



A NEW YEAR 1997 GREETING MARILYN & GUY

December 1996

Happy Holidays from all of us in Pittsburgh!

Our grandchildren continue their active ways. Fifth-grader **Jessica (10 1/2)** is in a school chorus and plays her flute in a quartet. Third-grader **Ashley (8)** continues to study her African drumming, and is her Mom's best helper with sister **Chelsea (3)**, who is developing a strong sense of independence. Fourth-grader **Kimberlee (10)** is big sister to **Kaitlyn (5)** and brother **Kevin (2 3/4)**. Kim was able to have her grandmother and her greatgrandmother as her guests for "Grandparents Day" at her new school.

Kevin is developing quite a vocabulary (especially considering his gender!), perhaps owing to the influence of his sisters--he wants a fancy doll and a work bench for Christmas-- "Oh Bother!" as Pooh Bear says--he got the work bench. *Little Miss Sunshine Kaitlyn* continues to cope well with her juvenile diabetes; she is very much involved with her dolls and toy horses.

Youngest grandchild **Hanna (1)** is the delight of her cousins, and in turn delights in being with them--she is

developing a pleasant personality, and is on the verge of talking in real sentences.



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We (**Marilyn & Guy**) enjoyed a trip to England and Ireland, following an earlier trip to various locations in Italy. The trip to Italy started in Venice, where we took in the sights and an opera. Then, on to see the sights at the Vatican and a few other places in Rome before moving on to Sorrento, near Naples. Our hotel had a great view of the Bay of Naples and Vesuvius. The only problem was that the food was too good. Visits to the excavated ruins of Pompeii and Herculaneum were special treats for us--very impressive! We later visited a museum in Naples that had many art objects removed from these ruins. Following a meeting in Oxford, we spent a week in Ireland, driving from Dublin to the west coast, and back, staying in bed & breakfast lodgings along the way, including one farm house dating back to the early 1700's. We even found one place that had a section of

decorative floor art removed from Pompeii! Memorable scenery and people along the way! We happened to be in Dublin on the 4th of July, and were surprised to be in the middle of a very large celebration of the holiday, complete with American flags, food and music, along with a visit by the USS JFK aircraft carrier

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Carmon & Susan continue their very active life in Morgantown. **Carmon** made a trip to China this year to arrange for a cooperative program for the Art Department, which he continues to chair. **Susan** has been working hard to develop funding for an art outreach program for local schools through West Virginia University--concerts, art workshops, etc. Susan finished some redecorations of their home this year, including restoration of the oak woodwork to its original stained finish--it all looks great!

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Sandra has nearly finished the course work portion of her effort to become qualified as a nurse-midwife. She will soon take her exams, preced-

ing her practical training in the delivery room in the final phase of her effort. Her effort was slowed this year by her pregnancy, sadly terminated in a stillbirth this month. Neil's private investigator business has picked up this year, especially since he placed an ad in the Yellow Pages.

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Cheryl & Scott's home improvement projects have taken a decided back seat this year in favor of little **Hanna**. They both want to be with her as much as they can. Scott gives her regular 'lessons' on his drum set, and Cheryl spends a lot of time reading and talking to her. Scott is still working for a construction company; he spent a good part of the year on renovation projects in a hospital. Cheryl has been working part-time since the arrival of Hanna, with Hanna staying with Cheryl's parents when she and Scott are both working.

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The Mauro Family Group worked hard to raise funds

for the "Walk for the Cure" of The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation this year. With the help of family and friends they were able to turn over about \$4,500 to the effort this year, placing them second among Family groups, and eleventh overall; an event record \$300,000 was raised by the Pittsburgh Chapter to support research worldwide on means to cure diabetes. Six of the Mauro Family team received "Golden Sneaker Awards" for their efforts in raising more than \$500 each. Thanks again to all who could participate this year. Young Kaitlyn was first of the Mauro family to go up to the podium to receive her award! The leading family raised \$7,000 by organizing their extended network of family and friends around the US. Great job!

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Marilyn's number-one activity continues being **Nana** to seven grandchildren. She is concluding her term as a Deacon of her church, to become an Elder. In addition, she is responsible for floral

arrangements in the sanctuary, flowerbed design and care, and special seasonal decorations.

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The family of Marilyn's mother **Mary** gathered for the **Montooth MiniReunion** in Pittsburgh this year. Mary's children and their spouses, along with her grandchildren and great grandchildren accumulated to a total of 25 people gathered in the social room of her condominium. 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.). Guy's mother **Wilma** enjoyed a visit to Pittsburgh in October for her second visit with great-granddaughter Hanna, along with all the other great-young-uns, and was also in Pittsburgh for the Christmas holiday season.

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Finally, here's wishing you a

HAPPY & HEALTHY

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*Marilyn
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