

Nov 26/88

My dear Family

One again the Round Robin has come home to roost. I really enjoyed reading all the news etc from each of you. I get the message that everyone seems delighted to hear from all.

Please excuse the "stationery", as you can see, my writing is getting very bad and "lines" (at least) keep me from going up + down hills. No doubt, all are getting hepped up for Christmas; it gets around awfully fast when you get to my "years".

At this writing I am doing great for an old lady - and, God willing, I will let you know if - and when - I will again have a family party. Everyone liked the last one and - since my years are numbered, why not have another? More later on.

Let's keep the little running. There are a few addresses that are changing again and I will try to get lists when I get to know the addresses - meantime - keep going!!

one new address:

St Theresa May
St Cristina Priory

420 E 156 St

Brooklyn, N.Y. 10455

She has started a new "order" among
the poor & destitute. Keep her in your prayers.

Also, Aunt Lucy had again been
hospitalized - but is back in the nursing
home. Can you send her a little note
now & then?

God love you all and keep well and
happy. My love OO++ etc to each
Auntie Anne

Salutations. Bold color for a new round of news. We Dreher's are doing OK. George is in his fifth year at Malverne HS and helped coach the varsity soccer team to a division title. Ian (14) is a high school freshman at WHHS and is just getting into the JV basketball season. Kate (10) is in sixth grade. She's playing CYO basketball (with moi as her asst. coach) and has been selected to play tenor saxophone in the All-County Band which holds a concert in January. She takes private lessons and doesn't have to be nagged (too often) to practice, so she must have some of the May music genes. Matt is doing fine in first grade ... seems to have had no trouble adjusting to a full school day (as long as he has lunch and recess time for all his energy). He played very well on his first place soccer team and scored several goals. The biggest change has come in my schedule. I started back to St. John's for my MLS (Masters in Library Science) this fall - one evening class per week. SJU generously gave me most of my credits originally earned 15 years ago, so I couldn't turn down the opportunity. Then, last month I learned that my local library had a reference librarian job opening, so all of a sudden I'm working too! 17 hours a week in the afternoons as a "trainee". We're all adjusting pretty well to this situation ... but I will have to work all the days that G and kids are off for vacations! Oh well - gotta grow up sometime.

That's about it. Regards to all! Is it really Advent again?
Barbara et al.

12/7/88

Greetings from Williamsburg, VA! It's almost 10 months since last we wrote. Recently, Monica lost out in taking a course in computer given to handicapped by the Hampton Advisory Council and the Rehab. Inst. of VA. We have to wait for the beginning of the year to find out if she can get into the next course. If that doesn't work out, we have a few more tel. nos. to call.....As Eric wrote we are moving again. This time it will be into a ranch type house being built for us. We still couldn't find a townhouse with 2 bedrooms on the first floor. Monica has called me during the night 2x and I never heard her until she kept banging on the wall. If I ever wanted her upstairs for me she would never hear me! We know we'll be happier all on 1 floor. We should be moving the end of March. Can't wait!! This house is on the market -- we've had 7 lookers, but no takers. I hope and pray all goes well: we sell this house and go pay and sign for the new one..... Monica's learning to drive is put on the shelf for now. The eye Dr. says "NO" right now because the cataract in her right eye has gotten worse since last year, but not bad enough for the operation.....Alan and Deanne have set April 29 as their wedding day. They bought a co-op in Branxville. Alan will give up his apartment in V.S. and live in the co-op...save money. Alan is sh happy -- so is Deanne -- ah, love!! Eric also wrote that Danie's parents would be moving to VA. Well, they are living here in VA in their new house -- but all of their belongings are in NY. 15 minutes after the van left their house in So. Ozone Park it went up in flames. They still don't know what is salvageable - the truck is impounded by the fire marshal and the insurance co. Who knows when they'll find out. They do have their appliances - a double bed loaned to them - a sofa and chair - dinette set. They finally went out and bought dishes, pots and pans, utensils and some clothes. No one we've told has ever heard about such a thing happening. The results will be told by Eric when he writes in a couple of months.

That's it for now.

Love, Rainey and Monica

Many Christmas to all from the Schenckel Family!!!
Keeping very busy with the Holiday Season now
here! Everyone is doing very well. Chad's Eye sight
is improving with every check-up! Thank God. We wish
you all a Most Blessed Christmas and a New Year
filled with Health and Happiness

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12/10/88

Love to all,
Gaye, Hardy - Family

12/19/88

Dear Family,

Receiving this letter at Christmastime made me feel like I'd
just been to a holiday family party. In fact just recently my brother
Ken returned home after over 5 months on a ship. Maybe now he'll
visit me. My career made another left turn since my last bit of input.
Due to personnel changes in our office, and the fact that I was functioning
more as a salesman than a manager, I left First Investors and decided
to check out retail management instead. I've been in a discount
store for 6 months now and may yet look for something entirely different
by the time the letter reaches me again! Any suggestions?

Happy New Year to some, Happy Easter to others!! Love,
Ray

1/10/89

Happy New Year to all

I can't believe how time is flying. It
seems like only yesterday Aunt Nora and I were
packing our bags for the pilgrimage (Marion)
in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Avignon, France
Barcelona (now when the Olympics scheduled there
are shown on TV we can say "we were there") and
Madrid, Spain and finally Fatima, Portugal - the
highlight of the trip. We arrived at Fatima in
time to take part in the monthly procession
of the statue, the outdoor Mass with 35 bishops,
priests concelebrating and the traditional Lardner-
Chief waving "farewell" to Our Lady, until the next

month's procession. The chapel (supposed to be on the spot of the apparition), with the long penitential walk (which is done on the knees) and the beautiful cathedral are really very inspiring while the town itself is one huge souvenir shop. I think it's the only industry for miles around and wonder what they do with themselves when the tourists go home.

The family are all pretty well and Eileen has big news - I'll let her tell you about it - plus a new house in Pennsylvania; Joseph, Frank and Barbara new jobs; Bernadette and Bill a new dog, beautiful and frisky - they'll all relate their news.

It's wonderful hearing from you all - keep up the good work. We're all happy Ronnie is doing so well and that Theresa is so happy in her new work and congratulations to Alex and Deanne. Love to all - Aunt Helen

Dear All,

31 January 1989

It is interesting how time flies while this letter wends its way through the family. The last time I wrote in here (March '86) we were preparing to move Joe to PA so that he could start his job at Merck. I got pregnant right before Joe moved, and was almost 6 months pregnant by the time I moved to PA in September.

My due date was close to Christmas, so I spent the Fall preparing baby things and shopping for a house. We thought that perhaps we would pick one out before the baby was born. As it turned out, we decided on a house rather quickly and the owners wanted to settle right away. We got the house on Nov. 30th and moved the furniture in on Dec. 10th. Needless to say, I was just a spectator--we couldn't have completed the move without much help from various relatives.

Two days after the move, I got a backache that became worse and worse. I'll skip the colorful details and just say that our baby boy was born about 7 P.M. on December 13th: Brian Joseph Lynch. We feel very lucky and blessed to have him because I had very great difficulty getting pregnant in the first place. Best to skip those details too. But everything went well with the pregnancy itself.

As you can imagine, Joe and I have had a lot of adjustments to make over the past few months--moving to PA, new employment (in my case, non-employment), becoming new homeowners and then new parents. It will be interesting to own this house; it is new to us but actually very old and old-fashioned looking. It's the kind of place that would look just right with a porch swing. We're located northwest of Philadelphia, very close to Joe's work. In fact, our yard abuts Merck property.

We feel a lot more comfortable taking care of the baby than we did at first but its still very demanding, of course. I'm typing this with him on my lap and **screaming**, so I'll finish now and try to get this printed.

NEW ADDRESS:

671 JONES AVE
LANSDALE PA 19446
(215) 699-0741

Love,
Ellen

2/7/89

Dear all,

I'm sure you're all a bit anxious to know "what I'm doing" now, and I suppose this is the best way to spread the news. - In June I came to the So. Bronx in order to help the Capuchins of the Renewal begin their women's branch. I have six women with me who are now considered postulants. We've been together since July 16th, when they came. Since then I've been attempting to teach them the fundamentals of Religious life. We live rather austere above a shelter for homeless men which is run by the Friars. Under the protection of Cardinal O'Connor who technically is our superior, we intend to live a simple Franciscan lifestyle in serving the very poor of our area. God has indeed blessed us and will continue to do so - I have no doubt about that.

One way in which all of you, my dear family, can help is through your prayers. And, I would ask that you pray often for us. As the Gospels say, "the harvest is plenty but laborers are few." Pray that we can respond totally to that call -

In Christ,
Theresa

Greetings from beautiful downtown Bronxville!

The Mays are certainly a family on the move! It's hard to keep track of everyone's whereabouts, especially when you're trying to send Wedding Invites. I'm not even sure where Mom will be at the time of the Wedding, but she knows she's invited!

I am finally moved into the co-op Mom spoke of in her note:

949 Palmer Road -- Apartment 2D
Bronxville, New York 10708
914 - 779- 5218

The little money Deanne and I had left after buying the place has gone into paint, carpeting, and some furniture. We're excited about how things are coming along. And I finally feel like I have a home again- as opposed to simply a place to live. And we will have most of the "dirty work" done by the time of the wedding, when Deanne will join me here.

It is good to read Mom's and Eric's descriptions of me as "at peace" since that is how I feel I feel richly blessed with the gift that Deanne is for me. I am confident that we will become a solid, faith-filled family in the May (and Landy) tradition.

I am looking forward to all of you meeting D. at the wedding and/or some other happy occasion.

with love
Alan + D.

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Hi + Happy 1989 to all!

Bill + I have had a very quiet, "low-key" winter so far, as he's taking two of his MBA courses at once for the first time. Since he really hates going to school, this not only means twice the time + homework, but also twice the aggravation! Fortunately, after this he will only have one course remaining, which he hopes to finish in the summer. Finally finishing his MBA won't mean any immediate salary raises or promotions, but could be important in the long run. Most important for Bill, graduation will mean FREEDOM!

There are no major job changes or moves in the works right now (although we're beginning to look around locally for a bigger, more suitable house that we could possibly afford). (Help!) As Mom mentioned, we do have a "little" critter in the house now. "Ginger" is a Golden Retriever puppy we brought home last July 4th, + I put "little" in quotes because at 9 months she already weighs 65 lb. It's a wonderful breed - very sweet + cute - although she can be frisky + stubborn. Unfortunately we've just found out (through X-rays) that she has a hip problem, so we hope it won't deteriorate too quickly. Take care, all!

Love, Bernadette + Bill

3-21-89

Dear Everyone,

Sorry for the delay in sending this off. It arrived the day before I left for Florida. We took our yearly vacation in March this year because with Alex's change with his job he cannot take off the summer months. He's still with the Postal Service but there was a career change to Postal Police Officer. After serious thought we decided it was the best move.

Last week we took the kids to Florida as we had promised for some time and of course saw Disney, Epcot + Sea World. We had a wonderful time in spite of the Eastern strike. Looking forward to spending Easter with Mom, Dad, Cheryl and Kathy's Family.

Love to all,
Marie, Alex and Kids

Dear Family, Easter Sunday
1989

MINI-NOTES FROM ...
THE MUEKLEY CHILDREN

& Family

We are all well & enjoying a beautiful Easter with Ralphie, folks & a neighbor.

Our Church Carnival is next weekend & Ralphie in charge of the "Cool Fish Foss" (for 5cents) so we have 1500 goldfish breeding in our porch! What fun.

We're delighted with all the wonderful news of our family.

April 2, 1989

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Dear All,

My goodness, this letter has taken on such a sophisticated style, with all the word processor and different types of printing. Now if we could only speed it up a bit...once a year is hardly adequate for keeping up to date on family news. Please keep this going by holding it no more than 1 to 1½ weeks. Then we should each receive it about twice a year, and get to know one another better. Our house situation is unchanged. Tho we're living in it P/T, much needs to be done for completion. And our foundation problems continue to plague us. We will see an engineer and (possibly) a lawyer soon. Meanwhile, we are "open for business", that is, visitors, right now. We do have the amenities - running water, indoor plumbing etc., so "come on up". Ed will retire 9/1/89, his 62nd birthday. Needless to say, he is impatient for that DAY! We hope to have some of our house and other problems behind us by then, permitting us to be free to travel (to see you all). Meanwhile, he will be operated on this month for DeQuervan's Tenosynovitis on his left wrist (a lump, in plain English). And we're busily being checked out healthwise while we're covered under GHI. Otherwise, "the farm" occupies us almost exclusively. Ken is sailing aboard the Sealift Caribbean, a tanker, as 3rd Engineer, somewhere in the Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean, or Panama Canal. His 3 - 4 month stint should be over in May or June. Steven continues his career at the NY Times. His new job as Systems Support Coordinator calls for a crazy schedule of shift work, but he doesn't seem to mind, as long as he can attend lots of Ranger games. Lorraine will soon complete her 2nd year at Queens College. She is dual majoring in Elementary Education and Anthropology, and keeping good grades, while waitressing 3 nights a week. And her "social schedule" hasn't been bothered a bit.

Love,
Aunt Claire

Dear Family,

4/19/89

Not a whole lot of news from Rockville Centre. As some of you may know, I have a new full-time job, as News Director at WHLI-Radio in Hempstead. It's a nice place to work, and the main advantage is its stability, which is hard to come by in my very unstable line of work. I am also "moon-lighting" several nights per week as a news writer for Channel 5. All of this tends to keep me on the move.

Mary Jo is in her fourth year of teaching at Sacred Heart Academy, and finally she is able to teach French, which is of course, her first love.

We hope to head back to Europe this summer, if I can convince my new bosses to give me the time off. Tentative plans call for us to visit Paris and Munich.

Tomorrow, (April 20th) we will celebrate our fourth wedding anniversary. In truly romantic fashion, I will celebrate it by working in the city. There's always the weekend!

Love,
Joe & Mary Jo Clives

Peace to all!

For me the year is almost over (school is out in June, Yipee!!). However, there is so much to be done by then! We have a show coming up at the end of May, and you know who is in charge. I also have all the end of the Year Liturgies to prepare. Mother Nature has been very generous to all in Highlands. The ocean is just wonderful! I am really looking forward to a very peace-filled summer. Until then, I hope everyone is in good health.

Prayers to all.

Love,
Joanne

May 11, 1989

Dear Family,

All is going well here at the Kiefer household. Spring is such a busy time with sports, end-of-year school activities, proms etc.

Mom has been back in the hospital for congestive heart failure + pneumonia. Her dr. has just been giving us much hope but she seems to be improving now. When Debbie + I saw her tonight she asked about going to "beige!!"

Our love to everyone and a very Happy

Mother's Day. Love, Ronnie + Angie

Hi All,

I guess Tracy and me are running neck to neck with the congestive heart failures. So far I've also been hospitalized twice. Besides all the current medicines, I've been enrolled in a study of a new drug (not on market yet) which is supposed to help the heart function better - a 2 year study - hope I make it. Now, besides Betty with her debilitating cough and lack of breath we really are in a bind. For this reason, Dr. Christine has asked for a time of leave from her Institute to come home and take care of us - and things. Since Maria has her house up for sale, we've decided now's the time for us too, to relocate nearer to Kathy in N.J. But we take it one day at a time. Joan's decision to join Theresa in the S. Bronx, is an answer to Theresa's prayer. How God is again moving in our family is thrilling indeed!

God love and bless you all!

Betty + Charles

6/1/89

Hi to everyone from Milwaukee! Just returned from two weeks on Long Island, where Eileen also came for a week with her little darling, Brian. Cute as can be at almost 6 months now. And, in a news flash since the winter, the Clines clan will add another member in September, when Bunny gives birth. As for me, I'm getting accustomed to ~~xxxxx~~ my new job as a sportswriter here at the Milwaukee Journal, after 17 years as an editor of national and world news. The pace is quite different; no more coming in at 3 a.m., but a lot of late nights at basketball and baseball games. Even for a sports nut like me, the routine of going into clubhouses gets a little boring pretty quick. But the writing is a lot of fun, and there has been some travel involved-- florida for spring training, and a new yor^t-boston trip with the Milwaukee Brewers later in the summer. So things are going quite well. In fact, I'm off to the ball park to cover a Brewer game against my own beloved Yankees! I have to remember not to cheer in the press box. Hope to see everyone at the family shindig, but since I'm not a big shot editor anymore I'm not the master of my scheduling anymore. In any case, god bless everyone.

Frank



Tuesday, June 20, 1989

Dear Everyone and Greetings from Connecticut,

Everything is fine with the Sharp family. As we close out another school year (*this is the last week*) we are looking forward to the warm weather and outdoor activities of summer. We make it a habit to get out on the weekends as much as possible. We enjoy strawberry picking at one of the farms near our home, and already have enough strawberries to last us a year. Jeffrey and Dad went to New York City to visit the Intrepid Air Sea & Space Museum (*one of many Cub Scout activities that keep all of us busy*). The kids have all learned to rollerskate at the local Skate Time skating rink. A few bruises here and there, but they love it now and we make it a habit every Saturday morning. We've even tried our hand at raising chicks. The kids just wanted a pet so bad, we raised a chick for a few weeks, but as soon as it outgrew its box, it *flew the coup*. So we enjoy the precious time that we have. And now that Jeff's brother John has moved to Boston, it gives us another opportunity to visit family and friends.

Jeff made another jump in his career, and went to work for General Electric's corporate staff in telecommunications. It's a big company and a little hard to get used to, but seemed to be a good opportunity with many advantages. With Jeff's busy schedule, we're attempting to make some sort of vacation plans for this summer, but may just take short weekend trips and save a major vacation for next year. There's always enough going on to keep busy.

Not much else is really new. We were blessed with many wonderful events this past year. Christmas with the grandparents, a quiet Easter at home, Jeffrey's first Holy Communion, and many wonderful visits to the family. We are just looking forward to another exciting year. There's plenty to look forward to. It should be just as busy as the last one. Until next time, we extend our best wishes to all of you and look forward to seeing you at the Family Reunion (*this coming weekend*).

With All Our Love,

Jeff Patty Jeffrey Christine & Charles

Jeff, Patty, Jeffrey, Christine, and Charles

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Hello again from the Glen Allen, VA Mays

The timing of the arrival of this issue of the Round Robin coincides perfectly with the startup of our Unit 1 reactor at Surry Power Station. When I wrote last time, (October) both Units had just shut down to correct a design flaw in the backup emergency electrical power system for the plants. At the time the Units shut down, the NRC was conducting an inspection of the plant to assess our knowledge of the "design basis" of certain safety systems (why a pump, valve, motor, etc. is sized as it is or functions as it does) and our ability to operate and maintain the plant equipment to be consistent with the design basis. Well, after a few embarrassing questions, it became clear that we could not readily determine the design bases for the systems in question. Thus began a 18 month scramble to analyze and modify the plant. During that period I generally spent 18 to 12 hours a day, six days a week in the office. In the last two weeks prior to restart, I spent several 16 hour days and one 22 hour day there! So much for the benefits of a short commuting distance!! (You know, this job is getting to be almost as tough as motherhood!)

Anyway, that's all behind us now. I have started coming home close to normal quitting time, I've learned the kids names again and have actually been spending some time with them. Danie has stopped calling herself a widow and maybe, just maybe, we'll start "customizing" the house in the next few weeks.

All in all, the family has adjusted to the new house and the new area. Claudine is out with friends all the time and spends many of these summer nights with friends. Chris is still having a bit of a tough time in that there are few boys in the neighborhood who are close to his age and share common interests. He has become involved with Boy Scouts, however, and is in fact away at camp this week. Danie has made a number of "buddies" with whom she spends much of her time.

The overtime work was partially responsible for our inability to attend the May Family gathering in June. Believe me, we certainly would love to attend these periodic functions, but visiting NY is becoming a royal hassle (how can you people who still live there stand it??), especially since both of our parents are now living here in Virginia. Maybe next time, y'all can come down here!

We certainly did enjoyed seeing all who attended Alan and Deanne's wedding at the end of April. The newlyweds have gotten off to a good start! (How good a start, you ask??) Well, I don't want to spoil the surprise, so let me just say that an animal rights activist group have cited them for cruelty to rabbits. 'nuff said!

As my mother indicated in her last installment, Danie's parents are now residents of the Old Dominion. What was left of their belongings after the fire in the moving truck (about 65% of the load) was delivered during the last week in January. They have replaced much of what was lost (or stolen) and have settled in fairly comfortably.

Mom's new house is just about complete, however she has not yet been able to sell her existing house. It seems that there are as many as 800 houses in the Williamsburg area that are currently on the market. In order to avoid losing the money she invested in her new house, she is being forced to take a mortgage on the new house. Deanne has been very helpful in arranging financing for Mom and we expect that mortgage approval should come within the next two weeks. If all goes well, she should close on the new house by the first week in August. She would then move in within a few days and hopefully be more successful in selling her old house empty. Her new address will be:

3316 Isle of Wight Court
Williamsburg, VA 23185

Her phone number should remain the same ((804) 220-4754).

On to other news. . . On March 2nd, during the short period between 10:30 AM and 12:22 PM when Danie was down the street and I was at work, our house was robbed. (...and he complains about New York!). The thief took mostly new electronic stuff (CD player, VCR, color TV), some of my jewelry and my camera. The thief was caught a week later at another house some distance from here with my Manhattan College ring in his pocket. That ring, and another were all that the police were able to recover. Thank goodness for replacement cost insurance coverage, we were able to replace many of the stolen items. The thief has since pleaded guilty to several counts of robbery and should be off the streets for a while (a couple of months, maybe?)

Well, that's enough for now!

Dear all,

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Just a short note to say all is well
with me. I'm keeping very busy at home
helping Mom & Dad. God has been very good
to us in giving Mom & Dad better health these
days; that is all I ask for. Nothing must news
than that. Keep me in your prayers

Love,
Tom

Hi to ALL

WELL ANOTHER YEAR HAS GONE BY & NOTHING
REALLY EXCITING HAPPENED. WENT TO OHIO TO VISIT MY

SISTER IN JULY WITH MY SISTER SACKIE, HER DAUGHTER
MICHELLE & PATTI K. WE ALL HAD A GREAT TIME.

I'M HOPING TO GO TO FLORIDA NEXT YEAR.
WELL UNTIL NEXT TIME.

Love
Tom