

A New Year 2018 Greeting From Marilyn & Guy

December 2017

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

After our second full year of living in our apartment Marilyn's creative impulses led her to temporarily replace some of the Japanese artwork normally seen throughout the 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 the Christmas Stocking for our second great-grandson, Sawyer, this year, the latest of about 20 over the years.



Sawyer's Christmas Stocking

We visited Kimberlee, Jon, Jacob and Sawyer in their new home in Durham, NC on the occasion of Jacob's 5th birthday.

The two-room guest room with a shower room on the garage level of our apartment has been used by our guests a few times this year, including as a stop-over by Kim on her way to London elaborated below.

Marilyn has continued her return to teaching Japanese flower-arranging with the Ohara Ikebana Chapter she co-founded the group in 1988--30th anniversary this year! She taught at several sessions of the Chapter this year, as well as exhibited several times at Phips Conservatory.

This is Lady's 7th Christmas with us; as she was a Christmas gift to Marilyn Christmas 2011; she was a rescue dog, but gentle and surprisingly well trained.



Lady with her present from 2011
Guy still goes to his office in Carnegie Mellon Univ on week days. He continues consulting with the President and Provost of CMU as the chair of two committees, and serves as co-Editor-in-Chief of a scientific journal in polymer science. He is Founding Chair Emeritus of an International Symposium with annual meetings at venues around the world. The meeting of the Symposium in Singapore he attended last year as a special guest may well be the finale of his career.

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Scott and Cheryl celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary this year,

<http://www.andrew.cmu.edu/user/gcberry/family.html>

as their offspring are nearing "the edge of the nest".



Scott & Cheryl celebrate 30 years
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. Both have been very involved with Chloe, (15), in her volley ball tournaments and practices. Chloe, now in the 9th grade, plays on the Jr. varsity volley ball team as 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 her first year in high school.



Chloe with her volley ball

Hanna, now in her Senior year at Indiana University of PA (IUP), continues classroom and clinical studies in her respiratory therapy program. She has received an internship for Respiratory Therapy at UPMC Presbyterian Hospital, to be com-

pleted during her upcoming final semester of school, along with a full time schedule of classes. Her boyfriend, Chris, has graduated from Kent State, and is now in training to be a pilot for Republic airlines.



Hana and boyfriend Chris

Sandra's family participated in a wide range of experiences this year. Sandra continues to work at a woman's clinic.

Colleen experienced a life-time memory this year: she spent the Fall semester as an international exchange student in London, arranged via St. Vincent College, where she is a sophomore. In addition to her studies at Westminster University and elsewhere, she visited 9 countries, self-organized with a group of exchange students.



Colleen across the Thames from Big Ben. Aside from her studies and trips, both of which went well, she enjoyed a visit to London by her mother and sisters Kimberlee and Casandra. Of course, a visit to the Royal Mews stables was on the top of the sights to be seen!

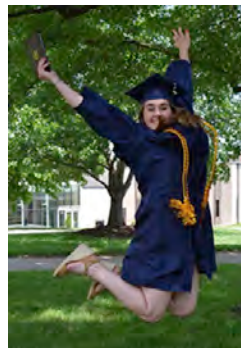
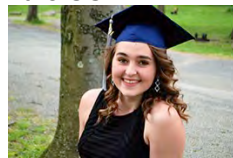


Mom and three daughters at the Royal Mews. Before leaving for London she rode in the Pony Club championships, earning several awards, with her

team coming away with second place.



Colleen at the Pony Club Championships. **Cassandra (18)** graduated from cyber high school, and is now considering colleges, including the Univ Georgia in Athens. While there she visited the local Equestrian Vaulting team, and had lessons from the top vaulter in the US.



Cassandra after graduation

Kimberlee and Jon remain in Durham NC with their sons **Jacob, (5)** and **Sawyer (2)**, and for part of the year, a foster daughter (2½) under their care. 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.



Kimberlee, Jon, Jacob and Sawyer

Kaitlyn is still in Birmingham AL where husband Edward matriculated in medical school last fall. They

celebrated wedding anniversary #1 on 19 Dec this year, with the best wishes of their families for their future together. They are happily living with their chihuahua and great dane.

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.

Jessica received her MAarch from Princeton University, and accepted an Assistant Professorship in Texas Tech in Lubbock TX, with husband Charles accepting a position at the same institution. They, and their dog Cody, are settling into their home.



Jessica and Charles, with Cody

Ashley took a new job this year as Product Manager for Banana Republic in Orlando FL. She made the move to be with her beau Adrian.



Ashley with Adrian in Orlando

Chelsea graduated in June with her degree in Master of Occupational Therapy program at Maryville University. She then passed her Boards, adopted a puppy (Riley), and is looking for a position suitable for her, in a location convenient to her horse Rowan. She anticipates continuing to compete in Dressage with Rowan.



Chelsea with new diploma and grandparents

