## "NATIONAL SINGLES WEEK WELCOME"

A hearty welcome to National Singles Week; Pitching our single collective voices to highest peak; Revealing what's right, what's wrong, as we speak; Be forewarned, we will not miss a single beat;

A special welcome to 85 single members of Congress; From 82 million single adults nationwide, no less; Singles comprising 15% of Congress are not infinitesimal; It's a testament that public office can be held, minus nuptial;

You are the 15% singles holding seat in House or Senate; Showing 48% of single households, achievements are infinite; To this degree, whether you are Republican or Democratic; You are included in this rapidly growing singles demographic;

Fellow AASP members, greetings and salutations!! As we take stock of our annual permutations; If I might, in the distant future I shall delve; Envisioning greeting AASP during D.C. Olympics 2012;

Back to the present, on the tennis court of life; Wielding our rackets to knock back strife; Having gone way beyond being a nice catch; Now enjoying life with your love and match;

Whether your court is holding single or double; Positive, progressive attitude eases many a trouble; Single life doesn't have to be lived minus mirth; Just be true to yourself, while on this earth;

And I've found that this keeps me sane and smart; Take "h" from earth, put it in front and

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