

A New Year

2012

Greeting From Marilyn & Guy

December 2011

Happy Holidays from all of us!

The year 2011 has been very busy for us and our extended family, including a wedding, new horses, college applications, riding and swimming competitions, 'new' jobs, trips (to Italy, Austria and exotic St. Louis MO), and more. We (MJB & GCB) had a trip to St. Louis in October to attend a wedding (more below), preceded by a stop for a brief visit with Guy's only surviving Aunt, Nellie (Berry) Massie, on the drive to St. Louis, and followed by a visit with Sue, Carmon and Chelsea after the wedding. The trip to St. Louis was preceded in June by our trip to Europe, for a conference for GCB in Torino, Italy, and a subsequent 'vacation' in Salzburg, Austria to visit *Sound of Music*-land, attend an opera and tour the surrounding mountain scenes. The visit to *SoM*-land, an anticipated highlight for Marilyn, went very well, until the beginning of the first-leg of the return to Pittsburgh (flight to Vienna): on the third trip from a malfunctioning plane back to the terminal Marilyn tripped on a curb, badly bruising her ribcage, with lesser damage to her knee and head (fortunately, no broken bones). The ribcage required several weeks to heal, but the more immediate outcome was first-class, to the front of the lines, wheel-chair service for Marilyn on the return trip to



Chelsea, Chloe, Marilyn, Casey, Colleen, Hanna
At Marilyn's 75th Dinner Party

Pittsburgh. Marilyn celebrated her 75th with a dinner attended by her three children, a daughter-in-law, six of her ten grandchildren, a friend and, of course, GCB. She continues her revived activities in flower-arranging, with an installation in the *Art in Bloom* exhibition at Pittsburgh *Carnegie Art Museum* and a Japanese flower arrangement for the *Ikebana International* at the *Phips Conservatory*, and attendance at a flower-arranging program at Camp Hill, PA, where she found and acquired her Christmas present from GCB. Her most appreciated Christmas present was a dog from Sandra and her family, which they acquired from the Humane Society, where Sandra volunteers. The



.....Marilyn with Lady on Sandra's Farm.....

dog, which Marilyn named *Lady*, is 2-3 years old, docile and affectionate, with enough training to behave when left alone for hours in the kitchen, and to obey simple commands (sit, stay, etc.). On the local scene, 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. Guy con-

tinues to go to the office on weekdays, with a 3 mile walk starting each weekday, and to serve as co-Editor-in-Chief of a scientific journal and as a consultant to the Offices of the President and Provost of CMU as the chair of three committees.

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Susan & Carmon have had their usual full year. **Susan** remains very active in volunteer activities involving women's groups associated with Washington University. She finished her term as President of the Woman's Club of Washington University as well as her term as founding President of the Women and the Kemper Organization of the Kemper Art Museum of WUSTL). In the midst of a major construction project to erect a permanent covered patio attached to the rear of their house, she was coordinating logistic in preparation for the for the wedding of **Jessica** and **Charles** in St. Louis, while they were in Boston, Jessica working as an architect for Cannon Design and Charles studying for his Masters in Architecture at Harvard. The wedding and reception took place in hall in the Italian section of St. Louis, with rehearsal dinner and a post-wedding brunch on the new patio at the Colangelo home. In addition to family members, the wedding events were attended by friends of the bride and groom traveling to St. Louis from locations around the US. The married couple continue to live in Boston. **Chelsea** (18), in the 12th grade, is still a teen volunteer with the St. Louis Zoo and also volunteers in a Therapeutic Horsemanship program, using her knowledge of riding to help. She has been visiting colleges and is on the verge of accepting one of the admissions she has received. She is doing very well in competitions with her new horse, Rowan, winning blue ribbons in competitions in St. Louis. **Ashley** graduated with a Bachelor of



Chelsea on Rowan

Arts last year and is now living in Norwalk, CT, working as the manager of a woman's apparel at Urban Outfitters. She and her boyfriend Eric enjoy visits to NYC when Eric is in the country from his many world-wide business trips. **Carmon** continues to serve as dean of the Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts of WUSTL and to exhibit his own art at the Bruno David Gallery in St. Louis and elsewhere. The new covered patio will make the dinners and parties he and Susan give on behalf of the school much easier and more effective.

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Sandra and her family have had a full year, including a new job assignment for Sandra, a new horse for **Colleen (14)**, a new sport for **Cassandra (12)**, a new (used) car for **Kevin (17 3/4)** and something new in the works for **Kimberlee & husband Jon**. Kevin is doing well in high school, while working to support his car and applying for college to enroll this Fall. He is a volunteer for *Champions for Change* and the *Blackwell Center* for abused women and children, and will

soon attend leadership training in Austin TX. Casey continues in cyberschool, while Colleen remains on the home-school track, both doing well. **Colleen** is enjoying getting to know her new horse, Chloe, after a bit of a rocky start: Chloe had her own idea of how things should work, and it took Sandra and Chloe some time to catch on; she reached the Regionals in 4-H competition this year. **Casey** continues to ride her pony Cavy, reaching the State-level 4-H competition. She has also added horse vaulting to her repertoire, gymnastics on horseback. These complement her participation in plays and musicals in her home schooling group. **Kaitlyn** has finished her third semester at WUSTL, completing it with good grades and expanding her talents in photography, with some of her images appearing in newspapers, and some scheduled for an exhibition in the Spring. **Kimberlee & Jon** are enjoying fixing up their new home. Kimberlee is in training to become the dialysis coordinator in the clinic where she works. More importantly, she has announced that she and Jon are awaiting the birth of "our first great grandchild" in June!!

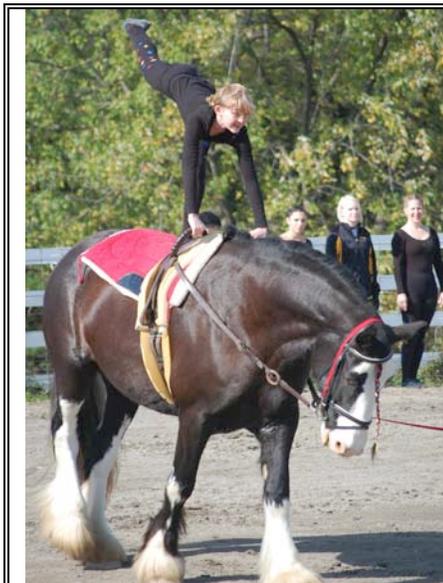
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Scott & Cheryl both work, with Scott experiencing the volatile nature of work in construction. Both of them spend a lot of time transporting Hanna and Chloe to swim practices and meets, and helping at



Newlyweds Jessica & Charles with Nana & Poppy

the meets. **Hanna (16)** is doing well in her sophomore year at Penn Hills High School; she earned her varsity swimming letter last year, and continues to be a winning member of the team. She is doing well academically this year in her advanced honors classes, and has reached the magical age to be a legal driver! **Chloe (9)** is doing very well academically in the 3rd grade, and doing quite well swimming competitively on a club team! Cheryl is scheduled to take on new job responsibilities with her current employer, and continues to work in fund raising for the school attended by Chloe. Scott enjoys his role as the drummer in groups that performs at local venues, and is giving drum lessons at his home. He has been named a Souttone Artist by the Souttone Percussion Co. The family enjoys vacations at a cabin in the PA woods owned by Cheryl's family, and summer trips to Hilton Head.



Casey vaulting

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year

Marilyn
&
Guy



Colleen on Chloe