

# A NEW YEAR 1999 GREETING MARILYN & GUY

December 1998

Happy Holidays from all  
of us in Pittsburgh!

Our grandchildren continue their active ways. Sixth-grader **Kimberlee (12)**, first-grader **Kaitlyn (7)** and **Kevin (4 3/4)** celebrate the first birthday of sister **Colleen** on 30 December. Kim has added the guitar to the flute, which she plays in her school band, while raising her gymnastic skills and joining her school basketball team. Katie is learning to be a bell ringer with a church group, and continues to cope well with her juvenile diabetes, joyfully anticipating each day of school. Kevin has become Colleen's protector and playmate. **Hanna (3)** is fascinated by her new cousin, and delights in no longer being the youngest grandchild; she is taking swimming and interpretative dance lessons. Seventh-grader **Jessica (12 1/2)** has added the saxophone to the flute, which she plays in the school orchestra, and is on her school basketball team. Fifth-grader **Ashley (10)** is taking drama and drumming lessons, and is her Mom's best helper with kindergarten **Chelsea (5)**, who is still certain she knows more

than anyone else, especially her parents and sisters! As you may remember, they now live in Athens, GA.



We (**Marilyn & Guy**) enjoyed a trip to Santa Margharita on the "Italian Riviera" in June, and while there had the pleasure of visiting with Veronique, her husband Denis and their two boys Hugo (3) and Roch (1 1/2); Julien did not make the trip. They drove from their home in France for a day-long visit. A day trip to Portofino, and beaches along the coast, provided time to renew our ties with Veronique, and to meet her family. A short trip to Athens, GA, was timed to coincide with an exhibit featuring examples of Carmon's artwork, along with that of other faculty of the School of Art. **Marilyn** spent an intensive time this summer as **Nana** to a good share of her eight grandchildren. Jessica, Ashley and Chelsea visited for two weeks, while their parents were ("working hard") in Italy. Jess and Kim attended a 5-day school at the Pittsburgh Zoo, and Jess and Ashley spent alternate visits

with friends in Morgantown. Not able to take advantage of this diversion, Chelsea had to spend the whole time in Pittsburgh living with Poppy's rules--it's a tough life sometimes! Marilyn continues as an Elder of her Church this year, and leads two weekly groups: a women's prayer group and a discussion group. She has recently begun working with the residents of a nursing home; Sandy's family and Mary have joined her. They visit periodically, giving the group a party in December, in which Sandy's children dressed in elf costumes, and distributed favors. Marilyn enjoyed a 10-day group tour to Israel with her church group in January; she saw a lot, and enjoyed it all very much.

**Susan & Carmon** have spent the year (and a bit of their income) putting their imprint on their new home in Athens, GA. Their three girls have accommodated very well to their new home, adding many more (and more expensive!) activities to their routines, as well as making new friends. They have acquired a van to help Sue with

the logistics of their active life and for use in family trips, and a sports car for Carmon's daily commute to the university, mostly along country roads. Sue and Carmon took a 2-week trip to Italy in connection with Carmon's duties as the Director of the Laramor School of Art of the University of Georgia and the School's summer program in Cortona, Italy. They toured a bit of Italy after Carmon completed his teaching in the program, visiting Rome and Florence among other sites, while their girls were on their Pittsburgh adventure.

**Sandra & Neil** continue their full lifestyle since Sandy earned her certification as a midwife late last year, along with the arrival of Colleen. She (Sandy, that is) now works about half-time as a midwife at a nearby hospital, while Neil continues to build his private investigator practice, to a stage where he is looking to hire some help in the near future. They still find some time for family camping trips with their van and tent trailer. Their trips

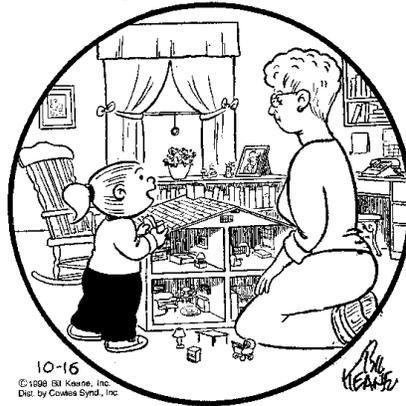


this year included two visits to "Great-Berry" in Michigan, with visits to Greenfield Village and the Detroit Zoo.

**Cheryl & Scott** hosted family poolside parties at their home again this summer, including daughter **Hanna's** 3rd birthday. Scott and Cheryl finished the interior decorations in Hanna's outdoor playhouse; a big hit with the cousins *et al.* The family vacation trip in their van this year included a stop in Athens to visit with the Susan's family. Hanna is happy that she has reached the age where she can be allowed to play in Nana's dollhouse (or at least the first level, under close

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Nana, do you play with the doll house when I'm not here?

scrutiny by Nana or Mom or Dad). It seems that with Hanna and Colleen, Nana's dollhouse has a *raison d'être* for a few more years!

Marilyn's mother **Mary** continues to enjoy good health, and remains active. She enjoys going to the Pittsburgh Symphony with Marilyn & Guy, among other activities. She accompanied Marilyn & Guy on a trip to Michigan last summer, visiting Jack & Jean at their lakeside cottage while we were with Guy's mother in Troy. Lunch at the Dearborn Inn on the way to MI was a reminder of the celebration of her 40th wedding anniversary at the Inn, just before she and Fred moved to Florida.

Guy's mother **Wilma** enjoyed a visit to Pittsburgh early in the year, and over the Christmas holidays, along with trips to visit family in California and St. Louis; she enjoys being able to travel--especially (only?) to see family! Pauline Reel visited her in Troy this summer--she happened to be there when Marilyn & Guy visited.

Finally, here's wishing you a

**HAPPY & HEALTHY**

**1998**

**AND BEYOND**

**Merry Christmas from**

Marilyn  
&  
Guy

