



# A NEW YEAR 1995 GREETING MARILYN & GUY

Another eventful year for us and our Family! **Jessica (8 1/2) & Ashley (6)** have enjoyed their first year with their new sister **Chelsea**, who will be 1 year old on 21 December; she has just begun to walk. **Kimberlee (8) and Kaitlyn (3)** have both played big sister to new baby brother **Kevin**, born 11 March; Kevin was a minisumo (wrestler) at 6 mo, weighing 23 lb! **Jessica, Kim, & Ashley** are each showing their special aptitudes at school (3rd, 2nd and 1st). **Chelsea** is proving to have a very pleasant, inquisitive personality. **Kaitlyn**, still *Little Miss Sunshine*, was diagnosed with insulin-dependent juvenile diabetes in May. She is now reasonably stable on three daily injections, which she seems to tolerate amazingly well. All four of the "older" girls have enjoyed their Nana's resurrection of their mother's large-scale doll house (furniture by *Nana*, ca. 1960's).

We (**Marilyn & Guy**) enjoyed trips to Switzerland and Florence, Italy, in May and Puerto Rico in November—and that doesn't count a five-day trip to Michigan!

After a week-long meeting in a ski-resort hotel in the mountains outside Geneva, we went by train on a three-day trip to Florence to see a few of the many art treasures of that city. Tips from **Carmon** helped make the trip to Florence more enjoyable, with the highlight being the enormous *David* by Michelangelo, but it was the mountains of Switzerland that drew us back to Interlaken for the final part of our trip. We enjoyed the hospitality of a small, but very nice family-owned hotel, with a too-good (near gourmet) restaurant! After the meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico, was over, we took an automobile trip across the island with another couple—a federal investigator seat-mate of **Marilyn's** on the plane trip back to Philadelphia told her that we were lucky to have escaped without a problem on that trip (he said there are 8000+ car-jackings per year in sunny Puerto Rico!).

The big freeze of '93-94 brought an unusual scene to the side yard of **Carmon & Susan**: they flooded an area to make a skating rink. A front-page picture in the Morgan-

town paper showed all of the family on skates. They later had the excitement of a complete breakdown of their (only) bathroom; time (and \$'s) brought them a beautiful replacement. **Carmon** has accepted the Chair of the Art Department; he and **Susan** have become quite the social entertainers on behalf of the Art Department. **Susan** continues to work in the parent's group where **Jessica & Ashley** go to school. She is the volunteer *Art Coordinator* for the school, and a *Storyteller*; among other activities, she arranges monthly visits by artists. To avoid boredom, she is a Brownie and Girlscout leader as well (a head start for **Chelsea**).

**Sandra** continues at the *Birth Place* (where both **Kaitlyn** and **Kevin** were born), as a delivery-room and home-visitation nurse; she has been working steadily since **Kevin's** birth, and has set up a small business to provide nursing supplies to mothers of newborns. **Neil** continues his work as a private investigator, having started his own business this year. He shares the family-caring responsibilities with **Sandra** in a com-

plex and ever changing schedule. Kaitlyn's illness and Kevin's age have kept them close to home this year.

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**Cheryl & Scott** continued with their home-improvement projects this year included a new fence around their swimming pool and yard. They both enjoyed their vacation trip to the ocean, and their trip to Bill and Tanya Montooth's Michigan wedding reception in Grand Blanc. Scott has been putting in a lot of overtime at the building firm where both he and Cheryl work--he has enjoyed working on a million dollar plus mansion this year (well, he can dream can't he?). He was also on a job at the hospital where Kaitlyn was treated this year, and was able to see her during her stay.

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**Marilyn's** number-one activity is being **Nana** to six grandchildren. She continues as a Deacon of her church, responsible for floral arrangements in the sanctuary, flowerbed design and care, and seasonal decorations--she arranged a "Live Nativity" for Christmas Eve, featuring **Sandra** (Mary) and **Kim** (an angel). That, plus her teaching in Japanese flower arranging keep her (almost) out of mischief. **Guy** continued as Department Head of Chemistry in '93-94, and has taken a Sabbatical Leave in '94-95. Meetings took him to Japan, Korea and Venezuela, in addition to Switzerland. He received the *Pittsburgh Prize* from the American Chemical Society in September--the prize is given annually for "contributions to chemistry".

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Marilyn's mother **Mary** has completed her first year in

Pittsburgh, living in a condo within sight of 633 Cascade! She has found many new friends, for bridge games, concerts, and just plain talking! She has enjoyed going to the Pittsburgh Symphony and the Broadway Play series with Marilyn & Guy, among other concerts (operas, etc.). They all flew to Atlanta GA in July for Bill Montooth's wedding. Marilyn and Mary visited *Dollywood* in September during a visit to Marilyn's cousin and his wife, Jim & Char Hipkins. Guy's mother **Wilma** enjoyed a visit to Pittsburgh in November for her first visit with great-grandson Kevin and great-granddaughter Chelsea, along with all the other great-young-uns! She had a cataract removed on her return to Michigan (allowing her to clearly see the medical bill!).

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Finally, here's wishing you a

**HAPPY & HEALTHY**

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