

Dear Family,

Here I am again - starting the 3rd letter..... Unfortunately, letter no. 2 has been lost - who had it at the last? At any rate, all the valuable notes from all the family have been irrevocably lost.

To make certain this never happens again - we must make a new rule.... Noone can hold the letter for more than one week - if, for any reason, you cannot write a note - PLEASE - don't hold the letter - just address it to the next person. I have expected to see the letter over a month ago - and now, noone knows where it is.

LET ME STRESS: if you have nothing to add or don't have the time to write anything - PLEASE just address it to the next person.

A few address changes:

ALAN MAY: 399 N. Central Ave
Valley Stream, NY 11580 1-516-872-6498

PAT & JEFF SHARP: I don't have their new address - but please don't send anything to Colorado anymore. They will be in Connecticut.

Now - I want to get this letter off by tomorrow's mail, so I won't say much more now.

On May 2nd, I am going to (on a pilgrimage) Rome, Assisi, Florence, Venus, Lyons France, Lourdes - and then home on the 16th. Would appreciate a prayer for a safe trip - and hopefully will see you all after my return.

God bless you all - and let's keep the letter rolling.....

Love & prayers

Auntie Anna

(PS - excuse mistakes)

Suggestion: As soon as one page is completed, please send it to me
This way, keeping down the postage. XXOO

4/24/87

Hiho from the Dreheres! We're enjoying the wonders of spring (like mowing the lawn) and hoping that the squirrels will stop destroying our tulips (they also fancy our tomatoes in the summer). Ian is running track and I'm coaching Kate's soccer team again. We're 1 - 1 with two rain makeups pending. Matt goes to a special nursery school once a week now, so hopefully he'll be more prepared for kindergarten separation this fall. While he's in his classroom, I attend a parenting class down the hall. (The younger mothers in that group consider me to be quite a "veteran".) I also went to an adolescent parenting group throughout the winter, so I've been boning up on the wonders and the challenges of children of all ages! George can see light at the end of the tunnel of another school year. On top of his two teaching jobs, he's also the chairman of the school district computer committee. It won't hurt since he's up for tenure this year. This summer we're seriously thinking of making a big trek west to CA and the canyonlands. First, Ian will attend basketball camp for two weeks. That's about it from here Happy spring! Let's keep the ball rolling - especially for dear old Auntie Anna!

Regards to all -

Barbara + the gang

Hi Y'all -- I really don't talk like that even tho we're here 1 1/2 yrs. 5/87

~~We are okay - Monica is still looking for a job. It's a job getting a job. The latest is that she is registered with the Dept. of Rehabilitative Services for the state of VA, who say they can get her a job. We've had to get all medical records from here and NY -- so far nothing. She is eligible for handicapped transportation - door to door service - \$2. each way, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. So say a prayer she gets a job she likes real soon.~~

Busch Gardens is now open weekends. I'm sitting here in my living room with the doors open letting some fresh air into the house and I can hear the 'toot' of the train that circles BG carrying passengers around the park. We have our season passes and we'll be seeing shows there through the courtesy of Eric who pushes Monica around in a wheelchair.

Tourists have invaded Wmbg. since Eastertime. For Easter Sunday Masses our church, St. Bede's, rents William and Mary Hall (part of W&M college - who charge \$5,000 for the rental) and holds 3 Masses there: Vigil, 8 & 11 a.m. Bishop Foley (aux.) was the principal celebrant at the 11 a.m. Mass in the Hall and for the music and singing the choir, folk group, 2 guitars, 1 bass fiddle, organ and the U.S. Army Continental Brass Band. ^{combined our talents} It gave me a thrill to be part of this. It went over great - heard many wonderful compliments and the Bishop himself was overwhelmed with the music and saying Easter Sunday Mass in this Hall with thousands of people in attendance. In the 3 Masses

held in the Hall and 2 in the church itself, about 10,000 people attended 14A Mass here in Wmbg. Easter Sunday.

Monica and I recently saw "Cats" in Norfolk. We drive there, park in handicap spaces, seats are in easy access places and it's cheaper than NY. We've done it once, I'm sure we'll do it again. May even go to Richmond.

We have and will continue to do babysitting for Chris and Claudine. I sometimes pick them up after school. They love to come to Grandma's house. We like to see them participate in gymnastics, softball, ballet for Claudine, and Chris' basketball team came in 2nd with only 1 loss for the season. It's nice being part of their lives.

Hope this RR letter makes it around this time. Re. Auntie Anne's suggestion, send the copy back to her only when what you write now comes back to you again. Gosh, I wrote a lot - hope I haven't bored you.

Our best wishes to you all - Love from

Rosemary and Monica

Dear All,

5/87

Mama's Communion day was truly beautiful. Not only the weather, but the opportunity to have her Auntie & Uncle to share that special day. Mama looked so beautiful, and the Mass was so moving. Especially our first to receive our Lord. Wayne's sister came to visit, and we had a great time.

Hope all is well with all of you.

I love,
Wayne & Kathy

5/87

no. 3

Dear Raymond
As I wrote you (enclosed) the letter came to me via N.J. to California, back to N.J. & on to me because Kathy didn't know your new address. Please keep it rolling so that we can keep it to the 4-5-6 etc issues. As I said, I will try to have a new list of address for each at the Family Reunion on Sept 12

God love you - I do
Auntie

Greetings!

5/87

Not much to report from sunny California. The Sept. family party is on my calendar so hopefully I'll get to reintroduce myself to all of you back east. I'm continuing to put a lot of time and effort into my career with First Investors and would love to talk to anyone about our products. My goal is to be running my own office or acting as an associate manager within 1 1/2 years more. Anyway, I'm still waiting to be visited and show off the beautiful Bay Area! See you in September!

Love to all,
Ray

Patty & Jeff Sharp new address
47 WOODLAWN ROAD
MONROE, CONNECTICUT 06468

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Hi everyone - Wish I had a typewriter at home - at least I have paper, thanks to Aunt Rosemary. Only 1 more week before it's back to the K & Center & an eventful summer to say the least. In July, my furnace went crazy and I had a major flood in the basement - thank God for kids nearby. The new heating system will be installed this Tuesday. I needed the cruise to the Caribbean scheduled for 7/22 - then Auntie, after celebrating her birthday (the 12th) at a barbeque at the Drebers, went and came down with a very bad case of the shingles in her right eye - what a week! She has been very sick but with Aunt Claire's help and Auntie's charity, my boss/friend Marilyn Meeker was able to go on the cruise with me. We had a great time - a very hot great time. Have been visiting with Auntie since my return and she's starting to be her old impatient self but is still in great pain and unable to open her eye so walking up and down stairs is very difficult. But now she's worrying about the big party (a good sign) and looking forward to it. We told her all she has to do is sign the checks. She didn't laugh! Hope to see you all then - Sept. 12th.
Love from Aunt Helen
(with the twins)

Hi everybody, 16 August 1987

I am getting ready to head back East in a couple of days for scientific meetings at the Cold Spring Harbor laboratories. These meetings are similar to a convention, but not as glamorous. The facilities at the lab. are pretty meager and do not include housing. We have to take shuttle buses between CSH where the sessions are held, and the motels where we are housed. We are fed cafeteria food and dress in "scientist's casual" style, which means cut-offs and T-shirts (at least for the males).

We have had a quiet and very hot summer here. We took a short vacation in July to Milwaukee (to see Frank) and Chicago (where we saw a friend of Joe's). We are trying to organize another vacation in November, when Joe has meetings to go to in Anaheim, CA. I hope that everyone is well here.
Eileen

Aug. 21, 1987

Dear All,

This is going to be a rather short one from me. Most of you have already heard that Joan has been stationed with me here in Highlands for this year. It will be quite interesting to have her in the school - actually, I'm looking forward to it! Sorry we won't see you at the party - permissions for these family gatherings isn't freely given especially since we've just returned from the home visit - Hope all are well! I enjoy reading all your news! Have a great time at the party!

Love,
Theresa

8.31.87

Greetings to one and all!

I'm looking forward to the opportunity to greet many of you in person at the reunion. I need not tell you that I have become very poor at staying in touch...

Reading through the letter, I can see that the most precious commodity we have (in a sense) is time. I know I haven't much of it these days. Just today I registered for courses at Pace Univ. (reimbursed by Bear Stearns) heading toward an MBA in Financial Management. I'm not sure how far I'll actually get in the degree (61 crs. in 3½ years!), but I figured it's "now or never!" Any credits I do accumulate will help me at the job, and fill out my own understanding in these matters. So, School will have me 2 nights a week, as well as study time, work keeps me from 56 to 65 hrs/wk at times, and, of course, weekends are for those delightful chores that apartment renters have to do (there's no room to hide dirt here!)

I am very satisfied with the job, back office to Mortgage-backed securities dealer. I feel that I have made a very successful and peaceful transition to the new life and to this quite different atmosphere on Wall St. I do think, however, that before too long, I will be looking for somewhere to resink my roots away from the maddening crowds. I recently took a few days with friends on a lake in Vt, and felt the need for a peaceful atmosphere more poignantly than ever. But even the most peaceful climate is no good if I am not at peace, and the noisiest place can be serene if I am. That's why I can survive on Wall St as I do! And I have good friends, both in the Order and out who help me keep my thumb on my pulse so that I don't overdo it again! I feel that I am doing very well.

It's been a little over a year since I left the Caps, and quite a while before making any new decisions. It has been difficult at times, but overall a very wise move. Thanks for all your support!

For those who can't make it to the reunion, we'll have to write a book about "the latest" to share with you. I'm sure there will be a lot of good things to remember.

Love —
Alan

September 6, 1987

Dear Family,

As I sit here ready to begin my greetings to you all, I can't help wondering where Bill and I will be when the next Round Robin letter comes by. Bill's company has bid a proposal for some business with the state, and if it is accepted he has agreed to follow the work up to Albany! The decision came after much agonizing, since we hate to move away from our families. Also, unless I am incredibly lucky enough to obtain a transfer to one of the very few positions at Albany Airport, I will have to leave my six-year "career" at Northwest Airlines. But the pros eventually outweighed the cons for us. Bill has wanted to move off Long Island to a less-congested area for some time, and Grumman will pay all moving expenses. We drove up there for two weekends and liked the general area (outside of the city of Albany itself, which is not too exciting.) You can get so much more for your money in terms of housing and land, and it's only 3 1/2 hrs. from home and centrally-located in regards to Boston, Vermont, Montreal, western New York (where I have several college friends), etc. As for my "career" at Northwest, well I've gone about as far as I can go with the company without moving to the General Offices in Minneapolis. (Now that would REALLY be some move!) I'm sure I'll find something eventually in the Albany area, and I might even go back to teaching. And I'm sure we would be home for weekends very very often (if my mother will put us up!!)

Of course, one of the reasons for moving was that Bill wanted a less aggravating, more relaxed atmosphere to work in, and now they have asked him to be manager of the entire project!! That was more than he bargained for, but we think we would still accept it. They should have definite word by mid-October; he would then be up there full-time by the winter, and we would probably actually move around March, after we find a house in the suburbs. So maybe we will soon be the "upstate" representatives for the family -- a little farther upstate than the Christensens' farm -- and we hope we'll have lots and lots of visitors. Mom and Aunt Anna have already PROMISED to come up on Amtrack.

As one last big trip before I probably leave Northwest, we are heading for Japan in October. We thought it would be a shame for me to work for Northwest Orient Airlines for 6 years and never actually go to the Orient. Wish us luck -- this might not be as far as Australia, but it certainly will be more of a cultural and linguistic shock!

Hope to see most of you at the big reunion next week, and we send our love to anyone who can't make it.

P.S. Page 2 of Vol. II returned
to Aunt Anna.

Love to all,

Bunny + Bill

Sept 13, 1987

Dear All

'As you can see by the date yesterday was our family reunion. We all had such a wonderful time thanks to dear Tanta Anna, our matriarch and treasure!

Our family had a most enjoyable summer this year in spite of the length and it's tall on my nerves. In July we spent a few days in the Catskills with Kathy's family and there's nothing like vacationing with family -- we had a ball! In August we took the children to Hershey Pa. and gained 5 pounds from all the chocolate. The kids are back in school now and my life is back on schedule. I begin teaching a new Confirmation Class again in mid Nov. right after Jason

receives the paycheck on the 7th of Nov. This time I
will have Stephanie in my class. Also I plan on
taking more courses in Catechetical study, which I
love so much. Aside from that there really isn't
much more to say except God Bless You All! 16A

Love
Maria, Alex + Family

Dear Family -

Ralph had to go back + forth to Miami every
2 weeks for 4 mos. (Co. Medfly) started in April.
It was quite a strain on all of us. We had planned to
be in NY. the week of July 8. but couldn't leave
here until July 12th. We got to see mom in Amityville +
visit w/ the Kiefers while there, then they followed
us down to Fla. splitting up @ Jacksonville + on to
Disney/Epcot for 2 days while we came home to
unpack. When they arrived here our fun began!
It was such a pleasure placing the food on the table
& seeing it practically "inhaled". When we asked Andy
what he liked best about the trip he said "the food".
Ralph + I got a kick out of his answer typical of a guy
who turned 17 yrs old the day after he left here. I agree
w/ Maria + Alex + Kathy + Hayne - it's great vacationing
w/ family. I thoroughly enjoyed every minute we were
together. Wish we could do it every year.

Otherwise we are sorry we couldn't make the re-union
I spoke to Rustie that Sunday + hear it was a big success.
It just wasn't meant for us to attend, not only did I go
back to work, school, etc. I also was served Jury Duty notice
for that week. (I was excused) but it just wasn't
in the stars for us - however, you all were in my
thoughts & this letter means so much to me.
So sure are a special family - Love,
Ralph, Madeline, ^{Grand} Salen + ^{Tanna}

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Sept. 22, 1987

Dear all:

It was just great getting together with most of you at the Big Reunion. We sorely missed those of you who just couldn't attend. Next time....

As we told you at the party, we're still deeply enmeshed in the building of our log home, which has turned out to be a fiasco. What workers show up late, leave early, never appear at all, come unprepared with their materials, break more than they build, etc. etc. It would make "This Old House" seem like an overdrawn comedy! I hope there will be better news re our house in the next go-around.

Lorraine has started Queens College, and is already very involved there, also still involved with volunteer work (and Eucharistic Minister) at the LIJ Nursing home. She still works P/T as a waitress at a local diner. Steve is doing well at the NY Times, and will soon begin job-related courses. Ken is busy at the Academy, getting himself knocked about with Rugby, and also working P/T on weekends. It was great having Ray home for a much too short week. He's still looking for investors, and we're on the lookout for cheap air fares to go visit him in SF.

Ed's working a lot of O.T. as usual, and just about every weekend we go upstate to view the "progress". Now we have a new vehicle to go in ... an '87 4wh. drive Subaru Station Wagon. Seems pretty good so far.

Love from all of us at the Christensen household.

Claire

Dear Family:

I'd like to echo Aunt Claire's sentiments regarding the Reunion. It's been so long since I've seen many of you, and it was fun to catch up on some family news and see how everyone has changed.

Some things, however, never change. When I think of the "old" May Family parties, the first thing that comes to mind is the memory of dozens of children running around in every direction. This new crop of youngsters seems to have captured the old family spirit.

Mary Jo and I recently moved from our upstairs apartment in Elmont into a new Co-Op in Rockville Centre. While our responsibilities (and bills) have increased tremendously, there is a certain satisfaction that comes with owning our own home (however humble). Mary Jo is now in her third year of teaching at Sacred Heart Academy. She's now teaching both Spanish and Latin, and moderating the student newspaper.

I am still working two jobs, having been named News Director at WGBB Radio recently. The hours are long (early mornings and weekends) but I'm finally finding it rewarding. For a change family members can hear me on the radio, without that much static. That's kind of neat. Our new address is: 120 Morris Ave., Apt. A-11, Rockville Centre, New York, 11570.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible as the Holidays draw near.

Love, Joe & Mary Jo Clines

Nov. 16, 1987

17A

Dear All ~

It was a nice surprise to receive the family letter today! Life is very different here in Highlands. I'm not used to opening my window and being able to see the Atlantic Ocean. The people are very warm here and I enjoy working with the kids, but most especially the silence and rest in the Country. I have such a beautiful Community including "my superior!"

I hope everyone is fine and we all look forward to Thanksgiving with gratitude in our hearts for all that we have received from our good God.

Prayerful wishes for a beautiful holiday!

Love,
Ginnie

Nov 23, 1987

Dear One & All,

As you have heard, we had a wonderful vacation with the Muckelups this summer - our longest visit yet though still too short.

I am now working 5 days a week and finding there aren't enough hrs in a day or days in a week - does anyone out there know how to extend time?

Mom started going downhill after the pension and was back in the hosp. for tests. It ends up the med. she was taking for poor circulation was causing the stomach bleeding and the med. for her stomach was causing poor circulation! She's off both and doing much better but now the cold weather has brought back the arthritis problems.

We hope everyone has a very Happy Thanksgiving - our thanks to you - our wonderful family.

Love, Ronnie, Aesie & Families



NOV 29, 87

Hi everyone,

Trying to recover from too much turkey on Thanksgiving!

We all spent it at Betty's this year - with 11 grandchildren!! Now that Patty is back from Colo. it makes for much more togetherness, something we've missed for many years. But now it becomes more of a problem deciding with whom we'll be spending the holidays each time. Had a chance to spend quite a few days with Patty this fall season, and never knew the perfect place to view the change of leaves was right in Conn. - no need to go to Vermont + N.H. - and the Sharp "motel" was the best ever! We've gone one step further on our decision to finally re-locate in New Jersey and lined up realtors both here and there. But we're on hold till after the holiday. There are mixed feelings from the children, but it seems to be the logical move now, since we've got more than half of our family living in N. Jersey as it is. At least this time there is no rush, and we don't have to consider schools, work, etc which makes it much easier than the last 5 moves. Again, all credit to "Auntie Anna" for the swell reunion get-together. It sure brought back fond memories! Best regards to all!

Betty and Charles

12/8/87

Hello again from Milwaukee!

There's no snow yet, but the sun has disappeared until April, as usual. So it's time for indoor life, mostly centering around basketball courts-- watching Marquette and the Milwaukee Bucks, and a couple times a week trying to turn back the hands of time by running up and down the court myself.

I'll get 10 days at home this year, starting the 19th, so Christmas will really be Christmas. Then it'll be time to turn to the joys of the 1988 political season. Looks like I'll be at the national conventions, as in 1984, and so the year will be devoted mostly to watching the candidates. I can just hear Nana saying, "They're all rotten! And that Cuomo, if he thinks he can be president...."

It was great to see everyone in September. Isolated out here in the Midwest, it's good to have family memories to warm up the long cold winter. And the reunion was one of the best of those memories.

Frank

Happy New Year!

January 14, 1988

Hello Again!

As I'm sure many of you are aware, I have been transferred from Surry Power Station where I served as supervisor of the Plant Engineering department, to Virginia Power's Innsbrook Technical Center located 12 miles northwest of Richmond. In my new position as a Project Engineer, I am responsible for the development of plant modification "packages" for Surry. Since I am now removed from the "front line" and my projects are "long term" evolutions, I rarely need to work overtime. However, the 67 mile commute to Richmond makes for a long day anyway. So to eliminate that problem, we will be moving in June (hopefully).

On January 4, we signed the paperwork to start construction of our new home to be located just 2 miles (door to door) from the office. (The shortest commute to work previously was from Richmond Hill to my father's print shop. That took 20 minutes!) The location is super convenient for access to Interstate 295 so trips to Williamsburg to visit Mom & Monica (and soon Danie's parents) will be a snap. Additionally, since we will be less than 15 minutes from Interstate 95, it will be a simple matter for any of y'all to stop by when "passing through".

Danie is looking forward to the move and a fresh start for her Mary Kay business (more professional women) and since we will be visiting Williamsburg often, she may keep many of her old clients. As expected, the kids are not particularly thrilled about the move (Busch Gardens will be more than an hour away!) but we're sure they'll come around. (After all, Kings Dominion is only 25 minutes away)

Needless to say, Danie continues to spend what seems to be most of her time behind the wheel of the car. This time of the year, the kids have CCD on Monday, bowling on Wednesday and Friday, scouts on Saturday, basketball 2-3 times a week..... You get the picture!

Well, that's it for now!

Eric & Danie

Dear all,

Hi again! Hope all is well, but from reading all these letters I can see things are good. Thank God. I'm keeping busy here in my new location of Woodbury, and the change of grade. I'm teaching 1st grade and my children are so good; I love them !!

I am now going to a Catholic College finishing up my last stretch of nine years. I can really sympathize with Alon. Otherwise, everything is the same. Let us pray to be continually thankful to God for all His blessings upon us as a family.

Love - Tana

Hi to all,

2/3/88

Well it's another new year and hope it is better than the past. Nothing is really new. I have been working and trying to keep busy by going out with friends. I am planning a trip to CA in May and can't wait. Well, my best to everyone.

Love,
Debbie

2/5/88

My dear Loved One

just got this yesterday and really enjoyed all the contents. I kept wondering where it could be - seems to have taken quite a while.

My news is quite sparse - But, I am feeling much better - only little spasms (which will hang around quite a while). However, I haven't gotten into anything newsworthy.

We have been having unusual weather lately, but today the poor is on again! and I am staying indoors and behaving. Everyone seems to have enjoyed the Re-Yunon and I guess I will, one of these days, have a "re-rem"! I love you all and big God's blessings on you.

xxx
Auntie

P.S. Remember a card now & then to Aunt Lucy.