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Dear Helpmates, HPPY NEWE YEAR,

Starting a third trial at the newsletter. I am very upset that my fine motor use of my fingers is so poorly returning. Don't get old, and don't have a MILD stroke.

as usual, the first greeting came from Mary Ciccione. She always seems to e first, but not much news this year. Just a wish that I get my facilities back after the CVA. Didn't get that for Xmas, Mary, but thanks for the wish.

All the cards are in random order this year. As I requested, donations were not needed, and only a few were sent. The kitty is well, and I don't know how long I will be able to keep sending the newsletter.

The Wasilewski family sent wishes to all, John has been a great help to me in helping relatives of our former members try to search out a few facts about their dad's war service. Thanks so much, John. I know the inquiring folks appreciate the help, and you do it so much better than I would be able to get it done.

Leonard and Gertrude Leviton send regards but no news. I know he still remembers his leadership of our German band mels in Europe.

Herb and Betty Smith say HI to all, and sedn a note about things in their domain. They will Put up their house for sale, as they seldom get to use it. They miss Harvey terribly since his death, but life goes on—but at a slower pace. Family affairs go on well, and many good things continue to favor them. They are quite content.

Charlie Zimmer called just to say hello a while back, and sent greetings to all. Ruth continues with her medical problems, but life is good in general.

Irv Merrill sent a note with news that all goes well in California. He and avirginia have just passed their 65th weding anniversary, and Virginia says she is looking forward to "getting old". Hear hearing is not the best, and she tells Irv to stop shuffling across the floor.

The family is doing OK, and they honored the old folks with a reception on their anniversary, and followed that with a banquet at home.

Florence Podolsky sends greetings, but not much news. She lost our medic, Harry. last year

Betty Donaldson recently lost Mel, and is doing as well as could be expected. She does not believe she will go to Florida this year, even though she would like to see her friends there. She keeps in touch with hr former neighbors, the Ralcewiches.

Jeep and Jerry Reafeld send wishes, and hope things go well with everyone . No real news from the Rafelds. Things go well.

Bee Beck and Florida get along fine. All goes well there. She had tried to call me sometime in the past, but suspected I was on one of my trips. Surely so, because I am nearly always home—or at the Casino.

Pat sends greetings to all from she and

**Steve. All goes well n Peoria. The Entiles wish a happy holiday, and “God’s Peace” to all.**

**Clair Calledon thte 24th**

Helpmate rolls, so that she may receive the newsletter in the future. It will be done, Mugs.

I am going to close this issue. I hope to get an issue out every 2-4 months, so keep the news coming in. Happy spring to all.

As ever.

JB

P.S. Just heard from George Ralcewich on the 17th. He tells me that Mel Donaldson had a very slight stroke, and is in a hospital in Tampa. Seems to be doing well, and should go home soon. Good Luck, Mel. jb





