**Urgent Message from Dr. David Leaf, Chairman ICAK-U.S.A.**

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of George Goodheart. This brings to a close a great life --one that we have to admire. He excelled in so many ways. In his devotion to JoAnn; in his military service; with his insights and innovations; at the sport that he loved, tennis; at the profession that he loved, chiropractic. Finally, he is credited with creating the entity we know as applied kinesiology.

AK was a breakthrough in the healing arts.  Not only did it change how we view the patient and how to treat them, it also was the first in the chiropractic profession that reached out to other practitioners and invited them and educated them as equals: osteopaths, medical doctors, dentists and psychologists alike.

The torch that was lit by Dr. Goodheart has now been passed to all of us. It is our responsibility to continue to make that torch glow and grow.

The lessons that he taught us and he lived by will make that torch grow.

1. Always give credit to where your inspirations come from.
2. Look for the good in everyone.
3. Ask why when you are in doubt.
4. God sends you patients to fail on so that you can learn something new to use to help others.

These are the lessons he has taught us.

On hearing of his passing, as George would say to his just rewards, my mind thought of a song by Dion from the late 60’s.  To paraphrase that song: Has anyone here seen our good friend George?  No, he is walking over there with the Major, BJ, DD, Joe, Janet, Lawrence and so many others that he learned from.

Good night to you, George Goodheart; we know where you are.

-David