



Is It Really 2017?

I can't believe it! Time sure does fly. And the older you get, the faster it goes.

And the changes I've seen in my lifetime are absolutely incredible! My parents and grandparents saw fantastic advances like automobiles and air travel. But, in the short time I've been alive, the leaps and bounds have been mind boggling. Men walking on the moon; spacecraft exploring Mars; the internet that can take you anywhere in the world and answer any question you have (although the answer might be fabricated out of whole cloth); telephones that don't need wires and can fit in your pocket; and, the list goes on and on! I can only imagine what my great grandparents, who immigrated from Germany and Ireland respectively, would be thinking. Talk about jaw-dropping!!

Not to mention the fact that we have a former reality television star in the White House. Will wonders never cease? And no matter what you think about him, you must admit that he is getting things done. That is something we haven't seen in Washington, DC, for a very long time.



As always, we have a great issue to start off the year. Amidst our regular sections, I would like to point out the piece on page 32 in Company News. The Albertsons Companies Foundation in cooperation with the Entertainment Industry Foundation

were very successful in their campaign to raise funds for hunger relief. We really love to report on these kind of stories that show how truly caring this industry is. Please send us

your stories. They may very well inspire others to do more.

We have several wonderful meeting roundups for you: the NACDS Foundation Dinner, pages 14-15; the NCPA Annual Meeting, pages 16-17; the AMCP Nexus 2016, pages 18-19; and the Joint Federal Pharmacy Seminar 2016, pages 20-21. All the meetings were extremely successful and provided great networking and learning opportunities.



Our Special Report this issue focuses on Distribution Technology and Logistics — an especially fast-moving and increasingly significant topic in all aspects of the distribution industry. The report begins on page 22.



Yes, it will be interesting to see how this year plays out. I hope and pray that our country will eventually come back together and realize that we are in fact all Americans and indeed do want what is best for our nation. I do believe that is what our new president wants as well and my prayers are with him as he undertakes this monumentally huge and thankless job.



“And so we beat on, boats against the current...”