

March 11, 1987

Dear Mr. Plumb:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Honorable Howard Baker
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Dear Mr. Baker:

It is with a tremendous sense of relief that I heard the announcement that you had dropped your bid for the Presidency and stepped in to straighten out a Presidency that was way off base. With your expertise and the integrity that you have there is no question that the ship of state will be back on course and not floundering. I have met you a number of times at various Republican functions and I have always held you in the highest esteem. I just wanted to tell you that the Republican Party in our area, of which my wife and I have been active for years, could not be any more pleased. You can count on us for any support that is needed.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Van Epps:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

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Honorable Howard H. Baker, Jr.,
Chief of Advisory Staff in the White House
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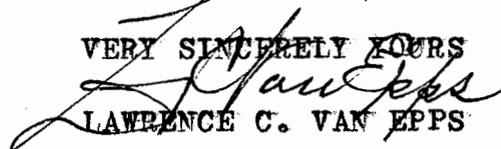
Dear Senator Baker:-

As a Republican party oldster of 86 years, and the owner of a type writer having been used for 35 years, take on the honorable pleasure of congratulating you in becoming our President's Chief of Staff.

His selection, in my judgment, most certainly has the support, and whole heartedly so, of the vast majority of the American citizens both here and abroad who truly believe in Good Government. Your recent appointment is, in itself, solid proof of our President's desire to now select the best, and nothing less.

Again, I sincerely congratulate you on your return to Washington and for the desire to properly serve with great distinction whenever or wherever the task might be.

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LAWRENCE C. VAN EPPS

March 11, 1987

Dear Mr. Bryce:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

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Feb 28, 1987

Dear Senator Baker,

In this darkest hour of the Reagan
Presidency I am sure you will help
the President all you can.

Sincerely,

T. Bryce

March 11, 1987

Dear Mrs. Gerkin:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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February 28-

Dear Mr. Baker

I feel like an old friend is back on the scene! My husband and I are so grateful that you are to be the Chief of Staff. It couldn't be in better hands. Like many many Americans we believe in President Reagan and his goals. But if he's gotten off the track a little bit, you are certainly the resourceful, unflappable diplomat to get things back on course.

We would have been pleased to have you as our

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President too, but evidently
the Lord had this plan
for you. And it's probably
even more important than
the Presidency.

God bless you -

Sincerely,
Margorie Gerkin

March 11, 1987

Dear Mrs. Ryan:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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want to tell you I
am pleased you accepted
the position of Chief
of Staff. I trust you.

Mary Ann Ryan

March 11, 1987

Dear Mrs. McLean:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Chief of Staff to the President

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MRS. DONALD MCLEAN
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Dear Senator Baker,
As a Tennessean, and a long-time
supporter, tonight I want you to
know that I am proud and pleased
that you accepted the call to help
our beleaguered President.

Please know I send you my
prayers and good wishes as you
accept your new position.

The situation in Washington
is grim, and great is your
task. You will be carrying a
heavy load, but one I pray will
be successful.

Sincerely,

Merrill D. McLean
(Mrs. Donald McLean)

27 February

March 11, 1987

Dear Mr. Stoner:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Senator Baker:

It is with considerable disappointment that I will not have an opportunity to work with you in your Presidential campaign. It is with a great sense of enthusiasm that I greet your decision to serve as Chief of Staff to the President. Your qualities of integrity, common sense, deep sense of duty and overriding commitment to the nation will, I believe, accomplish so many important and positive things that are on the Nation's agenda.

To help restore the credibility of the President and the Republican Party at this crucial time is paramount to every citizen, the country and our leadership around the world. I wish you the very best in this extremely challenging endeavor. You have my full confidence that you will be able to restore the credibility and leadership this administration deserves.

I want you to know that I am ready to serve you in any capacity and would be willing, if necessary, to leave my business for the balance of President Reagan's term to assist you in the challenge ahead, if this be your wish.

Most Sincerely



Thomas H. Stoner

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Dear Dr. Gardner:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Howard Baker
Chief of Staff
The White House
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Dear Senator Baker:

Congratulations to you on accepting the position of Chief of Staff. It took courage for you to assume this heavy responsibility at this particular time and you have demonstrated statesmanship in foregoing your bid for the presidency. May I state, however, that this experience as Chief of Staff, with the successful management that you will give it, may well cause your party to draft you for the nomination. I wish you the very best in the leadership that you will provide.

Sincerely,

E. Claude Gardner
President

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March 11, 1987

Dear Mr. Andrade:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
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Hon. Howard Baker
Chief of Staff
The White House
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Dear Senator Baker:

The Republican Heritage Groups Federation of New Jersey congratulates you on becoming the Chief of Staff at the White House.

We are confident that you will be able to bring back stability and order to the operations of the White House so that President Reagan can once again devote his full attention to the problems and challenges facing our nation.

We wish you well as you embark on your new duties.

Sincerely yours,



Dom Andrade
Chairman

March 11, 1987

Dear Mrs. Krueger:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Howard H. Baker Jr.,
Chief of Staff,
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Dear Mr. Baker,

May 9 of 1986 was such a very special day for my husband and me as we had the privilege of hearing you speak to us during the luncheon meeting of Mays Today, as you represented our Mays Foundation Board of Trustees. Then, we were especially pleased to visit with you, after lunch, in regard to our mutual friends, Archie and Nancy Dykes and their family, who are very dear friends here in Topeka.

Now, for us to have you as President Reagan's Chief of Staff brings more joy and consolation to us than you ever could imagine! Nancy and I have visited in regard to your acceptance of this most important position, and you would know that she and Archie, also, feel most pleased that you are now, directly, helping President Reagan.

My husband and I have always held you in highest esteem and we will continue to feel most grateful to know that your skills and talents will be of such inestimable value for the benefit of all of the American people. We send you our congratulations and very best wishes as you assume this most special position as Chief of Staff at the White House.

Sincerely,
E. J. W.

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March 11, 1987

Dear Mr. Gorland:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Mr. Baker -

President Reagan accepting
The suggestion of Mr. Layart to
select you to replace a very
negligent Donald Regan as
Chief of Staff is like a ray
of sunshine out of the storm.

Your reputation is im-
peccable from all sources
By hopefullly, your advice to the
president will set this Country
on a proper direction.

Good luck.

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With friends like them...

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The administration justifies a shift away from its pro-Iraq stance by citing Moscow's designs upon Iran, the largest country in the Gulf region. Its aim is to coax Iran back to the Western camp after the death of its leader, the 86-year-old Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

What Reagan and those around him fail to appreciate is that revolutionary Iran is defiantly allied neither with the West nor the East. It sees itself as a new and dynamic force, carrying the banner of Islam in world affairs. This perception is unlikely to change during the current regime, with or without Khomeini.

The White House seems to perceive Iran as just another Third World nation, but that would be a mistake. Unlike other Third World nations, Iran's primary goal is not economic development. Its goal is ideological and territorial expansion. In that sense, it is a classic imperial state. That is what its war against Iraq is all about.

Should Iraq fall, there is nothing — as long as Washington remains an impotent bystander — to prevent Iran from extending its control over the entire Gulf region. The feeble Gulf states by themselves have no way of stopping Iran's armies. Without unequivocal American support, they are unlikely even to try.

Make no mistake: Once Iran controlled the Gulf, it would become a major power — despite poverty and underdevelopment — promoting its dogma on an increasingly wider stage. It would have dominion over half the globe's oil reserves, which would mean for Western consumers a tripling of the oil price, to \$50 a barrel.

It would provide money, leadership and dynamism to fundamentalist movements throughout the Middle East. Directing local militias rather than its own army, Iran could transform the region into a satellite bloc, stamping out American influence completely.

The administration insists Iran has recently become "pragmatic" in its international relations. The evidence cited is the assurance Iran has offered its Gulf neighbors that it has given up its designs on them. Yet there is not a responsible political leader in the Gulf who believes it.

Reagan, however concerned he is about American hostages, has not grasped that hostage-taking is a weapon used to spread Iranian imperialism. As a candidate, Reagan ridiculed Jimmy Carter for tolerating the seizure of the American Embassy in Teheran in 1979, and he later boasted that he had enabled America to "stand tall" again. But by trading arms for captured Americans, he has played into Khomeini's hands, demonstrating the power of a regime unconstrained by the common strictures of morality.

Obsessed by Col. Moammar Gadhafi, who is at worst a pebble in America's shoe, Reagan has overlooked the real threat to American interests in the region. The administration keeps a huge battle fleet in the Eastern Mediterranean, ready to strike Libya or Lebanon, while in the Persian Gulf, which Iran would transform into a private lake, it deploys less power than is needed to safeguard the Hoboken ferry.

Since Reagan took office, Washington has spent nearly \$2 trillion for defense, emphasizing huge strategic weapons systems as a deterrent to the Soviet Union. But in the Persian Gulf, where the threat is equally real and far more immediate, the United States has neither the forces nor the will to deter an Iranian advance.

In a little-noted statement last month, Reagan condemned Iran's occupation of Iraqi territory. But his protest fell short. With ample reason, Iran is convinced the United States will do nothing to stop Iraq's defeat. This is an impression the Reagan administration must correct, or the United States and its allies may be sorry for generations to come.

(Viorst, a Middle East specialist, recently returned from a tour of the Persian Gulf region.)

March 11, 1987

Dear Reverend Works:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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March 2, 1987

The Honorable Howard Baker
White House
Washington, DC

Dear Senator Baker:

You may recall that we met briefly at the Sherman Adams/Loon Mountain dinner on May 3, 1986. You will recall that I am an Episcopal clergyman who works fulltime in the field of alcoholism and drug abuse. You were most supportive of my efforts and I will always cherish the few minutes that we had together in which you expressed genuine appreciation for what I have been able to accomplish in the past 35 years of work on a national level with the churches, synagogues and secular groups on alcoholism.

I was in New Hampshire last week and had lunch with U.S. Senator Warren Rudman's assistant, Fred Kocher and George Wilson, publisher, Concord Monitor. George is going to be installed as the President of the American Newspaper Publishers Association next month in Washington; Fred runs Warren's operation in New Hampshire.

We were all waiting with some anticipation of your decision to run for President and hoped to do what we could individually and corporately to support your efforts.

I appreciate more than most, perhaps, the sacrifice that you and Joy are making to help the Republic which desperately needs the skills and commitment to public service that you have. You both are in our prayers and thoughts and we will continue to keep you foremost in our devotional life as you continue to assume a heavy responsibility in the days and weeks and months ahead.

I do hope that sometime I will have the privilege to support you when you are ready to assume the responsibilities as President of the United States.

With kindest regards.

Faithfully yours,

David A. Works
David A. Works

"... an interfaith association for education on alcohol and other drug-related problems."

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Rev. David Works: he's seen the inside both of a jail cell and of a psychiatric ward. Now he helps alcoholics to recover.

The irreverent Rev. Works

By Richard H. Stewart
Globe Staff

He will tell you that he was a drunk — even if you didn't ask.

He wears his alcoholism like a badge.

He will volunteer that he has made a lot of enemies because of his aggressive personality, that he's seen the inside both of a jail cell and of a psychiatric ward.

While he is telling you all this, he is likely to use an occasional four-letter word, sometimes to emphasize a point but more often for its shock value.

Four-letter words tend to have extra shock value when uttered by David A. Works.

Rev. David A. Works wears his collar backward. He is an Episcopal clergyman.

But, as you might have guessed, he is not your average preacher. Nothing about Works is average. He defies all the accepted standards for clergy.

That Works ever got to be a clergyman seems ample evidence that the Lord moves in mysterious ways.

While a college student, Works was encouraged by a professor to enter the clergy.

Works protested: "Me? I was in the nut house. I'm a drunk. I'm profane. I'm impatient. I have no manners. I'm

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Irreverent Reverend wars on alcoholism

WORKS

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a Scotch-Irish Presbyterian."

He is the Irreverent Reverend. A drunk in his teens, Works' checkered history includes being expelled from two colleges (Bowdoin and the University of Chicago), and winding up in a Portland, Maine, jail cell after throwing an antagonist through a plate glass window.

He was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps after only nine months — including four months in a psychiatric ward as a result of alcohol — and was fired from a handful of jobs ranging from selling silk stockings door to door to what Works calls the lowliest of the low: demonstrating chemistry sets in a Chicago department store.

Eventually, he was allowed back into Bowdoin, where he'd been kicked out as a freshman for joining others in trashing the streets of Brunswick, Maine.

A clergyman's visit

Works by then had become loosely attached to the Episcopal Church after an Episcopal clergyman, the Rev. Victor Regan of Trinity Church in Portland, Maine, came to see him after his night in jail.

"He told me the most amazing thing I had ever heard in my life. He said, 'God loves you.'"

"How could God love me? I was a first-class pile of junk."

"He said, 'I have four services tomorrow. I'm all by myself. It's 3 o'clock in the morning, and I have no connection with you. You're not an Episcopalian. You're not one of my flock. If God didn't love you, I wouldn't be here.'"

It was several years later at Bowdoin, while contemplating whether to enter the seminary, that Works says he got an unequivocal answer.

It was the morning of April 1, 1945, and Works had taken an after-breakfast walk.

"Suddenly, a white light, like St. Paul's experience on the road to Damascus, drove me to the ground, and I laid there for maybe 20 minutes. It was very clear. The Lord spoke to me and told me to go to seminary."

A man who might have wound

up in some city's skid row. Works instead found his way to the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Va., where even then he was threatened with expulsion.

But Works — as much by the grace of God as by anything else — graduated and, after a sometimes volatile 12-year stint as a parish preacher at Christ Church in North Conway, N.H., in 1951 formed the North Conway Institute devoted to educating clergy of all faiths on the latest advancements in treatment of alcoholism.

The fact is it is not an "institute," and it hasn't been in North Conway since 1962. It's actually an office on Beacon Hill, where Works, its president, spends nearly every working minute on a telephone in tireless pursuit of support for his chosen mission: fighting alcoholism.

(The late Cardinal Richard Cushing prodded Works to bring his concern for alcoholism to Boston from New Hampshire in 1962, providing both personal and financial support for the work.)

Zeal exasperates some

Like many converts, Works wages his war on alcoholism with an unbridled enthusiasm that many, including some of the church hierarchy, find exasperating.

Works, now 65, admits to his excesses.

"I'm a loose cannon on the deck," he says. "I can walk into a room and have people there get mad at me. I'm dominating. I'm a Type A personality. I'm impatient. Those are all negative factors."

Retired Bishop Roger Blanchard of Missouri, who now lives in Boston, says of Works, "He goes after people, goes after them hard. Some of us love him not in spite of it, but even because of it."

Works has a legion of faithful supporters, including clergy of several faiths, some of whom have been helped by him in their own battles against alcohol.

"I try to bring clergy back into the life of the church," says Works. "There were about five guys in my class at seminary who either drank themselves to death or are drinking themselves to death."

"He's really at heart a fire-



Rev. David Works.

man," says the Rev. John E. Soleau of Concord. "He starts to salivate if there's a problem. He loves it. He'll spend two days with someone, fussing over family problems. It's a very unusual ministry that is not understood by many people."

Rev. Soleau, a consultant to the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts on problems of parishers, has known Works for 30 years and serves on his board of directors.

"There isn't any institute, and there isn't any program," says Rev. Soleau. "What you've got here is a political campaign, a movement."

"You've got a guy out making contacts, talking about booze and drugs, relating to people, getting himself appointed to commissions. He's building a system of networking that is nationwide. He literally knows everybody. He is a leader in the alcohol and drug movement."

"He has kept booze and drugs on the churches' agenda. Everytime the phone rings, you know he's going to be fussing about alcohol. He bugs everybody, including his friends."

"He's a guy at the end of the telephone. He literally talks to people all day long. People in their active phase of drinking get on the phone a lot. He's doing it sober."

Rev. Soleau is aware of Works' capacity to arouse peoples' ire. "He develops violent dislikes from people," he says. Rev. Soleau smiles. "He's liable to ask you if your wife's 'off the sauce' or something. He will talk about your per-

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sonal life. He mixes his street language with the talk at the Union Club. A lot of people give up. They can't stand the guy."

"He's very disruptive to organizations and institutional stuff. David can't sit in a meeting and listen. That's why church people have so much trouble with him."

But Rev. Soleau has seen the other side of this brassy cleric.

"He goes out there and will really give 150 percent if you are in trouble. He'll be there for you. He has a kind of lonely, prophetic role. He's always been on the edge, like the town crier."

A success story

Ralph Garrett, 42, of Somerville, operator of an insurance agency, is one of the legions of Works' supporters. He was a drunk.

His wife, Ellen, searched in vain to find help.

She says, "I'm a Congregationalist. I went to my minister, who didn't know beans about alcohol." She approached a church organization that operates in the same building as Works and was told "there's this guy on the seventh floor who sees people."

Says Ellen, "I dragged my husband with me. We walked into his office. He was wearing red suspenders. How bad could it be? We sat with David for 2½ hours."

Ralph stopped drinking two weeks later, and Ellen went to work as a part-time bookkeeper for Works.

"I found a remarkable person under all that ego," she says.

"He's nuttier than a bedbug,"

says her husband, "but he's great with people who have problems."

Rev. James Crawford, rector of Old South Church and chairman of the North Conway Institute board of directors, says, "It's not really an institute. It's a charismatic movement. I think he is a unique individual who has chosen for himself an important ministry. He's a Lone Ranger who's out front helping church people understand what their proper mission is."

"He saves a lot of people, with no strings attached."

"The nature of his ministry is to hold the church's feet to the fire, but his aggressive style makes the church uncomfortable."

One of those who knows Works best is the Very Rev. Charles F. Hall, retired Episcopal bishop of New Hampshire, who counseled and supported Works during his struggles in his ministry at Christ Church, North Conway. On three occasions, Works' parishioners were split over firing him, once on grounds that he had a tendency to wear Marine combat boots under his vestments.

"He's a crusader," says Rev. Hall. "A one-cause guy. That's what people objected to in the parish. They wanted more of a pastor-preacher."

"At times, you'd get the feeling that if he went into a new home and he didn't smell an alcoholic there, it was a lost cause. He's always looking around the corner for somebody whose been under the influence: When he finds them, it's very gratifying."

"He's not very popular [with church hierarchy]. It's his aggressiveness."

But Cardinal Cushing was not put off by Works' militancy.

Says Rev. Hall, "I would meet with Cushing at times, and he would sit back and roar at David's aggressiveness."

He adds, "I don't think he would have made it without Lucy Robb." His words are echoed by others.

Lucy Robb is Works' wife of 39 years. She was the librarian at the Virginia Theological Seminary when he arrived. He married her soon after his schooling began.

'Never a dull moment'

She is a contrast to her husband: reserved, soft-spoken, with a disposition befitting a Virginia lady that has endeared her to peo-

ple who are less tolerant of her husband.

"One of my friends told me before we were married, 'One thing about him, you'll never have a dull moment.'"

Lucy Robb — people who know her, including her husband, tend to use both names — frequently works with her husband in planning programs and scheduling meetings.

"People say I get him out of trouble all the time. What I try to do is make him realistic about his energy and time and not overextend himself. He gives everything he's got, and then he's terribly exhausted. I encourage him when he's kind of discouraged."

"Also, because it affects me, I try to constrain him. He spends a great deal of his life on the telephone. He is a collector of people. He's got a tremendous network of people all over the country."

"David's nature and the subject [alcohol] at times have been very difficult to deal with. People get mad at God and take it out on the clergy or their family. They have an alcohol problem and don't want to admit it."

"David will say some forthright things I wouldn't say. He makes a lot of enemies, and he knows that. I don't think he's always perceptive enough to see how it's hitting the other person. He's so busy thinking about what he's trying to accomplish."

"He's a maverick. The church doesn't know what to do with him. But he's very good in a crisis, and a lot of his support has come from dealing with people in crisis."

There is another Rev. Works. Rev. Betty Works of San Marcos, Texas, deacon of St. Mark's Church. Her husband, Frank, is the rector.

In a telephone interview, she declares, "I used to be embarrassed by dad tooting his own horn. But he's done it to save lives. People aren't going to come and seek you out. You have to push."

"He gives much more than he takes. I've seen him lying sick in bed and rally himself to help that person in a life-and-death situation."

"He's critical of the institution [church], but he's never rejected it. He calls it to account. He's an Old Testament prophet. I always argued with him, but I've always loved and respected him — now more than ever."

March 11, 1987

Dear Dr. Troescher:

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With best wishes,

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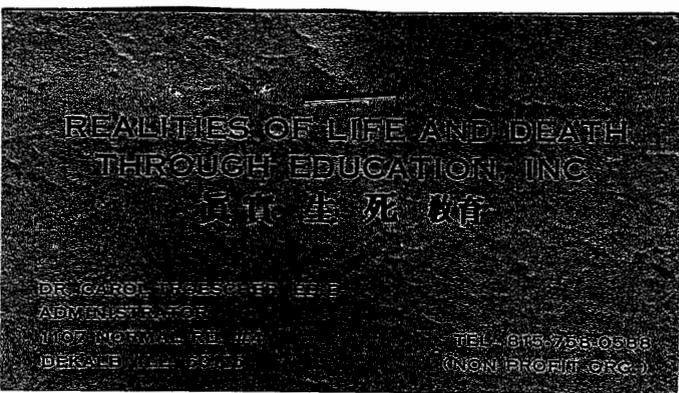
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Good Morning Howard Baker:

I am writing to you not only as a supporter of who you are and what you stand for but, also, because I am a grief therapist and realize that our whole nation has been experiencing a form of grief. Yesterday in our church special prayers were said for you as you undertake this magnitude of a job. But more for your humanistic approach to life and that we all should stand behind you and let you know that we care. I have great admiration for Ronald Reagan, too, and for his wife, Nancy, in being not only the president of the United State but also being human and the desire to treat persons in that way. And, Nancy, with her out reaching efforts in time of needs for our children addicted with drugs and how her compassion comes forth. I am enclosing a few pieces about our Foundation work in hopes that some of items might give you added support in this tremendous task that you have undertaken.

May God Bless you now and forever in your journey down this grief stricken road. My prayers will be with you in the days to come.

Sincerely Yours,
Dr. Carol Troescher
Dr. Carol Troescher, Admin.



How do you deal with grief?

Counselor tackles question that is a part of day-to-day life

By Molly Bolger

"How many of us stop and think of how we deal with grief?" asked Carol Troescher, Ed.D., founder of the non-profit foundation Realities of Life Through Education, Inc.

It's an important question, Troescher explained, because death is a part of life. Death of loved ones, or what she calls "little deaths": losing a job, getting divorced, moving to a new city, ending a friendship.

To introduce people to dealing with grief and helping others deal with it, Troescher will teach two workshops, beginning next week in Geneva, for teachers, health professionals, and anyone else who is interested in learning more about coping with the "deaths" in life.

In a brochure about the foundation, Troescher lays out the facts: pain and grief of a great loss can be tremendous; children and those in their early teens are vulnerable to long-term problems; and in adults the stress can lead to illness or even premature death.

The purpose of the Troescher's work is to answer the questions "What is loss? And how can I deal with it?"

"There is nothing more we can do for the dead," Troescher said, "we want to help the survivors."

"We are life-oriented, not death-oriented," she continued.

"The major objective is to help people realize that life has many changes. And that life has many realities. Death is one. But just one."

Madeline DiPlotti, a teacher in St. Charles, took Troescher's course and found that it helped her and helped her deal with her second-grade students.

"For people that haven't lost anyone yet, it shows you that you can put your life back together," DiPlotti said. For her, it also means she can help her students over the grief of parents divorcing or a pet's death.

"Different people benefit from the class in different ways," DiPlotti said, "We all have grief of one sort or another."

"It is an opportunity to look at parts of our lives we tend to deny," Troescher explained.

Death is a subject most people are not comfortable talking about. In her classes, Troescher brings in men and women who have gone through the death of a close friend or relative and the speakers share their experiences. Troescher said her students are always amazed that people will talk about their grief so openly.

That tendency to hide and deny death and grief is what pushed Troescher from her counseling career into starting the Realities of Life foundation.

"I was confronted with sudden death," she said. Her mother died and it was Troescher's first major loss.

"I had never even been to a funeral," she said. "We just never talked about death."

Months after the funeral Troescher was still depressed and upset enough to seek help from a minister. The minister told her there was nothing wrong with her mind, she was simply going through a natural grief process. That phrase "natural grief process" was a new one to Troescher, despite her years of graduate

work in guidance. Grief was simply not part of the curriculum, Troescher said.

Once she began looking into the subject, Troescher found her place. She helped begin the foundation in 1975 and now serves as administrator. In the Kane County area alone, more than 4,000 people have taken her workshop.

The course, which runs eight weeks, is held from 4 to 7 p.m. beginning Tuesday at Geneva Community High School. A second workshop for those who have completed the first will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursdays, also beginning next week.

Films, lectures, outside speakers, writing therapy, class sharing and one field trip will be included in the first course. Book reviews, panel discussions, videotapes, class participation, sharing and one field trip are in the second course.

In her letter about the courses, Troescher describes them as "an invitation to experience new ways to handle feelings when life's changes come to us."

Credit for these classes is available through the National College of Education. Registration information is available from Mary Jane Miller at 232-5955.

In addition to the courses she teaches, Troescher and Realities of Life Through Education, Inc., help individuals and groups in other ways. The foundation was there in 1979, in Sandwich, when six youths were killed in an accident.

The foundation provides seminars for professionals, or businesses that want to establish a program.

Troescher is in favor of businesses spending more time helping employees deal with grief.

She cited the example of a company closing and how workers would need to cope with that. Or if someone on the job has suffered a loss, who can he or she turn to?

"Any time we deal with a loss, it affects other people too," Troescher explained.

Troescher's workshops are also for the "other people," the ones indirectly affected by a loss. In the classes she talks about supporting friends and co-workers, and avoiding the hurtful words so many people say.

"I know how you feel" is one of the most devastating things we can say. Nobody knows how anyone feels," Troescher said. She added that a flat statement like that closes off further communication.

Telling a woman who has had a miscarriage "oh don't worry, you can have another baby" is another mistake we often make, Troescher said. Those words are better left unsaid.

She offers her students suggestions on positive things to say:

"Would you like to tell me what happened?" is a good opener, Troescher said. And just being there is a support. Troescher said all too often people stay away because they don't know what to say about a death, or illness, or other loss. Just a hug can help, she said.

Troescher is a very positive person, very optimistic. She believes grief can be "finished" if not erased.

It is finished when the survivors accept reality and "when they begin to make an investment in living."

Troescher is helping people finish their grief.

More information about Realities of Life Through Education or Troescher's other courses is available from her at (815)758-0588.



Carol Troescher, right, talks about the purpose behind her upcoming workshop on dealing with grief. The class is intended to help students deal with their own grief and go out prepared to help others. It is open to any interested adult. Madeline DiPlotti, here with Troescher, is a grade-school teacher who took the workshop. "I came out of that class a much 'lighter' person," DiPlotti said. "I had been carrying a lot of burdens around." (Chronicle photo by Jim Stocker)

Survivor helps cancer patients

By Molly Bolger

In January, doctors told Phil Cross he had inoperable lung cancer, which had spread to other organs. They also told him he had only six to eight weeks to live.

Cross is still very much alive today, living in St. Charles, and still fighting the death sentence doctors handed him. He fights not only for himself, but for the hundreds of thousands of Americans who will hear this year that they, too, have cancer.

Cross, 37, is the founder and director of Survivor, a non-profit organization dedicated to help people beat cancer.

Cross pushes for state and national legislation to assist cancer patients with the staggering medical costs of treatment. He fights for the right to try the new, experimental therapies that might stop the spread of the disease. And he talks to the people who share his fears, his pain, his loneliness.

"It is frightening, it's terrifying - and it's lonely. It's a terribly lonely thing to go through," he said.

A cancer diagnosis can be infuriating, too. The anger that Cross felt spurred him on to found Survivor and to start the work that will continue even after he is gone.

Cross, a long-time smoker, first suspected there was a problem in 1985. His doctor told him not to worry, put him on some pain medication and sent him away, with instructions to "come back for a chest x-ray when I was 40," Cross said.

At the time Cross believed the doctor, because he wanted to believe. But by January, he was too sick to keep pretending.

He went to another doctor who diagnosed the lung cancer and told him it had metastasized, spread to other parts of his body. Surgery couldn't help, he was told.

Cross said he felt as though he had lost the reins of his life.

"What happens is, when you're given a terminal diagnosis, you feel totally out of control."

Cross used to counsel rape victims and he said he heard the same words from them, that feeling someone or something else is calling the shots.

The diagnosis "wreaked havoc on the kids" Cross said. He is the father of Kelly, 16, and Katy, 12.

Katy said she felt everything around her stop when her father told her he was dying of cancer. When it started up again, she cried. And then she got angry.

"I was angry about cigarettes," she said. "And I would think, it's not fair, he got to be here for Kelly's 16th birthday but not mine."

Now she has dealt with the anger, and many of the other feelings, too. She helps her father with his work, both making the most of the time they have left.

After the initial shock of finding out he had cancer, Cross had to make decisions. He decided to fight, to try to gain back some of the control over his life.

"It's so that you don't just put your life in the hands of a doctor and give up," he said.

For the first few months he just "stumbled

around" he said, angry, depressed, unable to work, unsure where to go and what to do next. He wasn't aware of support groups like Make Today Count, didn't know he was eligible for Social Security disability and wasn't sure how to explore other treatments for his disease.

What he learned from phone calls and letters, Cross passes on to those who contact him at Survivor. He wants to eliminate that stumbling around for other cancer patients by offering information about financial help, emotional support and medical treatment.

He is also politically active, pushing for a bill to help cancer patients and others cope with the enormous medical bills cancer patients can run up. If the patient can't work, the burden is even heavier. Cross talked to one

woman, a cancer patient, who was reduced to eating dog food. She didn't know that there was state aid available and that Social Security owed her benefits.

The bill which would help that woman and hundreds of thousands of others is stalled in the Senate. Cross isn't waiting calmly.

"If I am anything, I'm impatient; I don't have 10 years to screw around."

Cross is luckier than most because he has excellent medical insurance. Plus, his former boss at Ackemann's furniture store, Steve Rauschenberger, has helped tremendously, Cross said. Even so, he has had to borrow from his daughters' college fund, a necessity that makes him wince when he talks about it.

New options in cancer treatment aren't opening up fast enough, Cross said. Drugs that could help are still being studied by the Food and Drug Administration, even after years of research. Cross is frustrated by the constant delays; cancer patients don't have years to wait.

He is not afraid of side effects. Cross has tried several dangerous, experimental treatments, including a life-threatening bone-marrow transplant. He has suffered through chemotherapy and even looked into treatments in other countries.

Cross said pathologists can't even agree on what type of cancer he has, let alone how to treat it.

"One doctor told me that if I kept on his drug he could give me nine months and if I stopped I would be dead in 60 days." Cross stopped, and outlived both predictions.

Pain is the constant nemesis for about 60 percent of cancer patients, Cross said. Because organ linings are rich in nerve endings, the pain can become excruciating. Cross, whose cancer has spread through his heart, liver, lymph glands and adrenal glands, takes a bottle of morphine a week.

Heroin is a far better pain-killer, Cross said, but because of the social stigma, probably won't ever be used to help cancer patients get through the last days. Heroin and morphine both come from the same plant, but heroin has fewer side effects, Cross said.

Cancer patients face other problems too, if they recover from the disease.

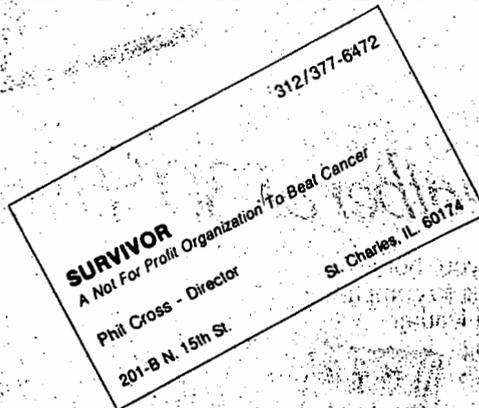
"There are several million cancer survivors walking around this country who can't get jobs," Cross said. Employers don't want to take a chance, and the patients can forget about most health insurance plans, too.

Cross will keep working as long as he can, and he said luckily he can write letters and talk on the phone even when he can't get out of bed. He sees how much still needs to be done, despite the accomplishments of the American Cancer Society and all of the hospice organizations.

Survivor will continue after Cross is gone. His wife, Sarah, shares much of the work now, and Katy helps too.

"If I die tomorrow, Katy can answer the phone and say 'OK, Mrs. Jones, here are five phone numbers you can call...'"

The work will go on.



Phil Cross, a terminal cancer patient and founder of the non-profit organization Survivor, says his diagnosis didn't end all the happiness in life. "Most of the time I am a happy person. I'm as happy as I was before the cancer, I just have to work harder at it." (Chronicle photo by Reidar Hahn)

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An Educational Awareness Program: HOW DO YOU COPE WITH GRIEF?

(How to put or keep life together during anticipatory grief)

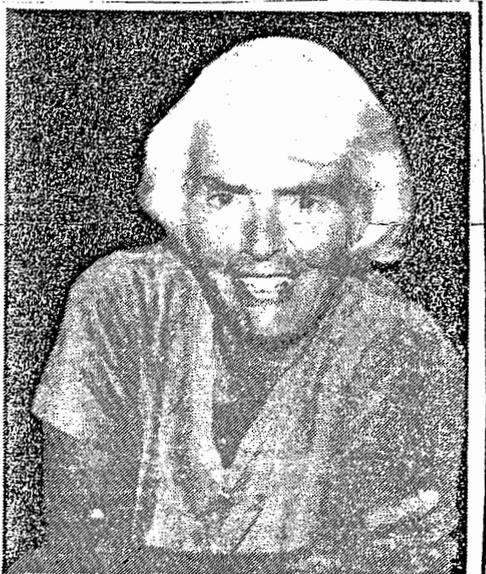
How many time have you been confronted with a loss or grief in your life or in the lives of others close to you and asked yourself: "How can I cope or help others cope?" The focus of this program is on understanding the grief process and learning how to develop skills to work through your own feelings in dealing with loss and grief and to assist others in coping.

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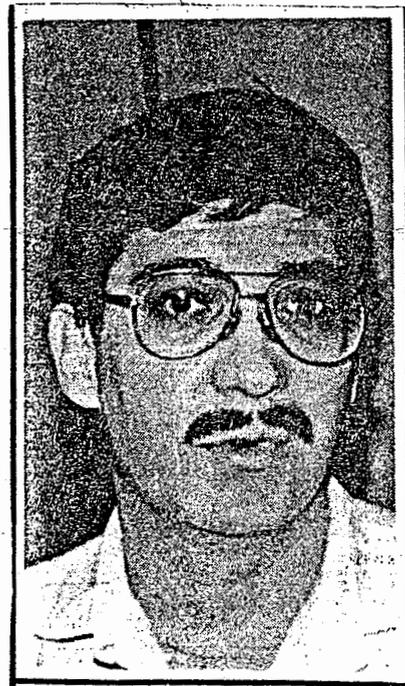
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The session will be led by Dr. Carol Troescher, grief therapist, who will offer skills and understandings in dealing with the grief process. The remaining session will include a video tape of Lois Jaffe, a cancer person who taught a course at the Univ. of Pittsburgh, "The dying professor teaches a course on death education," sharing how she and her family coped with her anticipatory grief and untimely death. Also, Phil Cross, age 37, and a DeKalb high school graduate, who is living with cancer will share his thoughts and struggles; the ups and downs; the do's and don'ts; as he continues to live in "whatever time he has left." It is, also, important to hear how his family and friends are coping. There will be a question and answer time.



Dr. Carol Troescher



Phil Cross

JOIN us

and PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Mood is upbeat at workshop

By Mary Kay Spravka
Staff writer

They came to share stories of grief, tragedy and catastrophic illness, but surprisingly, the mood was upbeat. The 20 or more people who gathered Tuesday evening at the First Methodist Church in DeKalb had come to confront their suffering and learn to cope with grief.

As they whispered amongst themselves relating personal tales of death and illness, Dr. Carol Troescher, grief therapist and administrator of Realities of Life Through Education, Inc., circulated among them, offering hugs, telling them to cry and exchanging stories of people she had loved and lost.

The focus of the three-hour workshop was understanding the grief process and learning how to develop skills to work through feelings in dealing with loss and

grief.

"In our American society, we really don't talk about sad things," Troescher said. "There are no models in the schools to teach children to cope with grief, including that resulting from what we call 'little deaths' like divorce, moving and child abuse."

Troescher, who became a grief therapist in 1974 after leaving Northern Illinois University, said a person facing a catastrophic illness isn't the only one who suffers. The family, friends and community around the person suffers as well. Expressing grief, however, is necessary if mourners are to recover.

Outlining the mourning process, Troescher said shock and numbness is the first phase, followed by yearning and searching for answers.

"This is the point where we see a lot of anger, and guilt for being angry," Troescher said.

The third phase of the mourning process is disorien-

tation and disorganization. Troescher says disorganization is painful when an individual doesn't know what he is doing or why he is acting in a particular manner.

Resolution and reorganization is the fourth phase a mourner will encounter. Resolution occurs when the bereaved no longer denies the loss of a loved one. During reorganization a person can talk about the loss and begins to get his life back together.

"Grief is never over," Troescher stressed. "The loss will always be a part of you. The grief is finished when you get your life together and realize you can go on."

Troescher will lead a more intensive, four-session workshop on dealing with grief and loss Sept. 24 and 26, and Oct. 1 and 3. For more information on registration contact Carol Troescher, Realities of Life Through Education, Inc., 1107 Normal Rd., #4, DeKalb, 758-0588.

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Dear Mr. Sumner:

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Senator Howard Baker
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Dear Senator Baker:

The Nation will definitely note, greatly appreciate and long remember your selfless contribution as Chief of Staff.

The President couldn't have made a finer choice. You come thru as a man of great integrity, courage and good humor and with the inner strength to put the interests of the Nation above your own personal ambitions. A rare quality, indeed, in Washington, D.C.!

I sincerely feel that it will be in the best interest of the Republic and Howard Baker if you will continue to hang on to your refreshing sense of humor--- particularly when dealing with the Sam Donaldson types.

Best of luck to you,

Jim Sumner



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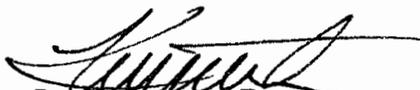
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The Honorable Howard H. Baker, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Chief of Staff:

The crescendo of superlatives which erupted across this land bespeak the affection, esteem, and respect all of America has for you as you assume your awesome role in the destiny of this great nation. Congratulations.

Sincerely,


J. Kenneth Porter

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