

## **THE GIFT OF THE SPEC WRITERS MAGI**

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December is so replete with holidays, all valid and important to the proponents of them. Each has its own ardor and importance; its own basis for celebration. And of course, we also the more universal "turning of time" as the New Year comes aboard.

It is though a time of giving. Giving thanks for the year past; giving gifts as celebrations in more traditional tones. All of us have an aire of joy about us, some stress (anybody know where I can find Tickle Me Elmo?). And yet there is also a time of reflection, of seriousness and solemnity--of renewal and re-dedication.

We sing; we drink, carefully, cautiously, prudently and of quirky concoctions special for holiday use. We party; exchange joyful greetings; and just enjoy the company of others in general. Feuds subside; anger is pretty well given up (for the holidays!!!) and we have a universal good feeling.

Now the multitude of we specifications writers surely are not going to "exchange names" and gift each other, but how about thinking about what we can think about and can in our minds and hearts, wish each other--and what can we truly share with each other.

Unlike the folks in the traditional tale, Gift of the Magi, my hair is thin and of little monetary value, and my watch (a 24-year old Timex) will garner but two cents, I'm a little short of what to offer. But none the less it is the thought.....don't know about you, but some of my thoughts for all of you:

- o good health, continuing or re-established
- o prosperity, personally, professionally and in your office
- o joy of having good folks around you
- o safe passage by ground, track, air, and water
- o new and exciting challenges that may stretch you but make you even better
- o true and abiding love of family, and profession
- o pride in all you do, from menial to masterful

And for what it maybe worth, my standing offer to share another opinion with you, to share something of mine that may be helpful if only in a minuscule way, and an expression of forthright joy to be among you all!!

Happy Holidays! Be safe!