

**Letter - December 9, 2002**

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My Lady,

9 Dec 2002

Happy Birthday !! May the birds sing a special song just for you this morning - may the sun warm your path all day - may you meet only smiling faces today - may all the flowers bloom at your approach - may your wine be chilled to perfection - may all of your putts drop today. Well maybe that last one was for me, but you get the idea - I only want good things to happen for you on this very special day. Happy Birthday My Lady !! My years just keep getting better and better because you are in them. Maybe it's selfish but I want many more - so take care and keep having those birthdays. I'm wishing you only the very best today. Happy Birthday.

I kicked off my personal Christmas Season on Thursday night with the brokerage firm alumni "Christmas party." I always enjoy that, it's a great format - a couple of hours after work chatting and socializing with people you know and like, but don't get to see very often. Everyone asked about you and Fran said that she is going to come out there with me next year. I really do enjoy those, the organizers do a good job.

In the Christmas tradition Tanya and I had our Christmas Dinner Saturday night. We went to the Italian place in Gretna. As always this was easy relaxed and fun - the food was good - the wine excellent - and the conversation long and varied. The waiter was rushing us a little but we were having none of it, coffee and conversation went on for a couple of hours. At one point an attractive young lady waved at us, I assumed that it was someone Tanya knew but she didn't respond. She was looking questioningly at me, embarrassingly it took me a while to get things straight in my mind. The young lady was Shannon, she works at the frozen food company that I sometimes do work for. Odd how my memory works, or fails to work, I seem to organize things by "situations", and do fairly well in the situations - but moved outside the situation and I have to scramble to put things together. It's embarrassing, but I think Tanya enjoyed it.

Tanya enjoyed it and so would you - both of you know and guide me so well. I'm sure that even afterwards I don't know what went on most of the time. But as long as I'm in good hands I don't guess it matters much. For example, do you recall the surprise birthday party you gave me at the Fairmont? You told me we were going to a party with some

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of your clients and had me so wrapped up in trying to remember their names that I didn't think anything odd about meeting John and Charlene in the hotel lobby - y'all came up with a story about dinner and I bought it. You got a 150 of my friends into the fanciest hotel in town and totally surprised me. I didn't have a clue. Absolutely incredible, Thank You.

Of course now I feel guilty about now loading up a plane an having a surprise party for you - that is an idea, but I hope you enjoy the little birthday surprise I have arranged for you.

New Years in Dallas sounds like a great rendezvous to me! There may be a problem with me staying awake until midnight - but I'm sure you will think of something. Okay, now that we have a plan, I'm off into the business world to make it happen - they do have stores in Dallas as I recall. Oh yes, I'm thinking about you girl

Love,

Wayne

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