

# 2016 Holiday Greeting from the Back to Basics "Team"

I am most grateful for the opportunity to share the miracle of recovery with so many of you this past year, whether in person, or by e-mail, telephone, text, or letter. I know that each of you is doing your part to ensure that lives continue to be saved by presenting the "original" Twelve-step program to those in need.

This year I started conducting seminars based on my new book, ***Back to the Basics of Recovery***, a 2016, all addictions, gender neutral version of ***Back to Basics***. I also started presenting a seminar titled, ***The Four Spiritual Activities***, based on the way Bill W., Dr. Bob, and the "first one hundred" took the Steps before the "Big Book" was written. I now present nineteen different seminars and workshops. They are listed on the [http:// www.aabacktobasics.org](http://www.aabacktobasics.org) website.

This year I presented seminars or workshops in the following cities: Boca Raton, FL; West Palm Beach, FL; Lubbock, TX; Scottsdale, AZ; Mesa, AZ; Lansing, MI; Muskegon, MI; Auburn, IN; Fort Wayne, IN; Tucson, AZ; New Haven, CT; Nantucket Island, MA; North Kingston, RI; Worcester, MA; Samsø Island, Denmark; Berlin, Germany; London, England; Portsmouth, England; Palm Desert, CA; Truckee (Lake Tahoe), CA; Seattle, WA; Aberdeen, WA; Astoria, OR; Kennewick, WA; Lake Oswego, OR; Poway, CA; Chula Vista, CA; Costa Mesa, CA; Laguna Hills, CA; Los Angeles, CA; Malibu, CA; Pacific Palisades, CA; Philadelphia, PA; Wernersville, PA; Parkville, MD; Havre de Grace, MD; Baltimore, MD; Timonium, MD; Pittsburgh, PA; Youngstown, OH; and Akron, OH.

I wish to thank all of the host committees, event organizers and planners, audio/visual personnel, caterers, front line volunteers, and behind-the-scenes "worker bees" who made these forty two events such a powerful, effective, and life-changing experience for the many thousands of attendees.

In addition to the events for various Twelve-step communities, I held seminars or workshops at: the Hanley Center at Origins, the Center for Collegiate Recovery, The Meadows, The Mesa House, Serenity House, the Association of Recovering Motorcyclists (A.R.M.), the Recovery in Motion Treatment Center, Tucson Transitional Living, the Nantucket Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (A.S.A.P.), Adcare-Rhode Island, Adcare Hospital-Worcester, the Center for Spiritual Living-Seattle, Sunspire Health-Astoria, Northbound Treatment Services, Beit T'Shuvah, Treatment Professionals in Alumni Services (T.P.A.S.), The Haven at College-Drexel, Caron-Pennsylvania, Ashley Addiction Treatment, Gaudenzia Weinberg Center, and The Salvation Army.

At this time, all available weekends in 2017 are booked. So, in order to carry our life-saving message to those who are not able to attend a seminar or workshop, I am going to produce a series of DVD's on various aspects of the recovery process. Filming will start in January.

Time and finances permitting, I will also release two books in 2017: ***Back to the Basics of Sponsorship*** and ***Divine Appointments*** (the Wally P. recovery story). I am most appreciative to all who have contributed time, energy, or money to help us continue our recovery efforts. Your generosity has done so much to help so many.

Best wishes for a spirit-filled holiday season.

Wally P. and the "Back to Basics "team"