

# A New Year 2019 Greeting From Marilyn & Guy

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*Happy Holidays  
and a Great New Year  
from both of us!*

In a repeat from last year, Marilyn's creative impulses led her to temporarily replace some of the Japanese artwork normally seen throughout our apartment with decorations for the Christmas season, including three small decorated (artificial) trees, flower arrangements in the colors of the season, and seasonal art objects on the shelves, walls, etc.



Some of the apartment decorations She completed a Christmas Stocking for Lawson, our third great-grandson-to-be, after adoption by Kim and Jon is complete; the latest of about 23 stockings she has produced over the years.



Lawson's Christmas Stocking Marilyn and Sandra took a mother-daughter road trip in Florida in February, taking a plane to Ft. Lauderdale, where they spent some time with Marilyn's brother Jack and his wife Jean, spending an evening before driving south the next day,

along the east coast to reach the Keys, then enjoying side trips as they drove west and then north along the west coast to Ft Myers and a plane back to Pittsburgh. Sandra photographed about 1,003 sun sets and rises along the way, including a sunset seen from a sail boat. Also included were a myriad of photos of the wild animals seen along the roadways in the Everglades, and in special settings. Of the latter, a hospital in the Keys for turtles, many injured by boats, was a special interest. Many of the photos of animals in the wild were taken in the "Big Cypress National Preserve" and "Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary", including an astounding variety of birds, plant life and, of course, alligators, some swimming under the board walk taking them through the Sanctuary.

The two-room guest suite on the ground level of our apartment was enjoyed by Susan this year, on a visit to satisfy her concern that her aging parents had some notions about their care in the years to come.

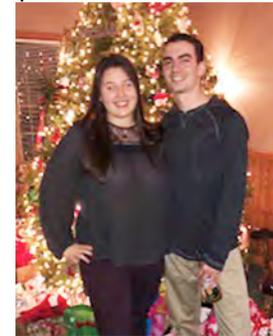
Later in the year Marilyn injured herself by slipping off a high stool at the lunch bar in the apartment, and as that seemed to be resolved was afflicted by sciatica, finally brought under some control by a cocktail of medications taken daily.

**Guy** still goes to his office in Carnegie Mellon Univ on week days. He continues consulting with the CMU administration, chairing a University Professor committee, and serves as co-Editor-in-Chief of a scientific journal in polymer science.

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**Scott and Cheryl** saw their first daughter, **Hanna**, graduate in June with a degree in Respiratory Therapy from Indiana University of PA. She passed the first part of her

Boards, and is now working as a Respiratory Therapist at UPMC Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh, living in a nearby apartment. Her boyfriend, Chris, has graduated from Kent State, and is now working as a copilot for a commercial Airlines.



Both parents are very involved with younger daughter **Chloe, (16)**, in her volley ball practices and tournaments, including some involving trips away from Pittsburgh. Chloe, now in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, plays on the Jr. varsity volley ball team of her Catholic high school; the team did very well this year, as did the senior varsity team. In fact, owing to some students unable to participate, Chloe was placed on the senior varsity team for the league championships, a sign of how seriously she takes the sport. In addition to her sport activities, she is doing very well academically in high school.



Chloe with returning the volley ball Scott works as a carpenter and Cheryl is a project administrator for the nuclear structural division of the firm for which she works. Scott applied his carpentry skills to some

updates of the interior of their home, removing some walls to create a more open living space.

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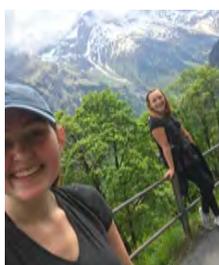
Scott & Cheryl celebrated 30 years last year. Sandra's family participated in a wide range of experiences this year. Sandra continues to work at a woman's clinic. She enjoyed about 33 long hiking trips, some coupled with camping overnight. Her hikes have advanced to 15-20 mile affairs, most with up-hill components. Her trips included the fulfillment of a 40 yr old ambition to return to venues visited in her teen years on our family camping trips to the west coast, with visits to the Tetons, Yellowstone and Shenandoah, as well as new experiences, such as a camping trip with Jacob, and the tour of the Everglades with Marilyn mentioned in the preceding, and another by herself later in the year.

Colleen settled into her double major at St. Vincent College (SVC), where she is now in her Junior year, working part-time as a groom and barn hand outside SVC when not studying, working at SVC or riding her horse Miles. She has kept in touch with some of her colleagues from her semester as an International Exchange student last year. Although now aged-out of 4-H competitions, she remains active in Pony Club, competing at the "training level of eventing" at Rolling Rock this year to win first place, and passing the top-level certificate in horsemanship from the US Pony Club.



Colleen and Miles at the training level event. Cassandra completed year at a Community College near home, and then delayed transfer to a 4-year

college for a year, moving to Athens GA to establish residence in GA, hoping to be accepted in the Univ Georgia for the Fall 2019 term. She also completed a month-long trip to Europe with Equestrian Vaulting team mate and best-friend Savannah, paying for her trip with savings accrued while working; they visited tourist attractions in sixteen cities in ten countries. On returning she obtained a job in a private pre-school, finding that she enjoyed working with the students, and advancing to be a teacher in the school. Meanwhile, she earned her silver medal equestrian vaulting, earning a regional championship at the silver level.



Cassandra after Savannah in Europe

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Kimberlee and Jon remain in Durham NC with their sons Jacob, (6) and Sawyer (3), and a foster son Lawson (14 mo) who was placed in their care shortly after his birth; they are hoping to adopt him early this year. Kim is a case manager for a pediatric hospice serving the needs of children with potentially terminal illnesses, and Jon is a Senior Manager for telecommunications with the Duke University Hospital. Kim received a number of awards for Dressage this year. Jacob is in first grade school, enjoying it and finding that he is good at soccer and also enjoys it very much.



Jacob at a soccer match

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Kaitlyn and Edward have been in Montgomery AL this year, where Edward is continuing his studies in medical school. They are renting a

nice house which they inhabit with their chihuahua, great dane a cat and a tortoise.

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Susan & Carmon and their family have had their usual active year, with Carmon the Dean of the Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts at Washington University in St. Louis and Susan working with artists and teenagers on gun violence prevention as founding president of the Saint Louis Story Stitchers Artists Collective. They found time to let Jessica and Charles have moved to Fayetteville to teach at the University of Arkansas, where Jessica is an Assistant Professor in the School of Architecture and Design. Their architecture practice, Somewhere Studio, LLC is open for business. They bought a house and they and their dog Cody, are settling into their home.



Jessica and Charles, with Cody

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Ashley and Adrian have announced their engagement, planning their wedding in St. Louis. Ashley and her mother have begun the many faceted task of the arrangements.



Ashley with Adrian with friend.

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Chelsea is training to do animal assisted therapy and enjoys living with her dog Riley in Lake St. Louis near her horse Rowan as they train in Level 3 dressage.



Chelsea with Rowan

## Supplemental Photo Section 2019

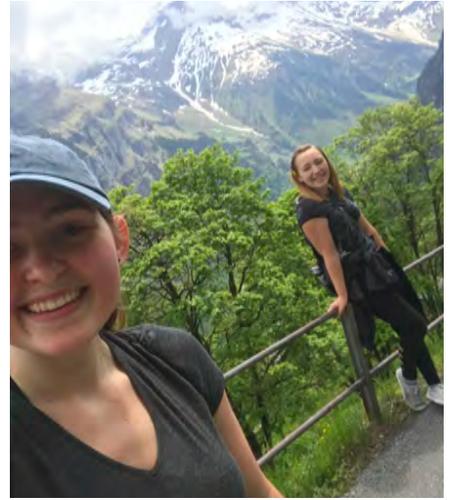
A few photos from 2018, mixed with a couple from prior years.



Casey in a Silver Medal competition



Casey with Miles and their medals



Casey & Savannah somewhere in Europe



MJB & GCB in bygone times



Chole at volley ball



Jacob & Sawyer at the Grier Beach House



Jacob after the soccer ball



Carmon & Susan in 2018



Susan at the Carnegie International



Chelsea and Rowan at dressage rink



Chelsea and Riley



Casey and a winning routine from last year