



December 2006

Happy Holidays from all of us!

The year 2006 has seen a continuation of ups and downs for us and our family. We (**Marilyn & Guy**) enjoyed good health for most of the year (well, sort of), which started with a family party in January for Marilyn's 70th; a singer provided some entertainment for the group of family and friends at a celebration dinner. After a trip to Athens GA for the high school graduation of Ashley, we enjoyed a trip to Oakridge TN in June to attend a meeting for Guy, followed by a visit to Dollywood and environs on the return to Pittsburgh, to fulfill a desire Marilyn has harbored for some time; though gaudy, the park is well done, and our visit was enjoyable. A trip to Michigan in August brought visits with friends from high school days for both of us, and a visit with brother Jack and his wife Jean at their lake-side cottage. We enjoyed a trip to St.



Relaxing during a tour of Greenfield Village. Louis to visit Susan and her family, and to participate in a number of events related to Carmon's new position at Washington University, detailed below. A side trip to the "Berry Farm", long since owned and operated by cousin Carole Terpening and her husband, provided the opportunity to visit with some of Guy's cousins and their families. Marilyn suffered a TIA (a transient ischemic ac-

tivity, or mini stroke) in December last year, resulting in loss of vision in one eye for a minute or so. The problem seems to have come from high blood pressure, now under control, but in exploring possibilities, Marilyn was subjected to an MRI of her cranium, which unexpectedly revealed a growth on the surface of her brain, below her temple. Thanks to the intervention of our financial advisor, we were able to gain immediate access to a top neurosurgeon, who examined the tumor via another, specialized MRI, and then repeated that six months later. It seems the tumor is not growing, and is diagnosed as slow-growing and benign. It is in an area where it could be readily excised if its growth rate should unexpectedly accelerate. Guy was treated to a CD containing files of all of his published papers through 2006, prepared by two of his former graduate students; the file has been printed into a bound copies (2700 pages in three volumes), with a copy to the CMU Library. On the sad side, David McGarvey, our friend and the Best Man at our wedding passed away this year, and unhappily will not be here to share in the celebration of our 50th in January (we plan a trip to NY for opera and musicals). Guy continues as a consultant to the President and Provost of CMU, and coeditor of a scientific journal. All in all, an eventful year.

Sandra & Neil have had their usual (very) full year with their family of five. Sandra continues the follow-ups from her surgery of last year, with no evidence that the cancer has recurred. They took their four youngest offspring on a vacation trip to the Boston this year, having a 'whale of a time' watching the humpback whales on a 4-hour boat ride. **Kimberlee (20)** finished a year of study at Penn State Behrend, near Erie, PA, and enrolled at the main Penn State cam-

pus in September, taking her horse with her, but leaving her boy friend Jonathan Grier behind, for weekend visits (some 3+ hr distant)! On Thanksgiving this year, she and Jon announced their engagement to marry (in a few years time!). After a semester in the nursing program, she has decided to switch to a program in veterinary medicine. **Kaitlyn (15)** attended her first formal dance, and has been active in the Oakland Girls Choir this year, with a concert in mid-December; they did a great job. The Choir plans a concert tour to the east coast this summer. Kaitlyn has also earned a part in her high school musical. The person who organized and directs the Choir happens to live across the street from us, and has been giving voice lessons to Kaitlyn and piano lessons to **Colleen (9)** and **Cassandra (7)** as well as Sandra. Colleen continues her passion for horse riding (as does her mother!), and Casey has been active in gymnastics, with an exhibition for her class last month. **Kevin (12 3/4)** is active in boy scouts, with monthly weekend outings throughout the year,



Kaitlyn in a choral group concert in December (2nd from left, back row).

and has earned his Star badge this year (two to go to Eagle!). He also has earned a green-belt (two to black!) in Karate, and this year has entered the public school system (7th grade). Throughout it all, while chauffeuring their offspring to their multitude of activities and having Wilma live with them, Sandra and Neil continue to work, as a midwife and a private detective, respectively.

A New Year

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Greeting From Marilyn & Guy



The four youngest as elves; Hanna, Casey, Collen and Cloe.

Scott and **Cheryl** both work, full time for Scott and part time for Cheryl, while giving their growing children the full-time attention they need and deserve. The two of them had a great time on a vacation trip with friends to San Francisco, with side trips to the wine country. **Hanna (11)** enjoys, and is doing very well, in school. In addition, her activities, include piano lessons, dance class and swimming in competitions at the Y, with several blue ribbons to her credit. **Chloe (4)** is trying to follow in Hanna's footsteps as fast as she can, while perfecting the ways of parent control. She is in preschool, has learned to swim and is in dance class. Scott continues to play drums with a group that performs at a number of places in the local area, and starting to compose their own music. He has been crafting beautiful wine storage chests in his 'spare-time'.

Cheryl is active in events for their church, managing ticket sales and other school fund raising projects.

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Susan and **Carmon** have had a very eventful year. They moved to St. Louis in July as Carmon assumed his new position as the first Dean of the newly formed *Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts* at Washington University in St. Louis. The school comprises the Colleges and Graduate Schools of Art and Architecture and an Art Museum. These occupy adjacent quarters, plus a new building for the museum, across the street from a house they are leasing from Wash U. The house is in a Spanish style, about 75 yr old, with generally large rooms, and very well arranged for entertaining. Wash U did a bang-up job of renovating the house, to make it the envy of the many who saw it during a round of social events associated with Carmon meeting his new faculty, etc. Among other events, Carmon was feted at an event to announce his chaired professorship, followed by a dinner at the home of the Wash U Chancellor. Carmon had the excess energy to open a one-man show in St. Louis at the same time!, to strong approval in the review in the St. Louis paper (its nice to be young!). **Jessica (20)** is in her third year at Rice University in Houston, TX, working toward a degree in architecture. She continues to do very well in her studies, and was treated this year to a class-trip to Paris to study the architecture of the

city (or so they claimed!). After graduating from high school in Athens, GA, **Ashley (18)** decided to matriculate in the School of the Chicago Art Institute (SCAI). By all accounts, she is enjoying her first year in college, as well as the amenities available in Chicago. **Chelsea (13)** has continued her interest in horse riding, and has a horse she rides frequently at a stable a few miles from home. Since this is her first experience "at home alone" with Mom and Dad, she is particularly happy to have her sisters at home for the holidays, along with a visit by Carmon's mother **Correen**, from her home in Mississauga, ON, Canada.



The Colangelo home in St. Louis, complete with holiday decorations and snow.

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Guy's mother **Wilma (91)** has been living with Sandra and her family in Pittsburgh for two years now, a few blocks from our home. Currently, she visits our home once a week to spend the day, and visits a care center for elders during the day on week days. The latter visits in particular seem to have given quite a boost to her spirits, if not her memory, and they are needed in view of the shift of Sandra to full-time work as a midwife. Wilma's cognitive abilities continue to decline on average, with, as Sandra says, unpredictable good days and bad. Otherwise, although frail, her health is generally good.



Ashley at a corner in Chicago.

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year

Marilyn
&
Guy



Casey and Colleen with their great-grandmother Berry at a Halloween party.