



A NEW YEAR 2003 GREETING MARILYN & GUY

December 2002

*Happy Holidays from all of us in
Pittsburgh!*

We are happy to announce that Scott and Cheryl's first-grader **Hanna (7)** is enjoying her new baby sister, Chloe, born 21 September this year, becoming the tenth grandchild for one of Nana's Christmas stockings. Hanna is Mom's helper in many ways, thoroughly happy to have a new sister! She continues to enjoy school, and seems to have no medical aftereffects of the Henoch-Schönlein purpura (HSP) autoimmune affliction and resultant abdominal surgery that she suffered last year. The only remaining impacts seem to be pride in her surgical scar, her decision to become a doctor when she grows up, and the continuing physical examinations that her dolls must endure; she wants a 'real' stethoscope for Christmas this year! In addition to the summer activity in their swimming pool with Mom and Dad, Hanna is active in her dance class during the school year.



Hanna and her new sister Chloe

she might be able to attend an art performance high school, though she didn't want to leave her friends. Eleventh-grader Jessica (**16 1/2**) was excited about the move to the big city, until she met 'the boy', and then was on an emotional roller coaster. Susan likes her house, and her family's life in Athens, but thought about the opportunities for her in art in Philadelphia, as compared with

Athens. In the end, Carmon decided to stay in Athens. We made a trip to visit them near the end of this odyssey, enjoying the opportunity to see Ashley perform in a musical, watch Chelsea as a cheerleader at a football game for her school, meet 'the boy' (Drew by name), and have a ride in a car driven by Jessica! We missed seeing Jessica perform in either of her sports (cross country track and swimming).

Sandra and Neil's tenth-grader **Kimberlee (16)** continues her computer-correspondence school experience, while Sandra is home-schooling fifth-grader **Kaitlyn (11)**, third-grader **Kevin (8 3/4)** and preschooler **Colleen (5)** and working part-time as a midwife. **Cassandra Rose (3)** is a charmer, and will remind one and all that "I am tree now" at the least provocation. Kaitlyn, Kevin and Colleen are in bell ringer choruses and sing in choirs at church.

It was a busy, if stressful year, for Susan and Carmon and their family, with Carmon considering a professional opportunity that would have moved the family to the Philadelphia area from Athens, GA. Everyone in the family, except perhaps third-grader **Chelsea (9)**, who seemed mostly unconcerned, had their own ups and downs with the prospective move. Ninth-grader **Ashley (14 1/2)** is active in drama, singing and dancing, and relished the idea that



Susan and Carmon's Family ⇨



Katie on Teddy with a Ribbon

Kevin has developed an interest in history and archery. He is scheduled for an archery tournament in February, if he can spare the time from cub scouts, his building projects, and other sundry activities. Kaitlyn and Kim remain afflicted with "horse-itus"; both have horses, and were involved in horse shows throughout the summer, amassing a rainbow of ribbons for their efforts—even Kevin and Colleen managed to earn a ribbon or two astride Katie's horse. Kim has developed quite a baby-sitting clientele, with one mother recommending her to another, etc., etc.—helps to support her horse! The family has enjoyed their first year in their 'new' house, which includes five bedrooms, office and large family room, sharing this spacious abode with three rabbits, a guinea pig, two birds, two dogs, and a cat (along with enumerable

fleas?—though Sandra claims not!). Neil continues his work as a private investigator, while finding time to be home with the younger children when Sandra is 'midwifering' and Kim is unavailable, though his expanded business this year made that a considerable challenge!

We (**Marilyn & Guy**) have had an interesting year, including a trip to Michigan with Sandra and her five children (Neil had to work, such is life!), to tour Greenfield Village & Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, before a visit to 'Great Berry'. Over the course of the day, the five exhibited reactions ranging from excitement to boredom, rarely in a way predictable by those over 20—Casey finally decided that she had had enough, and refused to enter any more buildings, so Nana sat outside with her! Marilyn completes her six year term as a Church Elder at year end. She continues to lead a weekly women's prayer group, and the mission of communion services for residents of a nursing home. Guy made a trip to England and The Netherlands for conferences, but Marilyn stayed home to be with Susan and her three girls as they came to visit while Carmon had a trip to Italy. Former graduate students of Guy's arranged a seminar to recognize his career—the Dean's office kindly provided the funds for the event, which brought in friends and colleagues from far and wide. The Chemistry Department made a

presentation of a beautiful 150 year-old Ponderosa Pine bonsai, which was promptly turned over to Marilyn for care and safe-keeping. Guy's elevation to the rank of University Professor was announced at the event (this rank is limited to no more than ten percent of the number of full Professors).

Marilyn's mother **Mary** enjoyed her 95th birthday with a party at her residence. Marilyn arranged a party for her at Seneca Village, with entertainment by a singer and piano accompanist who serenaded her with songs from her younger days. In addition to the grandchildren and great-grandchildren from Pittsburgh, and family from Michigan and Ohio, the residents of Seneca Village and friends from church were invited to attend the entertainment and have some birthday cake.

Guy's mother **Wilma** had a visit from two of her California-based granddaughters (Jennelle and Judy) for Christmas this year; she made a trip to Pittsburgh earlier in the year. Despite our (unwelcome) urging that she move to Pittsburgh, she continues to live alone in Troy, MI, next to the home where Jinnine lives. She enjoys a companion provided by a company three times weekly, for local transportation as needed for shopping, physicians, lunch, etc., the welcome opportunity to have someone to talk with on a regular basis, and to get out and about in general.



Kim over a jump on Zack

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year

*Marilyn
&
Guy*



Cassandra in costume