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Dear Paul,

Always glad to hear from you but I regret that it now is rarely possible to find time for a decent response. Edl fractured a hip in early November and has been in the hospital or a nursing home all but two weeks since then. She has had four major operations in three months of that period and was allowed to fall, which cause blood clots on the brain. They have been removed but she is not yet herself again. What she has survived is remarkable but for the past 10 days she has been in constant pain, hard pain. Right now she not only cannot walk, she can't even put her legs out of bed without assistance. What she has survived is remarkable but she has been and is having a very hard time. And it has not been easy for me. Thanks, and best,

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Februaru 10, 1999

Dear Harold,

I see that on May 14-16 the Humphrey Institute of the University of Minnesota is going to sponsor (host) a JFK conference. On the program is Judge John Tunheim (a Minnesota boy), John Newman, Dr. Gary Aguilar and other Dallas conference panelists. I have too much on my 1999 travel plate to even consider going to that, but, I saw George M. Evica on the program and that did it!!! That's like having the Easter bunny at an egg-laying contest!!!! Anyway, it looks a lot like a repeat of Lancer98!! I'll probably be going to Minnesota in July and again in November. The Institute is only a few minutes and a few miles from where I stay whern I'm "up" there.

I've gradually gotten straightened up on my problems since coming back to Florida. Mostly computer crap ^{over} "stuff" I never ordered!! I got so angry and upset over an overcharge (late charge) on a credit card bill!! They cashed, cleared and deposited a check before the deadline and wanted to charge me for being late!!! I accidentally broke my replacement beer glass over all of it, but, found a great "new" glass at the local flea market!!! It is a younster's fruit drink glass - not an infant's or child's!! It forms a barrel from the bottom to the middle and tapers down from there. If one does it just right, a 12-ounce can of beer dumps perfectly, forming a magnificent head without spilling a drop!! Juice must do the same for a kid!!! It's shape also makes it spin in a tight circle when it is tipped over!!!! It is made of very thick glass, but, would still break if it hit the tile. The tile never loses!!! It all is working well and the flavor is just great!! It has Micky and Minnie Mouse cavorting around it!!!!

I know your problems are much, much larger than a mere beer glass and I do hope both of you are gaining some ground. My dear departed mother who was a severe diabetic always said. "If you have your health you have a million dollars!!" She always cooked fine non-diabetic meals for the rest of the family. And No complaints. Ever!!

I just finished my Valentine's Day mailings - it is about the same as Christmas!!!! With 19 relatives in Minnesota - most of them under 12!! I have my hands full. Add to that my little Mexican friend in San Antonio and the babushka lady's daughter in Ranger, TX!! The Ranger girl I got to know at the various conferences. When she was an infant, her mother gave her a kidney at the University of Minnesota hospital and two years ago she got new kidneys and a liver plus a two year stay in Minnesota. You can see the connection. I take her a gift each year and remember Christmas and Valentine's Day!! The whole effort took about a day-and-a-half!!! As I already wrote to you, I do not like paying good money for a gift and then wrapping it like garbage!! In fact, I invest in a roll of filament tape for good measures! The postage for the batch was \$23.90 whch I do not mind. I am so glad I can do it!!

My very best to you both and hope as the days pass, you both are doing better!!!!

God bless,
Paul Haller

