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DECEMBER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Seems impossible that another year has come and gone already. Last year this time, we were all excited at the prospect of entering a new decade, all troubled by the Iranian crisis, and trying very hard to balance our budgets under the ever-changing inflation rates. This year the decade is not quite so shiny new, the Iranian crisis (at the time of this writing) is still unresolved, inflation has not slowed noticeably, government will shortly be making some real changes, the outcome of which, good or bad, we cannot at this time reliably foresee; and yet, somehow, we are still all healthy, reasonably secure and happy and singing Silver Bells with as much gusto as ever!

The human experience is definitely a magical thing. It allows us to continue in good faith and cheer no matter what we are presently enduring on the various levels of our life. To me, that is the "Spirit of Christmas". If at no other time of year, every December we allow all that is good in us to take top billing. We give generously and unselfishly, delight in the slightest and most insignificant of things, and busy ourselves with the living of life and not the contemplation of its failings. Maybe that's the reason for that large feeling of letdown we often experience in early January--we allow ourselves to lose that "goodwill to all men" outlook and begin once again to worry about what is wrong in our world instead of enjoying what is right.

One of the things that is right in my world is my involvement with ISAMETD. Once again, I am using the newsletter to say how much the organization and all of you who are part and parcel of what it stands for mean to me. To all of you, those I know and those I am just beginning to know--a belated Happy Thanksgiving and may the coming holidays be as bright and shining for you as the glow from Rudolph's nose!

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