

THE ALCOHOLIC FOUNDATION

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS — ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

P. O. BOX 459

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GRAND CENTRAL ANNEX

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NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

January 1949

TO AAs EVERYWHERE

This was a wonderful holiday season for General Headquarters -- not only did we have a traditional "White Christmas", but we were also snowed under with thousands of thoughtful and beautiful cards, telling of your good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

We wish we might write each and every one of you a personal "Thank You" for these warm greetings which brought us a feeling of oneness from AA the world over. Our cards included those in many languages, and they reminded us that Alcoholics Anonymous is universal and that we of AA have bridged the man-made difficulties of geography and language.

Ann, Virginia and I join together in thanking you for your holiday greetings. You were in our thoughts many times, and we toasted our tens of thousands of AA members at midnight December 31st with our usual coffee and cocoa-cola.

May 1949 bring all of you happiness -- and something better -- Peace of Mind; may it bring to our groups many new members who will enjoy our way of life, and may it bring each and every one of us a little more progress in our daily application of the "12 Steps".

Bobie

FROM BILL

Lois and I wish to extend our warmest thanks to those hundreds of friends who sent their cards and remembrances at Christmas. These tokens of affection mean much; we wish it were possible to respond personally to each one.

And, to everyone, best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Bill



CHRISTMAS GREETING

To nearly everyone Christmas brings thoughts of warm ties to be renewed, gifts to be given and received. Fresh and wondrous is the vision of Him who shines down the centuries to all who will look up and behold.

To us of AA, the Christmas experience is sure to be doubly meaningful. We know ties more precious than any we had dreamed; we have received the gift of life itself and may freely pass that on; each of us has seen and felt a redeeming radiance which he knows to be the Grace of God. What more could we ask; what more could we receive?

Yes, it's a Merry Christmas -- a Merry Christmas indeed!

The Trustees, the Grapeviners, Dr. Bob, Anne, Bobbie, Lois and I wish you the happiest of New Years --

As ever,

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Christmas 1950

Dear AAs:

This is the fifteenth Christmas for A.A. Never have we had so much cause for gratitude; never has Providence been so generous. The gift of a new life has been granted 20,000 more of us in 1950; the opportunities to become givers in turn, as well as receivers, have been limitless. Happy Noel, indeed!

Lois and I join with all who serve here at the Foundation to wish each of you every joy of this precious season.

Devotedly

Bill

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