

A NEW YEAR 2001 GREETING MARILYN & GUY

Happy Holidays from all of us in Pittsburgh!

It was a special year for Susan and Carmon's seventh-grader **Ashley (12 1/2)**, who accompanied her father and a girl-friend on a trip to Italy in May. They visited Cortona, a hill-top village near Florence, where Carmon is associated with an art school branch of the University of Georgia, and then on to Venice. Ninth-grader **Jessica (14 1/2)** is on her school swim team this year, and Ashley plays the snare drum in her school band. First grader **Chelsea (7)** is finding that she likes to read, and is doing very well in school. Scott and Cheryl's **Hanna (5)** also enjoys school, and is doing well in preschool this year, as well as her gymnastics class after school. Sandra and Neil's eighth-grader **Kimberlee (14)** continues her active ways, with school basketball, and after school gymnastics. Third-grader **Kaitlyn (9)** and first-grader **Kevin (6 3/4)** are doing well in school (Kaitlyn with much enthusiasm, and Kevin with at least accep-

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tance, and occasionally with pride, though he prefers playing outside). Kaitlyn, who plays bells with a church group, and is in Girl Scouts, went to a camp for children with diabetes this year, and is ready to return again next year! Kevin is in Cub Scouts. **Colleen (3)** is talking a "blue-streak", and is solicitous of her younger sister **Cassandra Rose (1)**. The three older girls are in a baton twirling group, performing in parades or before groups from time-to-time. Casey is very pleased with herself for her newly acquired skill: walking—baton twirling will come next!

We (**Marilyn & Guy**) enjoyed a trip to visit Susan and her family in early 2000, and were able to attend an exhibition of art made by school children from Athens (GA) under Susan's direction (see below). We returned to Athens in December in time to hear Susan present a critique of an exhibition of art by high school students; her talk was to the assembled students and their teachers.

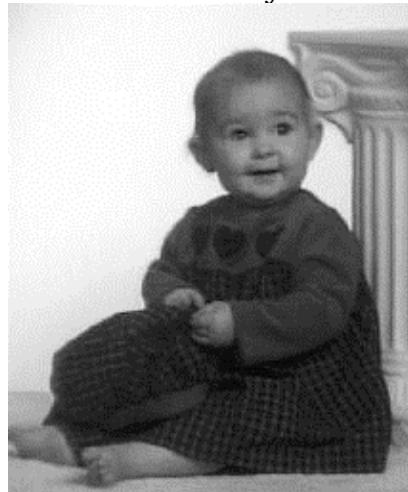
She and two others juried the exhibit. We were able to attend Chelsea's 7th birthday party (a raucous affair!), and a high school swim meet in which Jessica swam in two races. Guy arrived for all of this (unexpectedly) from a trip to Chile for a conference, to join Marilyn, who had arrived earlier. For Thanksgiving dinner in Pittsburgh this year, we were joined by Jack, Jean and Alexandra Montooth from Michigan, their son John from Alaska and his friend Cheryl Davis from Ohio, Mary Montooth, Scott and Cheryl, and Sandra and Neal, and their respective families—the meal was catered to reduce the stress on the ladies of the house! Jack and Jean's Barbara and her family (husband David and three boys) joined us the next day from Michigan for a continued holiday visit. Marilyn continues as a Church Elder, leading a weekly women's prayer group, and the mission of arranging monthly entertainment evenings and communion services for the residents of a nursing home.

Susan & Carmon and their family made a trip to the Florida Keys, visiting Key Largo and Key West; they did a lot of swimming, and snorkeling along the coral reefs. The trip was a new experience and a big success! The exhibition of pennants made by Susan and her girls, and by school students from Athens under Sue's direction for a Martin Luther King Day event was a big success. The pennants, based on traditional designs from Africa, bore quotations from King. Carmon had several exhibitions of his art, and now has some of his work for sale at an Atlanta gallery.

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Sandra & Neil have had another busy year, with their family of five (plus a seemingly never ending array of assorted pets), and with both Sandra and Neil working as much as possible. Despite a hectic daily schedule, they have found time to use their new van for family camping trips, and a visit Michigan to see "Great Berry", along with four zoos along the way. They became mosquito food on their annual visit to see the home of Misty, the wild pony (alas, now a stuffed and mounted wild pony) on Chincoteague Island at the Assateague National Seashore in Virginia; cousin Jessica joined

them on this trip. Neil's private investigator business has gotten sufficiently busy that he had to hire some help this year to get the jobs done, and Sandra is working "half-time" at her midwifery practice now that Cassandra is a year old.



Cassandra Rose at 1 year

Cheryl & Scott hosted family poolside parties at their home again this summer, including daughter **Hanna's** 5th birthday party. Scott had built a substantial deck at the side of their house, replacing a smaller porch, and this received a lot of use during meal time, and by those not anxious to be out in the sun by the pool. Scott had surgery to repair a rotator cup in his shoulder this Fall, an injury that may date back to his hockey days in high school. Hanna is following in Cheryl's footsteps with her enthusiasm for dance—she was among the

performers in a show arranged by her dance school, dance costume and all!

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Marilyn's mother **Mary** continues to enjoy active good health. She recently moved to an apartment in a facility offering more services, including all meals, entertainment events, and transportation to physicians and other essential places. She accompanied us again this summer to the Montooth Reunion in Leipsic, Ohio, joined there by the Michigan Montooths.

Guy's mother **Wilma** is enjoying a companion service provided by a company named *Seniors for Seniors*. Her companion comes three times weekly, to be with her, and to provide local transportation as needed for shopping, physicians, lunch, etc. The service provides her with the welcome opportunity to have someone to talk with on a regular basis, and to get out and about.

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The web page at the url:
<http://www.andrew.cmu.edu/~gcberry/family.html> archives copies of this greetings from prior years, along with other items re our family, for those with an insatiable appetite for trivia.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from



Finally, here's wishing you a

HAPPY & HEALTHY

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*Marilyn
&
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