

December 2015

Happy Holidays from all of us!

The year 2015 brought both unanticipated and planned events to us and others in our family. In one unanticipated event, Marilyn's desire to change from 3-level living in our house of some 50 years to an arrangement with single-level accommodations culminated with a move from 633 in June to an apartment in a nearby Borough, about 4 miles closer to Carnegie Mellon Univ, where Guy still goes daily on week days.



MJB/GCB apartment

101 Washington St, Apt 2; Edgewood PA15218

The apartment occupies the 2nd floor of a 3-story building converted to have an apartment on each floor by a substantial renovation and reorganization of the space by the owner, who resides in the 3rd floor unit. The house is equipped with an elevator that runs from the garage at ground-level to the 3rd floor (G-3). Our apartment is self-contained, with a laundry, a master bedroom with a large walk-in closet-dressing room and master bath. A separate shower room is between the master bed room and a room that can serve as a second bedroom, but is used by Marilyn for her work room, with an attached deck leading to open rear-stairs to ground level. A large open space combines a kitchen and dining room, with more effective space for the dining room furniture

than we had at 633. An adjacent large room provides space for our living room furniture, TV, bookshelves, etc., with a smaller adjacent room-foyer leading to the elevator opening into the apartment, and a large closet that Marilyn uses to store her collection of Japanese flower-arrangement vases. Marilyn has placed Japanese artwork in the foyer and throughout the apartment. A two-room guest room with shower room is available on the garage level for the use of tenant guests (free of charge). Each tenant has space in an enclosed garage and a covered car-port, and storage spaces on the garage level. The double-lot grounds are attractive and offer many plants available to Marilyn for some of the material she uses in her flower-arranging classes.

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A planned event, with components to surprise for MJB/GCB, was an 80th birthday recognition for us arranged by Susan and Carmon at their home in St. Louis over the 4th July weekend, permitting guests to participate in activities at nearby Forest Park, in addition to events at the Susan and Carmon's house. The event, which was after GCB's 80th birthday and several months prior to that of MJB, was attended by our children, granddaughters, and great-grandson, along with cousins of GCB from Illinois and the St. Louis area, along with our former exchange student (1975-6) Veronique and her husband Charles coming from Monaco via a stop in Pittsburgh. Guests stayed at the nearby historic (renovated) Cheshire Inn near Forest Park. In one surprise to us, Susan showed a video she had created using slides of various events in our lives. Another surprise to us (but not to the other guests) was a visit from **Mark Twain** (well OK, a professional impersonator).

A New Year

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Greeting From Marilyn & Guy

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

He was instantly recognized by both of us when he appeared in a white suit, with bushy white hair and mustache. He told a few stories, and was kind enough to engage in a little repartee with GCB on events in Twain's life. See photos 4-9



"Mark Twain" at the 80th Celebration

After a hiatus of a few years Marilyn has returned to teaching Japanese flower-arranging with the Obara Ikebana Chapter which she co-founded in 1988. This followed a concentrated effort of packing and the disposal of excess furniture, etc., prior to the move from 633 earlier in the year. She is working on Christmas Stockings for the two great grandsons, to augment the 14 or so made over the preceding decades for children, grandchildren and some of their spouses.

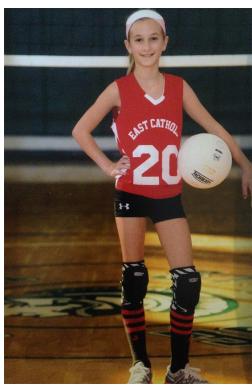


Marilyn critiquing a flower arrangement
Guy continues consulting with the President and Provost of CMU as

the chair of three committees, and to serve as co-Editor-in-Chief of a scientific journal in polymer science. He remains on the Governing Board as Chair Emeritus of an International Symposium with annual meetings at venues around the world; last year in Houston, to be in Singapore in 2016.

Scott & Cheryl were pleased to see their oldest, **Hanna**, have a good first year 2014-5 and Fall 2015 semester at Indiana University of PA, following summers as a life-guard at a local swimming pool. She enjoys IUP. Sister **Chloe** (13) is doing well in school, with math and science her favorite subjects. She is now a key player on the school volleyball team, which made it to the finals in the Catholic school championship; she also replaced an older injured player on team in a Washington DC tournament.

Scott continues his role as a drummer in a band with an active performance schedule and work as a carpenter. As a carpenter he worked construction of a building for a museum for cars and carriages. As a drummer, he was pleased acquire a very good drum set made a number of years ago, with a sound he likes very much.



Chloe with her volley ball

Cheryl remains active as a project administrator for the nuclear structural division of the firm for which she works, while hosting a number of family events, including the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners this year. See photo 10-11

Sandra's family have collectively had a wide range of experiences this year. Sandra continues to work at a woman's clinic. **Colleen** (18) is a senior in high school, thinking about college, volunteering at an

animal rescue clinic and working at a horse stable to exercise several horses, moving to FL for a month with her job. That experience helped her become the Lunger for her sister's vaulting competitions when the need arose; she does very well at the task! She finished well in the four events for which she qualified for in the 2015 PA 4-H State Competition, including Reserve Champion in her highest event finish. **Cassandra** (16) a cyber school junior, earned her Bronze rating with honors in vaulting. She has trained and competed in several states this year (CA, CO, NC, TN, VA, UT, WA), attaining a rating of 9th in Bronze rating competitions in the US. Among other accomplishments, she was inducted in Nat Honor Soc, is tutoring in cyber school, is on the student council and received her drivers permit. She went to Austin to help out and was present at Sawyer's birth. See photos 12-16

Kaitlyn continues to live in St Louis. She visited us for Thanksgiving, shortly after she was engaged to Edward, her long-time friend from the time both were students at Washington University in St Louis (WUSTL). Edward has been accepted in a medical school in Alabama.

Kimberlee and Jon had an eventful year, with the birth of their second son, **Sawyer Christopher** (on 21 August), Jon completing his MBA at Baylor (and turning 30!), and Kim being promoted to case manager. **Jacob** (3) gets along well with his new brother, despite the attention Sawyer receives from Mom & Dad. Kimberlee brought 3-week old Sawyer to our apartment to visit the Pittsburgh family. The family vacationed with Jon's parents at their home on the ocean. See photos 17-23



Kimberlee, Jon and family near the ocean

Kevin has remained in FL during his recovery from the auto accident last year. He now has satisfied the requirements to qualify as a FL resident of in-state tuition at the state supported universities. He will start at Tampa University soon.

Susan & Carmon and their brood have had their usual active year. Susan continues to lead a nonprofit *Saint Louis Story Stitchers Artists Collective* to serve inner-city teenagers in the St. Louis region. and her desire to motivate the students to advance their education as they work with artists to collect local stories and retell them through art, song, written and spoken word. See <http://storystitchers.co> to learn more.



Susan & gcb in the Story Stitchers Studio
Carmon is in his 10th year as Dean of the Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts of WUSTL, along with being a practicing artist, with several exhibitions this year.

Jessica and Charles moved to New Jersey as Jessica matriculated at Princeton Univ in the Masters of Architecture program, with Charles finding a position with a firm in the area. Jessica enjoyed a quick tour of Japan in connection with her studies at Princeton.

Ashley is a visual store merchandiser in the Urban Outfitters company in a large store in Farmington, CT. She inherited the 1937 Philco radio that GCB listened to as a child: "Hi-Yo Silver! Away!". She was joined by Jessica and Charles over Christmas.

Chelsea is a senior in the Master of Occupational Therapy program at Maryville University. She continues training in dressage with her horse Rowan. See photo 24



1. Apartment main room



2. Apartment dining room



3. Apartment kitchen



4. mjb/gcb descendants, spouses children & friends at the 80th



5. "Mark Twain" at the 80th



6. gcb/mjb with gcb cousins Cynthia, Carolyn, Carolyn's daughter Candice, and their husbands



7. gcb/mjb with gcb cousins Marilyn and Carole



8. Lft Carolyn, gcb, Cynthia
Rt. Sandra meets Veronique after 40 yrs



9. Susan, Veronique, mjb, Scott, Sandra, gcb



10. Chlow, Cheryl, Scott, Hanna at a Christmas Day Party



11. Scott playing at a New Year eve party



12. Cassandra & Colleen at Colleen 16th



13. Collen & Cavi and their 4-States ribbons



14. Collen lunging during a competition



15. Cassandra executes a jump move



16. Cassandra extends her leg



17. Kimberlee & 3-week old Sawyer in Pittsburgh



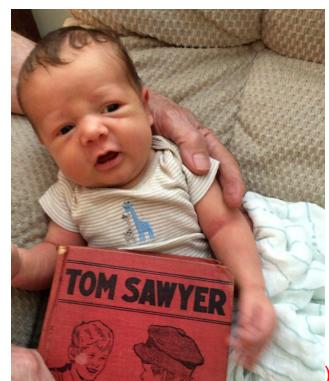
18. Jabob sees Sawyer for 1st time



19. Cassandra holds Sawyer after birth



20. Collen holds Sawyer for 1st time



22. Jacob & Sawyer relax



23. Sawyer takes over Jacob's chair



24. Chelsea with Rowan