



# A New Year 2013 Greeting From Marilyn & Guy

December 2012

*Happy Holidays  
from all of us!*

The year 2012 has been the usual very busy year for us and our extended family, including the birth on 30 May of our first great grandchild, Jacob, college matriculations of two of our grandchildren, riding and swimming competitions, 'new' jobs, trips (to the Netherlands, Belgium, ever exotic St. Louis MO), and more. We had a trip to St. Louis in to attend the high school graduation of granddaughter Chelsea (Jacob was born as we were flying to St. Louis), then hurried back to Pittsburgh for high school graduation of grandson Kevin, in time to leave a few days later for a trip to Europe, for a conference for GCB in Rolduc, in the southeast corner of the Netherlands, with a subsequent 'vacation' in Belgium.



*In the Grand Place in Brussels*

The visit to Belgium included Brussels, with a day-trip to Brugge an old commercial center, complete with a system of canals used for transportation in by-gone days, but a tourist attraction today. We joined Marilyn's brother Jack, his wife Jean and their two sons, one with his family, to celebrate the 85<sup>th</sup> birthday of Marilyn's cousin Jim in Ashville NC in a party arranged by his wife Gail. We had a trip to St. Louis in October to meet Jacob, his parents Kimberlee & Jon, as well as Susan, Carmon, Chelsea and granddaughter Kaitlyn (a student at Washington University at St. Louis).



*A view from a canal in Brugge*

Marilyn has returned to flower arranging, Japanese and otherwise. She has been placing an arrangement in the *Art in Bloom* exhibition at the Carnegie Museum, with the arrangement designed to complement an assigned work of art. She is surprised to find herself an addict to a word game on her Nook, at times annoying her dog **Lady** by ignoring her request to be petted while she plays her Nook game. She is using a device which transcribes her dictation to a file on her computer to record her remembrances of her several trips to Japan; Colleen is helping her edit the words misinterpreted by the software, etc., to produce the final product.



*Marilyn's flower arrangement in the Art In Bloom exhibit at the Carnegie Museum*

Guy continues consulting work with the President and Provost of CMU as the chair of three committees, and to serve as co-Editor-in-Chief of a scientific journal in polymer science.

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<http://www.andrew.cmu.edu/user/gcherry/family.html>

**Sandra** is the proud grandmother of **Jacob Liam**, born to daughter **Kimberlee** and **Jon** on 30 May. Mother and son (as well as father) came through the birth in good shape. Jacob is healthy, with a cheerful personality, clearly changing the life-style of his parents and the delight of his grandparents and great grandparents. Sandra and her mother spent a week in Austin in early December, and Jon's parents have also been to Austin to visit Jacob and his parents. Kimberlee has already introduced Jacob to her horse, though she won't let him jump yet (maybe next month!). Jon is making sure that Jacob understands that the Steelers are his pro football team!



*Learning the Steeler way*

After graduating with honors from high school, **Kevin** matriculated this fall at the University of Pittsburgh, in the Engineering College. He had a good first semester, and is looking forward to an even better second semester, and to getting out of the dorms in his second year at Pitt. He has landed a job working with computers, and hopes to continue that through the summer break. **Kaitlyn** will begin her 6<sup>th</sup> semester at Washington University in St. Louis, with a major in women, sexuality, gender studies major and a minor in creative writing and a special interest in poetry and photography. Her passion for travel took her to six states in 2012.



Chelsea on Rowan

**Colleen** (15) and **Cassandra** (13) continue to excel in their home-school curriculum, and retain their passion for horses. Both earned entry to the 4-H State competition, and both received ribbons, a 5<sup>th</sup> place on Claire for Colleen in the Senior Class, and 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> places for Casey on Cavalier; Casey also won the top 4-H overall award in her district. Colleen has been doing well with the training of her new horse, Chloe, and has been learning the farrier trade. As was the case last year, Cavalier must compete for Casey's attention with her interest in vaulting, which took her to the National vaulting competition at the Kentucky Horse Farm in Lexington KY; she took three ribbons, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> places, quite an accomplishment for one with her limited experience!

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**Susan & Carmon** had their usual busy year, including social events for the Sam Fox School on their new covered patio they give on behalf of the school. Both had an art viewing/buying trip to Paris

and Switzerland on school affairs, and Carmon had a trip to India, for WUSTL business, with some time to be a tourist, including a visit to the Taj Mahal. The St. Louis Art Museum acquired a portfolio of Carmon's art this year. **Chelsea** graduated from high school with honors, and matriculated in Mayville University this Fall, with a very good first semester. In the meantime she continued to train and show Rowan in dressage. Marilyn joined Susan, Kim and Chelsea on a trip to Florida to visit Rowan in his winter home in February. **Ashley** was promoted to merchandising manager at Urban Outfitters store in Greenwich CT, and named a "Rising Star" by her managers; she moved to a new apartment in Black Rock CT in Dec. **Jessica & Charles** moved to Los Angeles in May after Charles graduated with a MARCH from Harvard, taking positions in different architectural firms. They returned to St Louis for a Christmas visit this year.



Marilyn and Susan in Florida to visit Rowan



Ice skating in StL. during the Christmas holidays  
R-L: Carmon, Jessica, Charles, Chelsea, friend

**Scott & Cheryl** celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year. Cheryl has been enjoying the new range Scott installed in her kitchen, cooking meals for the extended family for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Scott played in three bands over the summer, but has now dropped back to drumming in two bands. After 15 years on the job Cheryl has been promoted to a new position, as a project administrator for the nuclear structural division. **Hanna** (17) has been elected to the National Honorary Society in her junior year at Penn Hills High School; she earned her varsity swimming letter as a freshman, and continues to be a winning member of the team. She is doing well in her advanced honors classes, and enjoying the mobility that being of driving age provides. She enjoyed being an intern at the Children's Hospital last summer. **Chloe** (10) is doing very well academically. She traded swimming for gymnastics this year and got a practice (floor-level) balancing beam for Christmas. She is learning to cook from Mom, and is an alter server at church and on the cheer leading squad for her school (that helps burn off 1% of her energy!).



Collen & Casey with two of their trophies

Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year

Marilyn  
&  
Guy



Kevin and the Pitt Panther