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President's Message

I would like to relate a true story of unexpected snow and the kindness of strangers as told to me by one of our members, Patrice De Haven.

Having attended a seminar at the Thomas Balch Library in Leesburg, she was leaving and discovered she had no car keys and was surprised to find herself in the first significant snow of the year. Obviously she checked all possible places for misplaced keys, which included some digging around in the snow. She was rescued by one of the directors of the organization that ran the seminar. She willingly volunteered to drive Patrice to her home in Sterling to get the spare set of car keys. She also took her back to her parked car in Leesburg. Patrice calls her Angel #1. As Patrice begins to clear off her snow covered vehicle, she notices that there is tow truck coming along to tow away cars parked on the emergency snow route. 5 minutes more and she would have found her car impounded. While finally driving home, Patrice realizes that the rest of the day very long driveway out of town). How-
Angels among us ever, again, she was surprised when she pulled up that her driveway was cleared. Patrice dubbed the snow removing neighbor Angel #2.

So Patrice sets about thanking her two angels, making chocolate chip cookies and hot chocolate for her driveway angel and preparing a dinner for her chauffeur angel.

About 4 weeks later, she received a call from the library. A Good Samaritan had turned in the lost keys, and that became Patrice's Angel #3. The interesting thing is that the call came from the Rust satellite library, NOT the Thomas Balch Library where she had attended the seminar and lost them. The snow plow had taken her keys on a trip through Leesburg and they ended up in the gutter in front of one of the churches. Since they had a library card on them, the Samaritan took them to the Rust Library. The library scanned them and discovered to whom they belonged.

There are some kind folks out there in Loudoun County!

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