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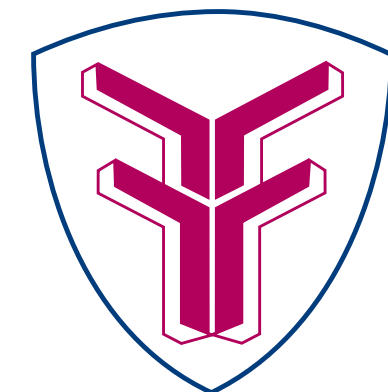
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**Beryl Armstrong
December 2008**

The year is quickly on the wane; the days speed past. So many minutes and hours gone - not one second to be retrieved and better spent! So much work done and so much still to do:

- Being of service to doctors and hospital staff
- Focusing on the needs of patients
- Communicating clear instructions
- Providing facts to assist in decision-making
- Solving problems and facing challenges
- Compiling reports and gathering data
- Interacting with colleagues
- Making meaningful contribution to discussions
- Meeting deadlines and fulfilling responsibilities
- Distributing information
- Appreciating the efforts of subordinates

And so on...all the days of our lives...

But what about the remains of the day?

At Day's End
A poem by John Hall

Is anybody happier because you passed his way?
Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?
The day is almost over, and its toiling time is through.
Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you?

Can you say tonight, in parting with the day that's slipping past,
That you helped a single brother of the many that you passed?
Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said?
Does the man whose hopes were fading, now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day or lose it - was it well or sorely spent?
Did you leave a trail of kindness or a scar of discontent?
As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think that God will say,
'You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today'?

***Wishing all AFSBT members and their families
a joyful and peaceful festive season
and health, happiness and success in 2009.***

