

From the President: Trials and Endurance

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In one of the devotionals written by Smith Wigglesworth, he mentions James 1:2-5, which states: “Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”

That is a snapshot of the past year. We have had our ups and downs with the fight for control of American medicine. It was not about patient protection or affordability. It was raw politics in the fight over 16 percent of the economy. Obama-Reid-Pelosi won that skirmish.

Sadly, the major medical organizations, the AMA and AOA were, at best, MIA (missing in action), or, at worst, aiding and abetting the enemy. And what are they doing now? They send regular advisories to the masses of doctors whom they claim to represent, telling them how their great leaders are working to implement Chain Ownership (the Provider Enrollment and Chain Ownership System or PECOS) for the government, while sending letters to the Obama Administration asking for a permanent “fix” to the SGR (Sustainable Growth Rate).

Let’s remember the good news!

On Mar 26, 2010, AAPS, through our astute general counsel Andrew Schlafly fired a shot across the bow of the Obama-Reid-Pelosi junk (a small vessel common in the Orient) with *AAPS vs. Sebelius*, letting them know we will not stand by, watching them pirate the field of medicine.

Since then, faithful members have kept the heat on our adversary with timely, pithy op-eds. Most of these are copied to our website, www.aapsonline.org, under “Alerts.”

Many of us have been closely involved with the campaigns of excellent candidates who promise they will defund ObamaCare. I don’t know about you, but I would not want to subject my family and myself to the abuse that these candidates have gotten from their opponents.

Thanks for your endurance, to all of you who ran your practices and helped with the campaigns, too. And thank you to the enduring members who were on the front lines when AAPS took down HillaryCare in 1993.

Thank you, Dr. Jane Orient, for your steady hand and counsel, as executive director of AAPS.

As Dr. Lee Hieb leads AAPS forward in this battle, let us remember Psalm 111:10. “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments; His praise endures forever.”

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OBAMA WONDERLAND

(To the tune of *Winter Wonderland*)

Government strings tightly gripping
In our land, freedom’s slipping
As Government gains
Freedom’s restrained
Walkin’ in Obama Wonderland

Gone away, hammer and sickle
In USA, we aren’t fickle
From each according to
More entitlements will do
Walkin’ in Obama Wonderland

In the country he could build a health plan
He’d pretend it was all for our good
He’d protect us from ourselves with “coverage”
From cradle unto grave if he could

Later on, he’d conspire
So we couldn’t ever retire
We’d work until we drop
Controlled from the top
Walkin’ in Obama Wonderland

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