

Season's Greetings from the "World Headquarters"

As my 2012 "sabbatical" draws to a close, I wish to thank each and every one for your encouragement and support during this spirit-filled year of writing and renewal. Through your e-mails and telephone calls, you have kept me informed of the countless miracles of recovery within your local communities. You have told me about the growth of the Beginners' Meetings in your areas and the lives that have been saved by taking people through the Steps "quickly and often." Yes, you are making a difference.

2012 has been a physical challenge. For three months, I experienced fatigue, confusion, vertigo and short-term memory loss. After several doctor visits and consultations, I was finally diagnosed with pernicious anemia and started on Vitamin B-12 injections. After a couple of weeks I felt better and within a month my symptoms disappeared. Since then, I've been getting B-12 shots regularly.

2012 has also been a financial challenge. At mid-year, the VA significantly reduced my benefits. Since then, I have been, once again, accepting donations when I travel. In the 1930's, this was called "living on faith and prayer."

To test my health and endurance, I visited the Pacific Northwest in September and conducted five mini-workshops in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. My expenses were covered "by the basket."

On September 22nd, I did a Back to Basics radio interview for the Dr. Carol Show in Austin, TX. To listen to the one-hour broadcast go to:
http://www.drkarolshow.com/DailyShows/Dr_Carol_Show_Sep_22_Hr_1.mp3

I have been working on the ***Back to the Basics of Sponsorship*** workbook and my ***Divine Appointments*** autobiography. Health permitting, they will be out next year.

The ***Back to Basics-101*** DVD continues to grow in popularity. This 74 minute "Introduction to the Twelve Steps" was produced at the PBS studios in Tucson, AZ and funded by donations from the recovery community.

Again, I thank everyone who has helped us with our lifesaving efforts this year. "May God bless you and keep you" in the sunlight of the Spirit.

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