

June 12, 2002

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Dear family,

Talk about hurrying this family letter along promptly...THE LETTER arrived just this morning, and already I'm continuing it (in between raindrops) on This hot, muggy day. After a mild winter when we prayed for rain, the Good Lord heard our prayers all too well, and we were deluged with one storm after another for the past 2-3 weeks with hail, floods and high winds that wreaked a lot of damage around here. We had, and still have, an awful mess to clean up. Well, maybe we will be spared later on in time for the Aug. 3 reunion.

Before, in-between and after the storms we planted over 200 hard wood trees, 6 blueberry bushes and 9 grape vines (thanks to our sons' brilliant idea, and I finally got a few veggies planted in my 4x8 plot in soil that is still soupy.

Uncle Ed had arthroscopy on his right shoulder last month. The initial improvement has since been reduced by overuse, so therapy will be continued for a while and then home exercise. I guess it is too much to expect not to "overdue" when there is so much that needs doing around here.

We visited with Lorraine in her very lovely temp. apt. in Raleigh in May, and expect to go back to lend a hand when she moves into her new home in August. Otherwise we'll be spending the summer pretty much close to home (with doctor and dentist appts. coming in clumps).

I have had surgery for 2 tooth implants that are awaiting the proper time for the cosmetic "caps" to be applied. With the astronomical cost of the whole procedures, I'm hoping that the new teeth will be preserved for posterity. By amortizing them, I should live to be 125 to make them "pay".

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible on 8/3, and hope many of your offspring will come as well.

Love, Aunt Claire

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Hi, Folks!

6/18/02

I'm getting this out pronto since I am flying off to CA in 2 days to visit with Kate. My friend, Pat, is coming with me (George still has teaching duties) and I plan to show her around Northern CA and SF.

Hope all are well; the May family seems to be aging a wee bit and incurring a few more medical concerns. My mom is home and mobile. The doctors say she healed remarkably. Must have been all that walking she has done over the years! BUT, she is also dealing with emphysema so she's a bit more homebound. Luckily, we have found an agency which provides attentive, responsible home companions, so Mom has assistance 24/7.

We Dreheres have taken a few lumps, too. Matt has a broken pinky (of course on his writing hand!) at the moment, and George is looking at knee surgery. Such is life! Otherwise, things are fairly status quo. Matt is planning to spend the fall semester in Brussels, Belgium in a Drew overseas program. He'll leave Aug. 17. Ian remains in Maryland for the moment, but may relocate back to NY in the next year. We may meet up with Kate in Denver where she has a meeting in August.

Hope all your summers are relaxing and safe! And praying for all our renewed good health!

God bless  
Barbara + the gang

6/23/02

Dear Family,

Today is the "birth" day of our new grandson, Michael James. He arrived this morning and although he gave Mom Karen a hard time, he was delivered by C-section and both are doing okay. It's very frustrating for Angie and I because we won't get to meet him until Tues when we drive to NC to introduce ourselves. We are waiting a few days so that we will have more time there to help out when they come home on Wed.

By the end of this year grandchild #4 will be arriving (it's #3 for Andy + Patti). Meanwhile, Patti and her boyfriend ~~are~~ very serious and Paul and his girlfriend Lillian are very serious. Lots happening in our family and it's so nice that it's all good things going on.

Happy Summer to all with our love  
and prayers

Love, Ronnie + Angie

Dear Family,

July 9, 2002

Greetings from Raleigh! As Ray touched upon in his contribution to the RR, we have moved to the capitol of NC—Raleigh! It all started back in December... John slowly came to the realization, after 5 years with Panalpina, that if he was ever going to get anywhere professionally, he was either going to have to transfer to a different Panalpina location, or leave the company entirely. He wound up choosing the latter. To make a long story short, he landed a job (still in freight forwarding) here in Raleigh with USF Worldwide. We have been living in an apartment since February and just closed on our new home on June 27 (which also happened to be John's 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday-what a birthday present!!!)

All are welcome to visit us at our new place! We now live in Wake Forest, a suburb just north of Raleigh. We are easy to get to from both I-85 and I-95 so take your pick! We moved into a cul-de-sac (something I thought I'd never do) with 20-something kids on our little street alone! It's like 4<sup>th</sup> of July every night over there with all the kids! Speaking of kids, Arianna (turned 4 in March) will be going to pre-kindergarden this fall at St. Catherine of Sienna which also happens to be our new parish. She will also be attending CCD at St. Catherine's where I will be teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> grade CCD as well! Kaylin (will be 2 in September) is learning like a sponge, especially in the department of asserting herself!

I have landed a part time job at UPS (my cousin Barbara on the Christensen side got me the job) where I work from 6-10PM nightly. It's an interesting life! John comes home from work around 5:30, I leave for work and he takes over with the kids! So far, it's working out ok and will be even better once John's parents move into their new house right next door to us!

That's the basic scoop on the Klein side. We're so looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible on August 3!

Love,  
Lorraine (John, Arianna and Kaylin too!)

XXXXXX  
Lorraine

Congratulations to all on all the wonderful news of marriages, babies, job, stances, great vacations etc...

PS-Now that I'm at UPS doing a mindless job for 4 hours nightly, I have plenty of time to pray for all of you! Don't hesitate to let me know if you have any special intentions you need me to pray for!

Greetings from Milwaukee!

7/29/02

Sorry I couldn't be with everyone at the reunion -- job-related scheduling and a long-planned Marquette alumni reunion messed things up.

Of course, the highlight of the summer out here was the baseball All-Star Game that had no conclusion -- no conclusion with a winner, that is. I was part of the crew that our newspaper sent out, and like all the others had an interesting time figuring out what to write when my expected story (about the most valuable player) didn't materialize. But my nephew Matt (Barbara's youngest), who was out here for the big event, had a fine old time at the Home Run Derby and the game itself, and the lack of a winner didn't bother him a bit.

On the fall agenda for me: a trip to Belgium to visit Matt, who will be studying in Brussels for the first semester. This time he can buy the beers!

Great to hear about everyone. God bless you all!

Frank

Dear Family,

Looks like I'm an unwitting holdup for this round of the letter. It arrived the day after we left on our vacation that started with a visit at the Alan May Family "West Wing" retreat in the Poconos, continued with our attendance at Reunion 2002, a week's stay in Vermont, and visits with friends & Family in Connecticut and ended with me heading off to Richmond International Airport for a two-day business meeting. So, this is the best I could do.

Danie has fully recovered from the surgery to correct Dupuytren's Contracture in her left hand and is back to quilting up a storm (*She actually **finished** several projects this year!*).

Chris finally decided to move out of our home and into a townhouse apartment with two of his friends. The apartment is in Ashland; some 16 miles / 22 minutes from here. He is still working at Panera Bread, but he has picked up some freelance graphic design work on the side. Naturally, he's still fishing for a full-time job in his field, but there haven't been any bites. He bought himself a high end digital camera and has developed (no pun intended) an interest in photography. (You can see some of his work at <http://www.pbase.com/chrismay>).

Claudine spent the last semester of her college years working hard to make a future in the business she has chosen to pursue. In March, she picked up the lead role in Radford's production of "*As Bees In Honey Drown*", a play whose lead character is a real bl+c#, that she, curiously, played very well! In addition, she was a member of the school's Ensemble, a group that visited local schools putting on productions of "*The Oldest Story Ever Told*" and "*Spoon River*" while continuing her work in the costume shop and managed to keep her Dean's List status. (*Don't ask ME how she did it!*) She graduated "Magna Cum Laude" in May on a day that the rains came only *after* the decision was made to go with the "dry day" plan. A benefit of that decision was that most speakers felt sorry for the audience and kept their remarks to a minimum.

Claudine was supposed to work this summer at the Red Barn Playhouse (Saugatuck, MI), in an Actor/Tech position; working in the Costume Shop in the morning, rehearsing in the afternoon and performing (most likely as a member of the "chorus") in the evening. She selected this job above three other offers because this was one of two that offered acting (in addition to costuming) AND it is an Equity theater. Her acting there would have given her professional "points" to become a member of Actors Equity. Unfortunately, she received a call from the manager of the theater on Thursday prior to graduation. It seems that the owner of the playhouse was looking to sell it and there was an "agreement" to sell the playhouse to the folks who were managing the productions. However, the current owners were approached by another party, who offered them more money for the property. These folks want to tear down the barn and make it a parking lot. According to the caller, there is a lawsuit in the works related to the broken agreement, but, as you might expect when the courts get involved, there will be no quick solution to this issue. Therefore, there will be no job this summer in Michigan!

Since it happened so close to graduation, Beener couldn't come up with a job in Radford, where she stayed in her apartment, living a life of leisure, until her lease on the apartment ran out on August 1. She has moved back home for the present. As for the future . . . ???

The expansion of St. Michael's Church in Glen Allen is nearing completion and the dedication of the new worship space has been scheduled for October. We are very anxiously awaiting the time when we can have more breathing room at weekend Masses. We had a rough spring at our parish due to the fact that our pastor, Fr. John Leonard, was relieved of his duties for seven weeks, while the Bishop investigated allegations of "improper sexual conduct" brought by a man who was a student at a now defunct seminary preparatory high school where Fr. Leonard was a rector some *thirty* years ago. After an "exhaustive" investigation, the Bishop cleared Fr. John of the charge. Unfortunately, the accuser believed that justice was not done and sacrificed his anonymity by holding a press conference and TV interview in which he "explained" the incident to the public. I won't go into detail, but his explanation raised more questions than it answered (*i.e., the accusers have been close to Fr. John for the 30 years since the "incidents" occurred. One is in the Deaconate program that Fr. John leads and another has been in our parish since it started in '92. How could they have associated with this "horrible man" for so long?*) Backlash from the "incident" continues to play in the media and this week, in an effort to deflect heat away from his office, the Bishop requested that the County Attorney investigate whether any wrongdoing took place. The issue is far from being resolved.

In April, Danie & I traveled to NY to participate in the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her graduation reunion (*that's from nursery school . . . thank you for asking!*). This event gave us the opportunity to spend some time exploring our old neighborhoods, something we haven't done in 17 years (!) I was unprepared for the physiological reaction to the emotion of seeing our old neighborhood again. Amid the large number of changes were certain landmarks that looked exactly the same as I remembered them; the bakery at the corner and the pizza shop down the block. It was amazing! On a lark, I knocked on our old next door neighbor's door to see if they were home. When they opened the door, there was instant recognition. We were invited in and enjoyed a wonderful conversation.

After the reunion and exploration of the neighborhood, we spent our last day in NY by meeting up with Alan at Ground Zero. Alan showed us his old building, which only recently was deemed to be unfit for renovation, and gave us a tour of what had been done for the recovery effort and security changes in the area. I am simply amazed that just seven months after the collapse, there was then just a small pile of rubble remaining in the crater that was once the underground plazas and parking garages for these buildings.

At work, our Engineering organization is as dysfunctional as ever, one year after our reorganization. To further stir things up, our Senior VP - Nuclear hinted that he thought our business unit is too stagnant, so he suggested that people should be shuffled around to broaden the experience base of the workforce. Just a breath from our Sr. VP will put our Engineering management into action and changes were made at the manager and supervisory level almost willy-nilly. In one of the shuffles, I was moved from Supervisor - Mechanical Engineering to Supervisor - Engineering Mechanics. In my new position, unlike the old, the scope and breadth of the group's responsibilities are well defined and narrow. I guess I should be thankful that my job will become easier, but I am dismayed by the fact that few among the new supervisors understand the mission of the groups that they are taking over.

Reunion 2002 was great! Too bad attendance was down so significantly. We enjoyed the weather (a few degrees cooler would have been OK) and the company. Hope all is well with those who could not attend.

Eric

Dear Family,

I'm glad this letter is making the rounds so quickly. Auntie Nana would be thrilled with us - as she is, I am sure, with our industry in getting the letter out. What's new here? Well, I do have "3 pins" in my right leg now - had a real burner of a fall. I now have a lonely lady who takes care of me so I'm not alone here all the time. The family has made the arrangements and often I ask her about the Philippines which is home to her. Nothing else is going on in my life & still work at the library 4-6 hours a week (for pay) do a lot of reading (mystery stories) and watch a lot of TV. I received a great (9 inches tall) statue of St. Padre Pio who reminds me so much of Fr. & Joe - he's wearing a brown habit like all the "Caps" do. But he and uncle Eric I'm sure are having a good time "up there". Keep these letters going - it's so great to read all about your lives, families, etc. Thank you <sup>for</sup> letting us all share each others lives.

With Love - Aunt Helen

9/13/2002

Dear Family,

We had a wonderful time at the 2002 Reunion and the kids had an especially great time! Nicole and Megan are back at school and already getting involved in Basketball (Meg) and Nicole in Swimming and Choir. I'm still putting out the Newspaper working 4 evenings a week (11m - 11 pm). As much as the summer is a wonderful time, it's great to get back into a regular routine.

Thankfully we are all in excellent health and are happy to hear of everyone's good news.

Love to all,

Steve, Gona, Nicole + Megan

Greetings from the Zirkels:

9/28/02

Like many of you, we are settling back into the school year after a summer that truly flew by! Instead of one longer trip, we took several short trips this year—one of them being to Lackawack Hill for the Christensens' 2002 Reunion. Since Bill had just returned from back-to-back business trips, he stayed home with Michelle and treated her to a special movie and lunch with daddy, while I drove up for the day with Barbara, my Kristen and Danny. We all had a very relaxed, fun visit with all the Christensens and the cousins who had made it, and this time everyone could enjoy Uncle Ed's lake to the fullest! Thanks again to all the Christensens for treating us to such a nice day. And for those who haven't yet heard, I must explain that my brother Joe did NOT forget the date—he and his whole family were planning to come up, but unfortunately they instead spent that morning at Mercy Hospital! Joe had a painful bout with kidney stones, probably due to dehydration in the heat that week, but he is fine now with no recurring problems.

We now officially have a teenager in the house; Kristen just turned 13 and already is a bit taller than I am, and can wear all my clothes and shoes! Danny just turned 8 and moved up to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, which means an UPSTAIRS classroom in school and at religious ed—a definite sign my "baby" isn't little anymore. We joke that Michelle (10) is in grade 4 ½ because they can't seem to figure out what to do with her this year! We didn't want them to keep pushing her through the self-contained track and have her wind up in the Middle School next year, but they had no suitable 4<sup>th</sup> grade class for her to be left back into this year. So she's in the self-contained 5<sup>th</sup> grade class and does everything with them, while some documents say she's in 4<sup>th</sup> grade again and some say 5<sup>th</sup>! Hopefully it will work out academically and socially by next year.

I am as busy as ever with my unpaid volunteer work, but this year I also have a little pocket money coming in by watching a neighbor's 5-month old baby one day a week. Bill is traveling quite a bit, and because he has reached 25 years at (Northrop) Grumman, we are invited to a formal dinner at the Garden City Hotel in two weeks. That's quite a change of social level for us—we barely get out at all, let alone to have to come up with formal wear!

Our best wishes for good health, SAFETY, and continued happiness for all of you in the months ahead.

Love, Bernadette & family

Dear All,

10-10-02

Greetings from Trumbhannock, PA. Sounds like a way out place? Well it is! We love it - Finally we are able to live a more contemplative life here in the country. It took almost 2 years to build our convent and chapel, but it was well worth the wait. Since we arrived last October, many young women have been inquiring about our life. Any family members interested?

Our outreach to the nearby parishes keeps us busy with a small apostolate and we truly enjoy ministering to the families. Glad to know that things are going well for all - If you are ever in the neighborhood, stop by -

Josanne and I would love to see you -

God Bless and Blessed Holidays -  
Theresa

our beautiful  
Convent &  
chapel  
↓



Hello to Everyone from Williamsburg, VA

(October 22, 2002)

Well I guess it was March when I last wrote in the RR. Since then Monica has had physical therapy at home and on the advice of a doctor she had lymphedema treatments to get the water out of her swollen legs and also the cellulitis that had reoccurred. She was to have an evaluation or assessment re. her legs and see if she is ready to get new braces. An appointment was made but Monica got the SHINGLES (just what she needed!) and the appointments were cancelled and so far no new appointment has been made.

With me, I've had a hip injection which the doctor thought might relieve the pain in my upper right leg which could come from the hip or back - or both. But the injection did nothing for me. I then had an MRI and the Spine doctor upon seeing the x-rays said he would not touch my back. I have so much wrong with my back (scoliosis, stenosis and arachnoiditis and of course, arthritis) and he believes if he goes into the spine I might become worse than I am now. Part of his reason is that I did have meningitis 6 years ago and going into the spine might cause a recurrence of the meningitis. He said I could have a hip replacement - but now I'm thinking that if I did have it done, I would still be in pain from the back, so why bother! Time will tell if I get any worse. The chiropractor says I will get worse over the coming years - but he wants to keep me going - I sure hope so.

I just reread the RR. Boy! our family sure is sprouting with weddings and babies making grandparents out of the family members - the young ones going to college - graduating from high school - the 'children' themselves travelling overseas to Belgium or just to different states in the USA enabling parents or aunts or uncles to visit them and thereby visiting these countries and states they otherwise would not visit.

I believe the May family is doing quite well. I pray it stays that way! I'm glad Aunt Helen recovered from her hip so well and glad to hear that Aunt Betty is now living with Tina and family. That should be so much better for her. Ah, the 'Golden Years'! - I don't know what is so golden about them.

Keep the Round Robin going faster if possible. It is so nice to read about you all and if you send it fast - the sooner I'll get to read more of the family.

Love,  
Rosemary and Monica

Dear All,

December 11, 2002

Merry Christmas to everyone! Let me first explain my absence at the May Family Reunion in August (after swearing up and down that I would be there.) I had dutifully regaled my children with tales of swimming in the pond and taking hikes amid beautiful scenery, but alas, they awoke to the frightening sight of their father doubled-over and whimpering. As it turns out, I had a kidney stone. Yes, it hurt as much as everyone who's had one has said. I probably wouldn't have been much fun at the party. But, please count me in for 2004!

It's been a wild year at Fox 5, with newer, crazier bosses adding stress to an already stressful job. But at least it keeps things exciting. If you look closely during our 5 pm and 6 pm newscasts, you can see my shiny head in the background of the newsroom. Hopefully I'm not doing something embarrassing. Last week, while the reporter was telling a particularly gruesome story, I could be seen laughing my head off in the background. Oops.

The kids are all doing well at St. Thomas the Apostle School, alma mater of all the Clines children. Terence just made his first "reconciliation," and will receive his First Communion in May. Joseph is in the fifth grade, and Kira is in first grade. All are engaged in several sports.

Mary Jo enjoys her teaching in the Syosset School District. She teaches Latin and French to grammar school children, and as an added bonus, she doesn't have any papers or tests to mark!

Mom is doing quite well with her home health aide. She doesn't get outside much, but she would love to talk on the phone at any time.

Once again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Love,

Joe Clines

Dear Great Big Family,

12/17/02

Happy Holidays! May you keep the Christmas spirit throughout the year. First change in my household in a couple years. One roommate moved out, so I'm hunting for a replacement. Things are fine at QVC, where I continue to work the "overnight" shift. The main endeavor of my year by far, was training for the Dublin Marathon which I successfully completed on Oct. 28th. If you haven't already, check out the many pictures from Ireland at my website. Barring injury, I hope to do another marathon some time in 2003.

Stay healthy + stay fit!

<http://ever-optimistic.tripod.com>

Ray

Dear Family  
So glad the reunion went well (except for Jan) & that the weather was beautiful. On Nov. 2nd Jannae & Stephen (you remember him from Reunion 2000) also had a beautiful day for their wedding. After 17 months, all the Muckley kids are now married & I'm only to wait (wait) for grand children. HA!

Jannae graduated from UCF in May & is working with her sister-in-law Heather at a Graphic Arts Studio in Orlando. Brad & Heather moved from Miami to within 10 miles of Jannae & Stephen. Isaac & Chris have built their bathroom & kitchen & seem to be little carpenter. This has been an exciting year for all & I'm wishing for a Happy New Year to all & a blessed Christmas. Give our wonderful family that I'm so thankful to be a part of...  
Love Ralph & Adeline



CHRIS & Jannae  
Summer love 3/23/02



Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kibler 11-2-02

26 January 2003

Dear Family,

This is one of those days when I can't imagine making it through to the point of seeing my kids grown and independent, much less married, so it is nice to see the proof that it can be done!

We spent the Christmas season doing our usual driving South and North to visit with both sides of the family. This was complicated by the fact that Joe's mother was admitted to the hospital on Christmas morning. It was ultimately decided that her problems were caused by interactions between medications and she is OK now. My Mom is also content now, despite her health complaints. She enjoys having her aide to talk to.

We have spent most of January in the deep freeze, like the rest of the East Coast. Unfortunately for the kids, we haven't had much snow for them to play in, just temperatures in the teens. Colin had to make a weather diorama for first grade and he picked a snow scene, complete with kids making a snowman. Wishful thinking, I suppose, since he has had indoor recess every day for weeks and then comes home to be stuck indoors some more. Brian (who just turned 14 and ought to know better) insists on going out to throw a basketball around despite the cold and comes in surprised that his hands and feet are tingling.

Brian has gotten halfway through 8<sup>th</sup> grade now at his big middle school. This year he seems much more secure about himself and is generally happy with how things are going. He also is more responsible and rarely misses the bus, which is a big help to me. It seems to be Emily's turn right now to be doubtful about her place in the world. She is halfway through fifth grade and has just turned 11. This is an age where the girls are constantly forming and reforming little cliques. She's a bit left out because all of her best friends are in other classes this year, but she has made one new friend in her own classroom and I think things will sort themselves out in time.

Both Brian and Emily are continuing with a variety of different activities, even though they have reached the age where kids start to specialize in one or two things. They both have continued with two sports (soccer and baseball/softball) and they each play an instrument: Brian plays the trombone, and Emily plays the viola. In addition, Brian is in the Math club and Emily does gymnastics, and so on. I'm just as happy for them to be pretty good at a lot of things as I would be for them to be excellent at one thing. It does make for a lot of running around, though. Thus far, we have had Colin, who is six, sign up for soccer and tee-ball. He's just having fun so far, so we'll have to wait a few years to see if he develops as many interests as his siblings. He has made an easy adjustment to first grade, except for getting ready in the morning, and is generally a happy kid.

I hope that when this letter reaches you, you are well and happy and warmer than I am right now!

Love to all,

*Eileen*

Greetings one and all!

I must confess that this RR has been in my hands a bit longer than it ought to have been. About 2 weeks ago, Monica was admitted to the hospital for her legs (I'll let Mom talk about that), and we had nearly talked Mom into coming up to be with us for a few days. I figured it would be nice to write about her visit. Then, Monica was released early. So, we decided that I should fly down instead. I spent Valentines through President's Day in Va., just as the Noreaster hit. I've had it with snow and ice in Yonkers - I don't need it when I get away to the South, thank you very little. In spite of the weather, we spent five good days talking, playing and doing chores. We have to figure a way to get the whole family down there or vice-versa so Grandma & Aunt Monica can see them in person. We'll see . . .

Back at home, things are going relatively well. **Bill** is doing very well (high honors) in 7 grade, and seems to be enjoying school and friends in the process. He will soon be a second class Boy Scout (not fast enough for his Scoutmaster/Father). We have to begin choosing a High School soon. **Gillian** is her creative, playful self. While struggling in some ways at school, she excels in Math (when she decides to) and is working on overcoming her shyness. It is hard to see such a bright, pretty, playful person having difficulty making friends, but that's our GEM! Girl Scouts and dancing lessons round out her schedule. **Shannon** continues to "own" her school, with most faculty and students, regardless of grade, greeting her by name in the halls. In terms of work, she does what she wants when she wants - part of her charm. She will do fine, though. Deanne and Alan continue to be busier than is good for us. D is parish council president and on various committees, as well as Religious Ed teacher. Alan has the scouts. The joke is that they ask for "one hour a week", but it works out to one hour per day, excluding camping weekends. While the troop helps a lot of boys (incl Billy), we have to manage down the time spent. We also run the Children's Liturgy each Sunday. We're planning out the summer with a lot of fun activities. We'll spend two weeks at the Poconos house at the end of Aug. Bill has a week at scout camp, Shannon has a local daily camp, and Bill and Gillian will have tennis lessons. Deanne will play chauffeur and Alan will work!

Deanne's mother has been enjoying a long run of good health. Her compressed disks have not acted up since she got a hospital bed. She is currently praying that the abundant snow and rain do not fall on top of her from the flat roof over her apartment. We can't get up to it to shovel, as the door leading out is blocked by the snow and ice. No leaks thus far. Hopefully Spring will arrive shortly!!!

*Alan, Deanne, Billy  
Gillian & Shannon*

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Dear Family -

As I read this Round Robin I can see we all have been so blessed. We just keep growing and growing with weddings, grand children and traveling. WOW! All of us here in Middletown have just about had it with all the snow and cold weather and looking forward to seeing nice weather. Right now Steph and Carbon are looking to relocate back up north as their lease is up in Virginia and have decided to settle nearer to family, and it will be nice being able to see at least one of our grandkids more often. Steph wants to continue with her education and start her Masters in Library Science @ Rutgers. (one of 4 schools in the nation that offer this program) Marc is now home on spring break from Stevens Institute and Robert is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade now. I am a substitute at the office and it's nice to be semi-retired. (LIFE IS SO SHORT!)

Best seeing you all last year @ Aunt Clouie's - Love you all,  
Marc, Alex & Family