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### March 2021 Newsletter

#### **THE ARTS:**

**LET'S START THE NEWSLETTER WITH SOME SMILES!**

### **“We’ll Take a Glass Together”** *From the Musical Grand Hotel*

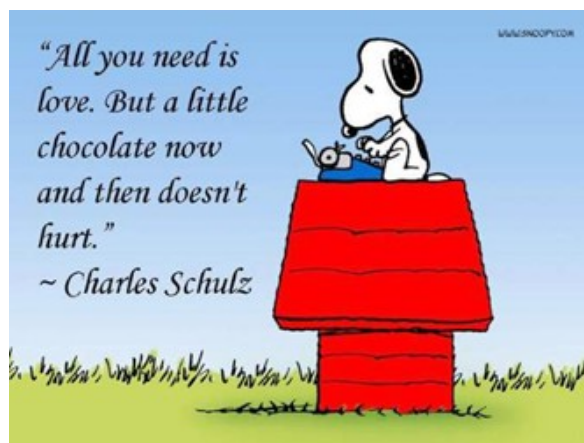


Click on the link below to enjoy a rousing, joyful, and hope-filled 3 minute video :

[Broadway's Lost Treasures - Grand Hotel - Bing video](#)

### **Cartoons Are Artwork As Well** **Take the time to look at these gems of wisdom from good old Charles Schultz**

“Peanuts” was developed by Charles M. Schulz and ran for nearly 50 years. It was published in 2,600 newspapers, 75 countries and 21 languages.



A PDF of more Peanuts cartoons is attached to this newsletter:

<https://hopefromthebottomup.com/sites/default/files/inline-files/peanuts%20wisdom.pdf>

# A POEM BY CLARA THURSTON

## The Candle

A candle is but a simple thing,  
It starts with just a bit of string.  
Yet dipped and dipped with patient hand,  
It gathers wax upon the strand.  
Until complete and snowy white,  
It gives at last a lovely light.  
Life seems so like that bit of string;  
Each deed we do, a simple thing.  
Yet, day by day, if on life's strand,  
We work with patient heart and hand,  
It gathers joy, Makes dark days bright,  
And gives at last a lovely light.

**HOPE SURVEY ABOUT THE FUTURE:** In the February Newsletter, the January survey responses were totaled and ranked as follows. The Hope From the Bottom Up website will respond to those priorities in the "Future" section of the website.

### Group Priority Rank

**#1 Priority Family well-Being:** Living Wage, Family Friendly Workplace, Food Security, Affordable Housing, Educational Opportunities

**#2 Priority Racism, Sexism, & Rights:** Civil Rights, Women's Rights, Gender Rights, Immigrant Rights

**#3 Priority The Economy:** More Equitable Distribution of Wealth, New and Better Economic Measuring Systems, Human Growth & Development Economy vs. Consumer Economy

**#4 Priority Health Care:** For All Americans, More Cost-Effective Healthcare System, Public Health Preparedness

**#5 Priority Environment:** Sustainability, Global Warming, Environmental Repair

**#6 Priority Democracy 2.0:** Voting Rights, Voting Turnout, Voter Suppression, Campaign Financing, Civic Education, Foreign Interference in U.S. Elections

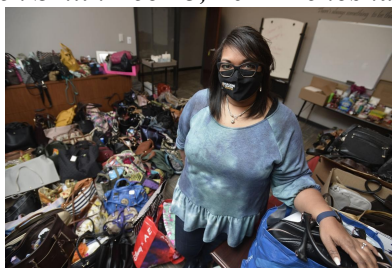
**#7 Priority Big Data:** Corporate Knowledge About All Of Us, Untruthful Information; Conspiracy Theories; Cyber Bullying and Attacks

To read more survey results and analysis go to: <https://hopefromthebottomup.com/hope-survey-about-future>

### STORIES OF HOPE:

## Purses for a Purpose program at Shalom Center exceeds expectations

*Deneen Smith Feb 13, 2021 Kenosha News*



*Tamarra Coleman's office at the Shalom Center in Kenosha is lined with purses filled with supplies.*

KENOSHA — When Tamarra Coleman, executive director of the Shalom Center, organized a “Purses for a Purpose” drive for Valentine’s Day she hoped to collect about 75 purses filled with toiletries for women in need. Coleman had done the drive before back in 2019, collecting new and gently used purses filled with toiletries, candy and inspirational notes, that year drawing largely on friends and family for donations.

“This year, I vowed to do it again and so the planning began. I simply asked my family and friends again to donate with a hope of collecting 75 purses, but, this year, it went viral and I had random ladies donating purses from all over the community, from Racine and even Lake County. It was pretty amazing,” Coleman said in an email. “KUSD even got involved and the young ladies who are a part of the African American Female Initiative (AAFI) from Bullen, ITA, Bradford and Tremper donated 200 purses and each school group made Valentine’s bags as well.”

Coleman said about 500 purses were donated in all, each purse packed with “all types of ladies items from lipstick, jewelry, nail polish, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, socks.”

Women in Shalom Center programs were able to choose a purse on Friday. “The goal was to allow women to pick a purse of their choice and show a little extra love,” Coleman said. To read more, click on this link: [Purses for a Purpose program at Shalom Center exceeds expectations | Local News | kenoshanews.com](https://www.kenoshanews.com/news/local/purses-for-a-purpose-program-at-shalom-center-exceeds-expectations)

## **Lots of Lasagna Love**

### **Volunteer home cooks deliver lasagnas to community**

*[Diana Panuncial Racine Journal Times, February 15, 2021](https://www.journaltimes.com/news/local/lots-of-lasagna-love-volunteer-home-cooks-deliver-lasagnas-to-community/article_cf8655f6-9359-59d0-9abd-e3d469fe4dcf.html)*



STURTEVANT, WI — A lasagna waits patiently in the oven.

It’s about 11 a.m. Sunday in Frances Kis’ quaint kitchen in Sturtevant, where the lasagna — which she’s put a few hours of her week into making — is cooking to perfection.

At noon, Kis will wrap it up and deliver it to a family of four in Mount Pleasant to have on Valentine’s Day.

“Just gotta let it broil for a bit longer,” said Kis — who is an avid believer in letting the sauce simmer for a few hours to bring out the flavor in the whole lasagna — as she set the oven.

This is the premise of Lasagna Love, a nationwide movement to deliver homemade lasagnas to members of local communities in order to spread kindness, show support and feed a neighbor. To Read more, click on this link: [https://journaltimes.com/news/local/lots-of-lasagna-love-volunteer-home-cooks-deliver-lasagnas-to-community/article\\_cf8655f6-9359-59d0-9abd-e3d469fe4dcf.html](https://journaltimes.com/news/local/lots-of-lasagna-love-volunteer-home-cooks-deliver-lasagnas-to-community/article_cf8655f6-9359-59d0-9abd-e3d469fe4dcf.html)

## Gen Z's surprising optimism should give the rest of us hope



*Activists at the Youth Climate Strike march in downtown Los Angeles on Nov. 1, 2019.*  
(Brian van der Brug/Los Angeles Times)

By Samuel J. Abrams Jan. 30, 2021 4 AM PT

It would be completely understandable if those in Gen Z — America's youngest generation whose oldest members are now in college — were totally turned off from politics. As a politics professor myself, I have spent countless hours with hundreds of undergraduates from around the nation trying to help them understand a chaotic Trump administration, which has operated in an era of deep polarization.

Over the past four years, these older Gen Zers, ages 18-23, have experienced a constant assault on political and democratic norms and have faced crises America hasn't seen in generations — including a global pandemic, an extreme economic downturn, xenophobia, violence in our cities, the onslaught of climate change and Donald Trump's attack on our electoral system.

Yet despite these tumultuous events, my students have remained remarkably positive on politics and the future of the nation. They thrive in a world of differences, and seem to genuinely welcome a diversity of ideas, seek empathetic leadership and are interested in serving their communities. It also appears that Gen Zers, having deeply embraced technology, feel empowered by using those tools in forming new political movements. To read the full article, click on this link: [Gen Z's surprising optimism should give the rest of us hope - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](https://www.latimes.com/gen-z-surprising-optimism-should-give-the-rest-of-us-hope)

### How a Young Activist Is Helping Pope Francis Battle Climate Change



Molly Burhans wants the Catholic Church to put its assets—which include farms, forests, oil wells, and millions of acres of land—to better use. But first, she has to map them.

By [David Owen](#), February 1, 2021, *New Yorker Magazine*

In the summer of 2016, Molly Burhans, a twenty-six-year-old cartographer and environmentalist from Connecticut, spoke at a Catholic conference in Nairobi, and she took advantage of her modest travel stipend to book her return trip through Rome.

When she arrived, she got a room in the cheapest youth hostel she could find, and began sending e-mails to Vatican officials, asking if they'd be willing to meet with her. She wanted to discuss a project she'd been working on for months: documenting the global landholdings of the Catholic Church. To her surprise, she received an appointment in the office of the Secretariat of State...Burhans has been a deeply committed Catholic since she was twenty-one. For a year or two, when she was in college, she considered becoming a nun. Later, though, as she grew increasingly concerned about climate change, her ambitions broadened, and she began to think of ways in which the Catholic Church could be mobilized as a global environmental force.

"There are 1.2 billion Catholics," she told me. "If the Church were a country, it would be the third most populous, after China and India." The Church, furthermore, is probably the world's largest non-state landowner. The assets of the Holy See, combined with those of parishes, dioceses, and religious orders, include not just cathedrals, convents, and Michelangelo's Pietà but also farms, forests, and, by some estimates, nearly two hundred million acres of land, Burhans concluded that the Church had the means to address climate issues directly, through better land management, and that it was also capable of protecting populations that were especially vulnerable to the consequences of global warming. To read more, click on this link: <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2021/02/08/how-a-young-activist-is-helping-pope-francis-battle-climate-change>

## **THE FUTURE:**

## **FAMILY WELL-BEING: PRIORITY #1**

### **Opportunities, Choices, and Hope**

It is not surprising to me that Family Well-Being is the highest priority of most people who took our survey.

I have worked with thousands of people around the country. When I listen to and work with them to define goals for themselves, their businesses, and/or their communities, their hopes and goals are most frequently built around what is good for themselves and their families.

What they fear most is that they can be negatively impacted by the lack of opportunities and choices for themselves and their families.

You can read more about some hope-filled and positive ideas and steps we can take to achieve a higher level of Family Well-Being in the attached Word document or at the Hope From the Bottom Up website: <https://hopefromthebottomup.com/future>

## **Share this Newsletter!**

If you find this Newsletter to be a positive contribution to promote Hope and positive changes for now and in the future, please consider forwarding this Newsletter to people you think would enjoy it and who may want to share their hopeful stories and programs for future Newsletters.

**Thank You**