



# A New Year 2011 Greeting From Marilyn & Guy

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## Happy Holidays from all of us!

The year 2010 has been very busy for us and our extended family, including a wedding, college and high school graduations, new jobs and career changes, and more. One trip to St. Louis, to transport Kaitlyn to begin her studies at Washington University, St. Louis, and for a visit with Susan, Carmon and Chelsea. Susan hosted a dinner for us with Guy's cousins Carolyn and Cynthia, and husband Ron. The Convocation for entering students was both noisy and very well done, launching the newly created Freshman on their first year at WUSTL. We (MJB & GCB) made a brief visit with 'Doc' and Nellie and their daughter Linda on the passage through IL on the return to PA. Marilyn has rekindled her interest in flower arranging, including that of the Japanese variety. She and Kaitlyn participated in presentations at Japanese Flower shows this year before Kaitlyn left for WUSL, and Marilyn took all (well, almost all) of the prizes for flower arranging at a show of her Garden Club this fall. She was also



Chloe as Kim's Flower Girl

very busy with arrangements for the wedding of Kimberlee and Jon in Pittsburgh in June this year. This was sandwiched between trips to attend college graduations in Austin, TX, (Kim) and Chicago IL (Ashley), and a high school graduation in Pittsburgh (Kaitlyn), and a 7-day trip for Guy to Korea. On the local scene, Marilyn has returned to the ranks of the Deacons at her church in Forest Hills. We continue to enjoy attending the performances of the NY Met Opera transmitted live by satellite, in addition to the live performances to which we subscribe: the opera, symphony, brass band, light opera and public theater. Marilyn has persevered in baby.pdf her 'political junky' ways, enjoying, though oft dismayed by, close attention to current events; happy, of course, with the results of the "Lame-Duck" session of Congress this year. Guy continues to go to the office on weekdays, with a 3 mile walk starting each weekday, and to serve as a consultant to the President and Provost of CMU, and co-editor of a scientific journal.

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**Sandra** and her family have had a full year, including the wedding of Kimberlee and Jon, Kaitlyn starting at WUSL, Kevin doing well in high school, while working to support his car, Colleen and Casey continuing home-schooling and the horse riding activities, Sandra working to complete her Masters, to facilitate her transition to full-time teaching, while teaching part time at a community college and working full-time as a midwife: Whew! Tiring just to write it all out! Sandra learned a little of life in the country when it turned out that previous owners of her house had "played some games" with the septic system, covering deficiencies that surfaced (literally), requiring some fairly expensive repairs. **Kimberlee** earned her de



Jon & Kimberlee as Mr. & Mrs.

gree in nursing from the Univ, Texas Austin, finding a job in a Dialysis Clinic. She and Jon were married in the Heinz Chapel in Pittsburgh on 26 June, the same venue where Susan & Carmon were married 26 years ago last October. Kimberlee's half-brothers and father attended, with friends and family in the wedding party. Since Jon's maternal family is from the Pittsburgh area, the wedding and reception, at a restaurant overlooking downtown Pittsburgh, were very much a family affair. Jon and Kim have acquired a new house, complete with an in-ground swimming pool. In addition, her father presented Kim with a fancy new horse to challenge her riding skills. **Kaitlyn** has enjoyed her first semester at WUSTL, complete with two articles published in the WUSTL student newspaper; the first was a review of a lecture she attended with her Aunt Susan, by a Visiting Artist at WUSTL. Kaitlyn's courses included in Irish literature, to be followed by a group-trip to Ireland planned this Spring. A few bumps in the road, including roommate issues, but overall, a good start with coursework she enjoyed, and new friends. **Kevin (16 3/4)** continues to take advanced courses in high school, expressing an interest in science and technology; these compete with his interest in his 1991 Firebird



A few of the cousins,  
Kaitlyn, Colleen, Hanna and Kevin

and his girlfriend Mariah (not necessarily in that order!). Kevin, working to support his car, et al., has been living with his father for several months. **Colleen (13)** and **Cassandra (11)** have been very active in horse shows again this year, earning enough points in 4-H to earn trips to the state competition in Harrisburg. Casey was awarded a Championship in Versatility in the County 4-H for her competition in many riding styles. Both girls were in the market for upgrades to new rides for next year. A pony, Cavalier, has been obtained for Casey, while the search is still on

for a horse for Colleen. Casey has joined a cyberschool, while Colleen remains on the home-school track, both doing well.

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**Scott & Cheryl** both work, with Scott experiencing the volatile nature of work in construction. **Hanna (15)** has entered Penn Hills High School, immediately qualifying for the varsity swimming team, where she has proved to be a winning member of the team, winning enough points in her first meet to award her a spot in the State Competition. She also continues swimming with the Dolphins, a community swim team. She is doing well academically in her advanced honors classes, particularly enjoying her class in biology. **Chloe (8)** is doing very well academically in the 2nd grade, and also is swimming with the Dolphins. She is developing her own very vibrant personality, with definite likes and dislikes! Cheryl continues to work in fund raising for the school attended by Chloe, and Scott enjoys his role as the drummer in groups that performs at local venues, and is giving drum lessons at his home. The family enjoys vacations at a cabin in the PA woods owned by Cheryl's family, and summer trips to Hilton Head.

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**Susan & Carmon** have had their usual full year. Susan has become very active in volunteer activities involving women's groups associated with Washington University. She is the president of The Woman's Club and also of the Women and the Kemper Art Museum. She chaired a



Jessica, Ashley and Chelsea  
after Ashely's graduation exercise

committee on special activities in the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Woman's Club; Jessica prepared a very elegant and informative booklet for the event. Marilyn, Sandra, Katie, Colleen and Cassandra attended the celebration. **Carmon** continues to serve as dean of the Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts at WUSTL and will exhibit his own art work this spring at Bruno David Gallery in St. Louis. **Chelsea (17)**, in the 11th grade, is still a teen volunteer with the St. Louis Zoo. She has begun visiting colleges and enjoys spending time with her boyfriend Morgan. **Jessica** and Charles announced their engagement and then spent the winter studying in Paris. Both received their Bachelor of Architecture degrees from Rice University this year, following the BArts degrees they earned last year. Jessica has accepted a position with Cannon Design in Boston, while Charles has enrolled in Harvard for a Masters in Architecture. **Ashley** graduated from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago with a Bachelor of Fine Art this year and is living in Chicago.



Kevin and Mariah, off to a dance



Hanna "dressed to kill" for her High School Homecoming Dance

Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year

Marilyn  
&  
Guy



The "girls" in their wedding finery!  
Marilyn, Cassandra, Colleen, Kimberlee, Kaitlyn, Sandra