a former executive director of the Worcester County Council on Alcoholism, an ombudsman for the Worcester Elder Services, and a volunteer for groups too numerous to list. She was the ultimate "social worker."

I often thought, "How does she do it all?" Yet, I knew the answer. She trusted! She always did what your messages say to do — she read her Bible, and, above all, she trusted that God would carry her through anything. My mother's life soared with possibilities, and she had the strength of an eagle!

She remembered your ministry in her will, and I would like to continue the support my mother gave to you, to the best of my ability. My hope is that your message will continue to carry from generation to generation.

We hope and pray that stories like that of Judy and her mother Warrena will inspire you to become an Eagles Club member in 2007. Generous Eagles Club donations provide nearly 30% of the yearly operating budget of the Hour of Power.

Each Eagles Club member pledges \$600 a year, or 12 monthly gifts of \$50 each. Golden Eagles Club members pledge \$1,200 a year, or 12 monthly gifts of \$100.

To thank you for your 2007 Eagles Club gift or pledge,

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Dr. Schuller's Big Dream for China

By David Rathbun, Director, The Robert Schuller Institute for Possibility Thinking, Beijing, China

For twelve days during late October and early November 2006, Founding Pastor Dr. Robert H. Schuller and Mrs. Arvella Schuller were a part of God's BIG dream for the Chinese mainland. Dr. Schuller was at his best, with BIG "possibility thinking" ideas in his meetings with the top leaders of the Chinese government and the boys and girls performing in the China Disabled People's Performing Art Troupe. To thousands of Chinese from all walks of life attending overflow church

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I'd like to say that Christians are immune to the wear and tear of living in this troubled world. I'd like to say that our spirits aren't fragile. But this, of course, is not so. However, we do have a chance to make this "wear and tear" a source of strength, and a layering of spiritual toughness that belies the tender spirit that dwells and flourishes within us.



The wise prophet Isaiah gave us tried and true principles to help us renew our fragile spirits in the Bible verse Isaiah 40:31, which is also our Eagles Club Bible verse.

"Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up on wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint."

Eagle Strength for the Fragile Spirit

These principles are to:

- Speak comfort to renew yourself and others.
- Forgive and give double pardon to those who harm you.
- Generate the peace that makes your crooked places straight.
- Believe in God and the fact that He is in control.
- Trust the One who measures the waters in the palm of His hand.
- Test God who neither faints nor is weary.
- Wait on the Lord so that you can "run and not be weary, walk and not faint."

The *Hour of Power* lifts and strengthens you by reinforcing these tried and true principles with our possibility-filled message every week.

This month, I want to thank all of our faithful Eagles Club members. It is because of your generous gifts that it is possible for the *Hour of Power* to keep on encouraging and lifting people like you to rise up on wings as eagles!

ROBERT ANTHONY SCHULLER

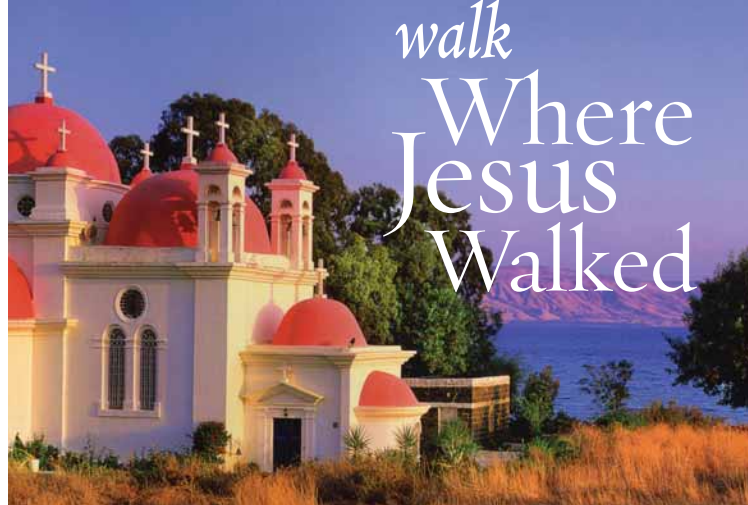
"WE ARE PLANNING TO HAVE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE from around the world — the United States, Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, Australia, New Zealand, and other countries — join us to 'Walk Where Jesus Walked.' We'll visit the actual places where He was born, lived His life, performed His miracles, died on the cross, and rose from the dead," says Robert Anthony Schuller as he announces the Crystal Cathedral "Walk Where Jesus Walked" pilgrimage to take place next October.

This is the pilgrimage that many Christians desire to make — sometimes for a lifetime — knowing that it fosters faith, strengthens hope, builds relationships, and encourages people to grow in their devotion to our Savior, Jesus Christ.

"It is the ultimate, positive, enriching experience for your faith," Rev. Schuller says. "This is one of the most important places

Join Robert and Donna Schuller for the trip of a lifetime as you...

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for Christians to worship God and a great way to connect in the Holy Land with other Possibility Thinking Christians who are members of our global church-without-walls congregation," Rev. Schuller added.

You will have no better guide than Robert Anthony Schuller, who has led more than 30 pilgrimages to the Holy Land. This will be his first since becoming Senior Pastor of the Crystal Cathedral last year.

Come and share this incredible spiritual experience of a lifetime with Robert and Donna Schuller and hundreds of Crystal Cathedral and *Hour of Power* friends. Experience an amazing ten days of warm fellowship, spiritual enrichment, and untold excitement as we "Walk Where Jesus Walked." Your heart will be touched. Your soul will be

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Robert Anthony Schuller will send you the stunning 2007 Eagles Club crystal bowl. Etched along its shimmering rim is the scripture, Isaiah 40:31:

"Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up on wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint."

The glistening 2007 Eagles Club crystal bowl.



This is Judy Lyden's favorite photo with her late mother, Warrena. It was taken when Judy was six years old.

"My mother's life soared with possibilities, and she had the strength of an eagle!"

Crystal Cathedral Family Connection...

Judy Lyden's father, Luke H. Richard, Jr., was a former President of the American Guild of Organists and a friend of the legendary organist Virgil Fox.

Providing leadership in the development of Crystal Cathedral's 17,000-pipe Hazel Wright Organ, Mr. Fox designed a console large enough to hold the five pipe organs that were combined to form one grand instrument. Mr. Fox, who died in 1980 before the organ was dedicated in May 1982, was honored at the Crystal Cathedral for his important contribution to this ministry during one of three memorial services that were held for this significant and talented man. ■

BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL

Gene Ruecker: Sharing time, treasure, and talent to serve God.



Gene Ruecker, with his wife, Linda, and his mother, Irene.

“Come on, let’s go to this wonderful new church,” were the words from a friend that led Gene Ruecker to the Crystal Cathedral in 1981. “I had grown up in a Christian family, but until my first time at the just-dedicated

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Crystal Cathedral, I had not formed a personal relationship with Christ,” Gene remembers, “and I felt it that day.”

Gene says that, on that first visit, he heard the call to audition for the new *Hour of Power* Orchestra that Johnnie Carl was organizing. This led the college music major to audition. “And I had not played the trumpet since college, so I used a student model trumpet to audition for Johnnie Carl,” Gene recalls.

Gene has a long history of volunteering at the Crystal Cathedral. Most Sundays for the last 25 years, his music has made the hearts of millions watching the *Hour of Power*

around the world soar with joy.

“Dr. Schuller’s messages on tithing inspired me to give my time and talent,” he says. “I truly wanted to contribute my 10%, but I was far from it at the time. So I made it up by donating time and talent to the church.”

In 1990, Gene volunteered to start a band program for the children of the Crystal Cathedral Academy. He served as the volunteer band director for five years, until the enrollment in the band was high enough to allow the Academy to hire a permanent instructor. The program is still going strong. Gene is also the President of the Crystal Cathedral Academy School Board.

“What Gene has given this ministry is beyond the call of duty, helping with the orchestra and other areas of the ministry. He is such a loving person and has a giving, uniting soul,” Arvella Schuller says.

Though recently retired from serving as a weekly volunteer trumpeter, Gene fondly recalls his most memorable times playing with the

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDING PASTOR

Yes, in this month of February with its Valentine hearts of love, the *Hour of Power* offers our 2007 Eagles Club enrollment. Let me share a few love lessons from the eagle.



1. The eagle is known as a noble bird, and true love must be a noble quality that rises above the popular definition of love, which is so temporary and shallow. Yes, true love must be noble.

2. The eagle is the symbol of strength and power. I remember fishing in the cool waters of a Canadian river, and as I sat in a small boat with my fishing pole in the water, high above me an eagle circled the sky, and then swooped down. I saw a huge splash and admired how the eagle flew away with a large salmon held firmly in his strong talons. Wow! What strength and power.

Like the eagle, true love gives tremendous power and strength. Solomon writes, “Love is as strong as death...many waters cannot quench love” (Song of Solomon 6-7). True love is noble with tremendous power and strength. How society longs for this kind of strong love.

3. Researchers have discovered that the eagle mates for life with fidelity to its mate and its nest. What a lesson for us. We are intelligent, educated humans, yet our divorce rate is nearing the rate of new marriages. Committed love is becoming ignored or forgotten, even among Christian believers. For 56 years, Arvella and I can attest to the joy of committed love and fidelity to each other, our home, and family. What a lesson God teaches us through the eagle.

4. The eagle is unsurpassed for its extraordinary vision, seeing long distances. It can focus in stereoscope, forward and to the side at the same time. And the eagle’s eye is never shut. It sees even as the eye blinks. How like God who never sleeps, whose eye is never shut. We have an all-loving God who sees all our fears, our doubts, and yes, our sins. We are transparent before Him, and His love endures forever.

Therefore, we offer you our Eagles Club gift this month, the crystal bowl, a transparent symbol of noble love and strong commitment. May God grant true love in all our living, in our marriages and families, and in our relationship with a loving God.

“Now abide faith, hope and love, and the greatest is love”
(I Corinthians 13:13).

ROBERT H. SCHULLER



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services in both Beijing and Nanjing, and to aspiring young ministers at the newly reopened Nanjing Union Theological Seminary, Dr. Schuller brought his message of a “smiling” Jesus. God is at work in China, as the message of Jesus Christ goes out across China through the power of the Holy Spirit and the prayers of those who love the Lord.

Dr. Schuller’s untiring energy at the age of 80 and his God-inspired possibility thinking and priceless wisdom sometimes surprised, and possibly even shocked, the Chinese church and government leaders.

In her meeting with Dr. Schuller at the



Great Hall of the People, the Honorable Liu Yandong (above), Vice Chairwoman of the 10th National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), said that, “According to Chinese wisdom, Dr. Schuller still has at least another

20 productive years of work left before he should retire.” So, Dr. Schuller’s recent visit to China is likely just a preview of coming attractions.

As he said goodbye, Dr. Schuller said to me, “David, have faith, focus, and follow through. God’s dream for China is coming true through you.” With tears in my eyes, I thank God for this big challenging dream.

MORE ON CHINA... Dr. and Mrs. Schuller’s China trip ended in Hong Kong, where Dr. Schuller spoke to thousands of energetic young leaders at three large seminars. He also met with the *Hour of Power* Hong Kong Board of Directors and received the welcomed news that Hong Kong’s *Hour of Power* is now self-supporting. ■

Let Love Lift You Up!

Dear Sheila,

My wife and I are celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary on Valentine's Day. Our marriage has been without any major troubles. We get along fine, but over the years we have grown apart. Now, I find myself facing our upcoming anniversary and, as our daughters plan a family celebration, rather than feeling happy about it, I am dreading it. Try as I might, I can't seem to feel the love I once felt for my wife.

Can you help me?

Loveless in Miami



Ask Sheila

When you married your wife, you made a lifelong commitment to love and to cherish her. It sounds like you have a strong foundation for a terrific marriage. You don't complain about her nagging you. You don't indicate that there has been infidelity or issues with drugs or alcohol. So, you have everything going for you and your marriage.

You might want to ask yourself what were the things you used to do together that brought you closer in mind and heart. Whatever they are, pray and ask God to help inspire you two to start doing those things again as you begin your next 25 years together with a renewed commitment to your relationship.

I would also suggest that you make a list of all the qualities you love about your wife. Read the list, and thank God for all those endearing traits. Make a commitment that you will not let one day go by without affirming her and thanking God for her.

I commend you for your faithfulness. I pray you'll have a wonderful life together. And, happy anniversary!

Sheila

Dear Loveless,

The feelings of love do change over time. Don't be misled by the slippery slope of measuring the health of a relationship based on feelings. My father has always said, "Love is a decision, not a feeling."

"...your prayers...lifted me when I was down."

My husband Eddie died last September. Thank you for your prayers. They truly lifted me when I was down and helped me carry on these last terrible months of his illness. I know God picked that day for our name to come up for a call from you. I will always remember how God used the Crystal Cathedral Ministries to comfort us, and I will continue to support you as an Eagles Club member.

Theresa Durden, Joplin, Missouri

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Hour of Power Orchestra: the Roger Williams wedding in 1986, and every guest appearance by Roger Williams, James Galway, Daniel Rodriguez, and the world-recognized Canadian Brass.

Gene is not the only member of his family volunteering at the Crystal Cathedral. His 90-year-old mother, Irene, became a member of the Crystal Cathedral shortly after Gene joined in 1981, and she's been a member of the "greeting ministry" ever since. Irene has almost recovered from a stroke she suffered on October 31, 2006, and she expects to be back at her post, greeting churchgoers on Sunday mornings very soon.

"It's been fun and inspiring to give of my time and talent to the Crystal Cathedral these past 25 years," Gene says. "And although I'm officially retired, I will return to play the trumpet during special events and concerts, and to fill in whenever I'm needed. The Crystal Cathedral will always be an important part of my life!" ■

"...keep refueling us."

I found you in 1980, when I heard your father say on TV, "Tough times never last, but tough people do!" You saved my life then, and I have supported and watched the Hour of Power ever since.

SALLY BATES,
Toledo, Ohio

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