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Dear family,

I love receiving the family R.R. but am challenged in keeping up with so many exciting lives. Methinks we'll have to issue name tags to all (young) persons (and I hope there will be many) attending the July 13th family picnic. What an amazing family? Do you think "The Maizes" would make a good TV show? We were fortunate this winter in not being ^{directly} affected with the major storms, but made up for our fortune with a continuous freezing cold, with repeatedly "snow -> freezing -> some melt - more snow -> more ice" patterns. I was fortunate in having a continuous supply of firewood to feed our woodstove. Thank you soon!

Ken left his ship here in NY on 3/10, was whisked here by Steven, & spent 2 very busy days collecting and processing maple sap that had accumulated in the few 'mild' days preceding his arrival. Then the intense cold returned and the sap stopped coming. We are hoping there will be time to begin again if the weather permits.

All will be very busy with never ending projects AND a new garden when spring decides to emerge.

Love to all, and congratulations to all the students on their accomplishments

Bust Claire

Greetings Everyone!

April 5, 2013

Wow! What an amazing family we have! I'm sure our ancestors are smiling down from heaven seeing all the accomplishments of their ever growing descendants... what a blessing.

Things are going pretty well in our part of the world. John continues to plod on at Kohl's - it will be 5 years in September - can you believe it? Can't complain too much... between Kohl's and prudent planning (including savings lots of \$ by heating the house exclusively with wood) we manage to support 7 people, 2 cats and 2 dogs. All it takes is a little hard work. Besides Kohl's, John will round out his spring with numerous household projects, helping me with my 8th grade CCD class, and if that doesn't keep him busy enough, he will be Assistant Coach on not one, but two Little League teams this season (Kaylin's and the boys)!!!

Arianna is doing well in 9th grade in her academic classes after careful planning with the school to accommodate her needs. Now if she'd just put her darn sneakers on for gym class... How do you flunk gym? (That was a rhetorical question!) Oh, the frustrations of parenthood! She's still taking singing lessons and will be starting up with a theater group later this month. She also continues her "mandatory" volunteering helping out in CCD, sings at Mass (along with Kaylin and Mark) and will be making her Confirmation this June.

Kaylin continues to blow us away with her academic prowess. (God gave me one "brainiac" at least to honor the May genius tradition.) Besides school (7th grade), she's involved in 4-H, just finished a theatrical workshop culminating in a dramatic performance of Macbeth, and will be "kicking off" her final year of Little League softball at tonight's practice.

Matthew has made great strides this year in 2nd grade. Aside from ongoing frustrations with his (and Mark's) handwriting, he continues to improve greatly with his reading and really seems to enjoy and excel in Math...his (and Mark's...no surprise there) favorite subject after gym and recess. Luke has had some bumps with both behavior and academics this year, but his very experienced teacher has been "calling his bluff" and he's starting to come around in both areas. All three boys are involved in a sport for every season. Basketball ended last month, and baseball starts this month. Matthew, Mark and Luke will be celebrating First Holy Communion in May.

We just came back from a week in NC visiting John's parents and a whole myriad of friends from our years in both the Raleigh and Charlotte areas...just wish we had more time to visit *everyone* we would have loved to have seen...perhaps the next time! We did however manage to squeeze in an afternoon at the NC Transportation Museum in honor of Mark's infinite love for trains! He was in train utopia!

I continue by role as CEO of this insanely busy family. The work never ends! With all this so called "progress" in technology, why can't someone invent a way to have more than 24 hours in a day...or perhaps not need so darn much sleep? I continue to pray for strength for myself as well as our whole wonderful family. I hope to see as many of you as possible on July 13! Love,

PS. Sorry for the posting, but I KNEW I would never get it right!! LOL

*Sonawie, John, Arianna, Kaylin
Matthew, Mark & Luke*

Greetings to all! We're on the cusp of spring right now and anticipating the start of our vegetable garden and all the signs of rebirth. It's been a tough 5 months since Sandy blew through. We had George's Mom with us during that storm and our daily contact for 4 days brought to our attention that she was not well. The next week the nor'easter hit and a tree knocked down Mom Dreher's electric line. In the next few days while she stayed at our house again, we realized that she was seriously ill. On Veteran's Day George took her to the hospital. We found out later that day that she had pancreatic cancer. After minor surgery to open a blockage, she was sent home. Miraculously, we were able to arrange for Lita - the woman who had cared for my mother for over 4 years - to care for George's mother. Once again "saint" Lita served with compassion and devotion. It was such a relief to have her trustworthy and practical assistance. The Dreher family (George and his brother and sister and spouses and all the grandchildren) made a devoted team. Hospice provided backup. Thankfully, Mom only suffered serious pain on her last day. She passed away at home on Feb. 8 during the blizzard with George at her side. The funeral took place on Ash Wednesday. Mom Dreher was 92 and lived a long, good life.

Within a week, I found out that my closest friend of 40+ years had taken a final downturn in her 13 year battle with breast cancer. On Feb. 26, I saw her for the last time and she died on March 1. George and I attended the wake and funeral out in Greenport. Grand woman, gone too soon.

We are all ok. George is waiting for the spring track season to warm up - literally! I'll be taking a short trip out to CA to visit Kate. Eileen is going to meet me out there for her first CA trip. Ian had to relocate here for 6 weeks post-Sandy while the house he rents in got a new furnace, etc (flooded basement). He's also looking for a new apartment mate. Matt and Carolyn are heading to Croatia and Rome in early May. They also took a trip to Morocco and Spain in the fall to visit friends in the Peace Corps. Carolyn's parents in Island Park lost the first floor of their home to Sandy's storm surge and are still restoring it.

Sending our best wishes for continued Easter joy, safe spring weather and good health to all. Especially praying for Aunt Rosemary and looking forward to July 13. Be there!

Hello to all from NC

April 26, 2013

First and foremost for those who do not know already, Emily is OK. I immediately emailed Eileen after I read her post and found out Emily was 1 - 2 miles away from the bombing sight. She is fine physically but I am sure it will take an emotional toll on her.

We here in NC are all doing well. Mike & Kelly's wedding was beautiful and I did get my dance in with Ralph! We are loving our new home and are pretty much settled it now. We will have our first visitors when Augie's sister and husband come next week.

Andy & Patti continue to run in all directions with their 4 girls doing dance, softball + various school activities. Patti & Seth are getting in shape along with Paul & Mike for the 24 hr Booty ride in July for Team Camden (to raise \$\$ for cancer research). Paul has just started a new job which involves traveling (sometimes to NC ☺) and will leave LeeAnn alone with the kids a bit. Three year old Ty can be a handful sometimes so we will see how they fare. Karen & Mike do a lot of traveling also through NC with Justin's (8) baseball team doing tournaments most weekends. And last, but not least, Mike & Kelly are settling into married life though Lacey, Kelly's rescue dog, has had to adjust to sleeping in a DOG bed. Kelly also will be starting a new job in the next few weeks.

Augie came out of retirement to work for H & R Block for the tax season and is now back to retirement and out playing golf as I write. I am still at Kohl's trying to work less hours and hoping that MAYBE I can join Augie in retirement this summer when I turn 65. I am at the point of looking forward to getting older since Medicare will cover more than the lousy minimal coverage I get from work.

I am so sorry that we won't be able to see everyone at the Family Reunion in July but we have 24 Hours of Booty in July with a lot of Floridians coming for the race (Janna & Stephen have more and more supporters joining them each year). Immediately after that we will be going to CO for a family wedding.

Love, prayers and good wishes to ALL our wonderful family.

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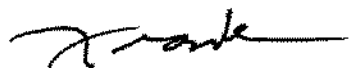
Hi Everyone,

Writing this on a sunny, 80-degree day in Milwaukee---something that we were starting to think would never happen again after the usual winter blahs and what seemed like a March and April of nothing but cold rain. And of course it won't last; by the end of the week we'll be chilly and wet again.

But I managed to escape for my usual February visit to niece Kate in the Bay Area, and my run of good luck with weather out there continued. Nothing like swimming in Stanford's outdoor pool while my pals in Beertown are freezing. And right now we're in the middle of four trips back East in consecutive months, March through June, This retirement stuff is pretty cool.

Gearing up for the usual summer fun of baseball games, outdoor evenings at my wonderful Irish bar and of course swimming, swimming, swimming at my apartment complex's pool! Nothing like it to fool yourself into thinking you're not a geezer.

Happy summer to all!



May 5, 2013

Dear Family,

Mom moved into the Assisted Living section at Chambrel at the end of January. As Alan mentioned in his last entry, she was taken to the hospital on March 7th. That was necessitated because she was found by an aid who came to administer her medications, in her recliner (in which she sleeps), initially unresponsive, and then, when finally awakened, disoriented. She had undergone another infusion of Rituximab the day before, which immediately raised questions about the potential effects of the medication on her. It was found, however, that she had a urinary tract infection and was suffering dehydration and resultant very low blood pressure. Two days of antibiotics and lots of fluids brought her mental status back to what it had been before. But the pain resulting from the manhandling to transport her to the hospital, and then two days of lying in bed significantly affected her physical abilities / mobility. So, after a few more days, she was once again transported to Patriot's Colony for 1½ weeks of rehabilitation. She returned 'home' on March 22nd. She has been doing well since then, although just this week, she had another infusion of Rituximab, and suffered a severe allergic reaction to the drug during the infusion. The injection was stopped, she recovered quickly, and has been fine since. We have an appointment with the cancer doc before the date of the next scheduled infusion to talk about the course of action going forward.

Danie still spends much of her time taking Mom to her doctors' appointments and infusions, and caring for her father. If this isn't stressful enough, she had a periodic MRI of 'the girls' in March, and once again, they saw 'shadows'. So she was again poked and prodded, and a guided needle biopsy was done. The results were negative, as the doctors said it probably would be, but it doesn't help reduce the angst every time she goes through this.

Claudine & Laughton continue to do well, and both are 'established' in their respective jobs. Laughton's mother passed away on January 27th, after battling lung cancer, and then the damage done during the fight. They continue to make improvements to their house, both for their enjoyment, and to make it more attractive when the right time comes to sell it and move to a 'maintenance free' type housing.

Chris & Kristy are also doing well. Both are stable in their current jobs (as far as we know).

Monica is continuing to move about Walter Reed Convalescent and Rehabilitation Center with her recently refurbished power wheelchair. She finally had some of the dental work she had been waiting for done in March. She has had a private room at the facility for several years now, but she was told at the beginning of the year that she would likely lose the room in the coming months, as there are patients 'in the queue' who are able and willing to pay for a private room at the facility. Clearly, that doesn't make Monica a happy camper.

The 2012/2013 **Bowling season** was no better than last year. Our team seems to be mired in mediocrity; finishing in the lower half of the standings. One bright spot was that Danie did manage to make a 4/7-6/10 split. It was one of only four to have been made in league play this season. Danie is a shoe-in to maintaining possession of the '(un)Sportsmanship' award, in part due to the fact that when the league president asked for the trophy back, so that it could be presented again at the Bowling Dinner, she threatened him with bodily harm.

No one came forward this year to head up the St. Michael's Defenders coed **softball** team, so we're not playing this season.

Getaways planned for this year included a week-long road trip next week (May 11-18) through Cincinnati, OH, Indianapolis, IN, Louisville, KY, then hitting the Kentucky Bourbon Trail before making a few stops in WV on the way back. In July, we're planning another week-long road trip in the Northeast, in conjunction with the Family Reunion weekend. I'm hoping that a much talked about (but nothing done about) celebration of the 60th birthday year of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Class of '67 (35 of the original 103 classmates have found one-another on Facebook) would be planned for the week either before or after the Family Reunion, but my hope is fading. In August, we'll spend 7 days aboard the Royal Caribbean's 'Grandeur of the Seas' on a trip from Baltimore to Bermuda, along with friends from our years in Williamsburg.

At work, at the end of April, we finally finished about 8 man-years of effort looking back to the earthquake of August 23, 2011; analyzing structures, systems and components to determine if analysis would predict that there might be some hidden damage from the earthquake. As we suspected, there were very few (only two) components that conservative analysis results suggest could have sustained some damage. However, when those components were inspected, no damage was found. Now we can look 'forward' to working on upgrades being implemented following the Fukushima Daiichi event.

Meanwhile, the final shut down the Kewaunee Power Station (Wisconsin) will occur tomorrow (May 7th) at noon, and the reactor will be defueled by June. Once all the fuel assemblies are in the fuel storage pool, the company will relinquish the operating license for the unit and then have only a license to possess nuclear fuel. The next steps will be to continue to move the fuel (older assemblies first) from the fuel pool, into dry 'casks' and store them on a concrete pad on site. It will be seven years before the last fuel assemblies removed from the reactor can be placed into casks, but when that is done, there will be no operations conducted at the site (only monitoring of the dry cask storage). We have elected to let the unit sit for another 20 years to allow the decay of irradiated materials in the reactor coolant system to reduce the dose hazard for decommissioning workers.

The countdown clock to my **retirement** has been more firmly targeted for August 1, 2014, as the reason to stick around another six months has evaporated. The company has changed its vacation policy, specifically to mess with its retirees in that vacations are now earned quarterly, as opposed to yearly. Therefore, retiring in January only entitles us to a quarter of our annual vacation (i.e., 60 hours vs 240 hours). Additionally, beginning this year, we are only allowed to carry over 40 hours into the next year (previously we were allowed 80 hours). So, if I stayed until January 2015, I would only receive pay for 100 hours (1st quarter + max 40 hours allowed carryover), vs what would have been 320 hours under the old system. This change comes only *after* we paid lots of folks large sums of money to incent them to leave just two years ago, and paid them for their unused vacation under the old system. Incidentally, half of the folks from Engineering who took the package two years ago are back working with us again as contractors (so we paid them to leave, pay them to stay home AND pay them to come back and do what they did before!).

Eric & Danie

2013 for the family. *2-214*

Dear Family,

May 23, 2013

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A very busy spring for the Christensen's in New Hyde Park. With a renewed push to sell our house, we finally found a buyer, and just prior to that we found our new home that we hope to close on within 2 weeks. It's just one and a half blocks away from where we are now. The house is in very good shape but there's still lots we want to do. Aside from finishing the floors and painting there's kitchen and bathroom work, laundry room, etc., so the next year or 2 certainly will be fun!!!

June will finish her 18th year teaching NYC Grammar School and right now she's hoping to finish 20 years and change professions. I admire her commitment every day but see the energy it can require. 25 kids every day is BRUTAL!!! (Especially when many lack English speaking skills.)

Nicole just completed year 2 at FIT and now moved to a shared apartment in Bushwick (Brooklyn). She really did well this year and she will be working in the city over the summer waitressing.

Billy finished his first year at U. of Buffalo and really stepped up his game. Pulling a B+ in Chemistry while acing his other classes kept his average high...now he will be taking Calculus at Nassau CC over the summer while working at Modells for spending money.

Megan graduates West Babylon High on June 22 and will be moving into the new house with us. She will be commuting to St. Francis college in downtown Brooklyn and is really excited about its intimate campus. She is still working as a cashier at a local deli but hopes to find something in NHP when she moves.

Tim turned 16 last week and finishes Sophomore year at Molloy HS. Track kept him out of trouble and he has really impressed June and I with his academic effort...and grades! Now let's see how helpful he and the rest of the crew will be helping me with house stuff!!!

The Times they are a changing! Everything is digital...but we do still put out a hard copy for old timers. I hit 27 years in January and hoping for a few more.

Life has been fun...and stressful! June is wonderful and together we're enjoying the ups n downs with 4 kids in transitional stages of their life!

Love to all!!!! Steve, June, Nicole, Billy, Megan, Tim (Ginny, Boo, Princess and Fluffy)

6/17/13

*Hi to Everyone!
I'm sorry that I kept the RR an extra week - the end of the school year is always a busy time for us teachers! I also wanted to report that Barbara is doing well after her laparoscopic surgery at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital last Monday. She had a large cyst on her liver that had to be drained, but thankfully all went well, & she was released the next day. The biopsy was negative, and now she's just waiting as the soreness gets less & less each day. Besides the end-of-year final exams to make up & correct, grading & reports on my tutoring students, I've also been busy with our household's complete conversion from oil to natural gas, & with*

planning a large party for Michelle's high school graduation. Since this may be her one occasion to "be the star", we're having over 50 people at a Dave + Buster's restaurant/game place. She graduates on Sat 6/22 & the party is the next day. She is supposed to start her adult program on July 8th, if there's no more snafus with her paperwork or the funding. We've also been busy helping Kristen with her decisions, as she was renewed for her teaching job (at a higher salary) but lost her roommate, & had to look for a new one-bedroom apartment. She's going to Las Vegas for an education conference at the end of June, & in August she's going with Cynthia Dagenais (our May Family relative via the Rita Cronen line) to California, where they will hook up with Barbara's daughter, Kate, & also Eileen's son Brian & his friend. So the search for a new apt. was very rushed so she - make that "we" - can arrange all the moving before all the trips. Daray is home for the summer & has a full-time internship in an actuarial business. But now we have 3 people fighting over 2 cars. How did life get so complicated?? But it's all good, thank God.

Hoping "all is good" for everyone in the May Family, & especially praying for Aunt Rosemary. Love, Bernadette & Bill, Kristen, Michelle & Dan

Hi All,

A big hello from Tunkhannock, PA! In April we received two new postulants and a third candidate will enter in October. We will then have three novices, four postulants and some more on the way. With all the terrible news in the world now-a-days, let people know that Religious life is on the up-swing! God continues to call - and the youth are generously answering. Are any of your children listening for His voice?

God Bless You all,
Theresa

July 9, 2013

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Greetings to all the family.

I am especially thankful to all for your thoughts and prayers on my behalf....keep up the good work. I have so many things wrong with me. I have scoliosis, arthritis, a very bad back, and cancer (2 lymphomas). My sense of smell and hearing are not the best. I have finished a round of injections of Euflexxa in my left knee. It helped me in the past and I'm hoping it will help me now and I am also having therapy.

Eric has written on my behalf filling you in on what is going on with me. The last thing that happened to me was falling out of my recliner on Dec. 7, 2012—I did not break any bones. About a month before this it was decided that we do a 'breather' from the IV's — and I every 8 weeks was decided on. I remember not tolerating the IV's too well and again a decision was made to take a "rest" — stop everything — see how I fare on no medication and then change to another one. So on July 17th I will have blood work done and after the results are in, a decision will be made as to what medication will be used and, if I remember correctly, there will be no IV but an injection in the abdomen. Yuck! This is what I remember happening — my memory does not serve me well at times. I am thankful for Eric and Danie to be with me when the doctor has "family discussion" appointments. They know what is going on and I believe Danie has notes on everything that has happened so far... and I believe Eric has everything on the computer. Danie is the one who drives me to the appointments and back home again. She is wonderful! Eric has accompanied us when he was off from work. It was he who helped me get through the MRI.

Re. Monica — her dental work is almost finished - she's waiting for a date to get a cleaning done. There is a podiatrist who comes to WROC and she had an ingrown toenail taken care of. She complains of things going wrong at the place — like water pipes bursting — they are fixed — and then break again. The problem then is to get a shower they have to go to another Wing and use their shower. Eric gave her a Tablet which she loves — well, it was stolen. Luckily Eric used his American Express card and got his money back. She loves to go to Bingo 2x a week and Concentration once a week and any other games those in charge put on. She also likes to go on the "outings" planned for the residents' enjoyment. She also just likes to ride around the place visiting her friends there.

It is so nice to read what is going on with all of you. Stay well and happy.

Love, Aunt Rosemary

August 15, 2013

DEAR ALL

I HOPE ALL IS WELL AS I WRITE ON THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION. I HATE TO START WITH BAD NEWS, BUT MARYJO'S FATHER, JUDGE JOSEPH McLaughlin died last week after a long illness. WE HAD A VERY MOVING FUNERAL MASS and lots of family & PROFESSIONAL FRIENDS ATTENDED HIS WAKE. Next WEEK, WE LOSE ANOTHER CHILD. WE'RE DRIVING TERENCE OFF TO NOTRE DAME FOR HIS FRESHMAN YEAR. KIRA IS ABOUT TO ENTER HER SENIOR YEAR in HIGH SCHOOL, SO WE WILL BE DOING THIS AGAIN NEXT SUN. JOE JR IS NOW A SENIOR AT FORDHAM UNIVERSITY. WE HAD A MARVELOUS TIME at the Ram last month. IT WAS GREAT TO SEE ALL OF OUR COUSINS & AUNT CLAIRE, along with ASSORTED DOGS & CHICKENS. WE NEED to get up there MORE often

Love
Joe Cline, Mary Jo,
Joseph, Terence & Kira

Dear Family,

9/4/02

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I can no longer complain when others delay this letter since I've held it for nearly 2 weeks the past couple of cycles. But I don't think that's as bad as one of my pet peeves -- people who don't reply to emails, even when they contain direct questions. So many forms of communication, but we can't find the time to communicate. Super to see many of you at the

May Party! Sorry that I was just barely alive for it! I'm now 90% back to normal after Lyme Disease stole most of July from me.

In March, inducted into my running club's Hall of Fame, and helped just a bit with making syrup. In April, ran around reservoir & took a long road trip to pick up some trees that we planted. In May, volunteered as usual at Delaware Marathon. Mom + niece Kaylin braved cold, wet, windy conditions to watch me run a marathon in Burlington, VT. Building many websites as usual. Now in busy time of coordinating 2 400-participant charity races + on planning committee for my 30-year college reunion in 3+ weeks. Got a new roommate recently after having the same 2 for six years! Good to be busy. Take care, All!

Ray

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Dear Family,

6 October 2013

I don't have much actual news to report from PA, as just about everyone in my family is in a period of transition and waiting to see what the future holds. First and foremost, Merck has announced major layoffs in my husband's area (R&D). We won't find out for a few weeks if he is one of the people to be cut, but he knows his department was eliminated from the new organization. Not a good sign! My son Brian graduated in May with the second bachelor's degree that he wanted (B.S. in Math). He found out, while doing his senior capstone project, that he really likes theoretical math, but he doesn't think that's a practical field for him to get into. So it's going to take him awhile to find a career direction. Emily is starting her senior year at Boston College. She has to do a special senior course for nursing, called a preceptorship, in which she will shadow a working nurse and write papers about her experience. She should graduate in May, but right now we don't know what sort of nursing job she will pursue or where. You may remember that she was running in the Boston Marathon the day of the bombing. She handled that experience pretty well, and luckily did not see or hear anything. Unluckily, after she left the course, close to the finish line and not feeling well, she was stranded for several hours in Boston. Nevertheless, she continues to run, and completed a half-marathon with Brian this summer.



She had an interesting experience last May after her coursework ended. She was one of three nursing students from BC who accompanied the "Knights of Malta" on a pilgrimage to Lourdes to care for some of the patients that the Knights were sponsoring. If you want to read about her experience, go to www.bc.edu and type "Lourdes Trip 2013" on the search box on the college's home page. I'm inserting a picture of her at Lourdes so you can see the "habit" that she wore. (She's on the left!) Like the rest of the family, Colin is also in transition. He has started his senior year of high school, and is in the process of deciding which colleges to apply to. He continues to be very interested in science, and is loaded down with a lot of science and math courses. He also is involved in several clubs and activities. The typical busy high school student. I should mention that the trip Barbara and I were to take to CA in the spring did not happen, due to a health issue with Barbara. She is fine now, she can tell you all about it. All I have to say is, she owes me a vacation!

Love to all,

Ellen

Dear One and All,

Eric sent out a "tracer" email to find out where the RR was. We were surprised that Eileen had sent it to me, but I never got it. So, this is a replacement. Luckily, Eileen makes a copy each time it comes around, so nothing was lost. As mentioned in the cover pages, *please let people after you know when it is coming*, so that if they don't get it, we can find the loss soon and recover.

In a note sent with the replacement, Eileen mentioned that Joe was not let go from Merck.

As for us here in Yonkers ---

This is being written the day after Christmas – the Feast of Stephen – or Boxing Day for any European observers. We went shopping together on Monday: always fun. We enjoyed Family Game Night on Christmas Eve, with quite a few loud rounds of laughs. That was followed by opening of presents on Christmas morning, capped by 11:30 Mass at Sacred Heart (where both Will and Gillian made guest appearances as Eucharistic Ministers).

Shannon is nervously awaiting the end of her High School career. While she is doing fine in all ways, the uncertainty of going to College and all that this brings is dawning on her. But she will do well there. She's applying to a number of colleges, hoping to major in Creative Writing, but open to related studies.

Gillian is about halfway through her Master's program at Tarleton. The program is more demanding than she originally thought. While she is brilliant in Math, she doesn't have the background required for this particular program. So, we'll see if it is best to pursue it or look for other opportunities. She loves the people in the program and is thriving at living on her own. She should return to Texas on Jan 9.

Will is still at Majestyk Apps in Midtown NYC. He has enlarged his arsenal of tools with a Macbook. He now has a whole series of toys for his development work and some combination also serves his personal communication needs. He is still focused on Android, but is never happy to settle for just that part of the computing world. He recently released another creation via YouTube which you can check out under **WX5ive** where he is a Trio of One using his wind controller and several layers of taping. He still assists at Iona College's ministries, especially the Sunday Mass.

Deanne is in the middle of another year of Religious Ed and the accompanying sacramental programs. We all help out where we can, but she is blessed with great catechists.

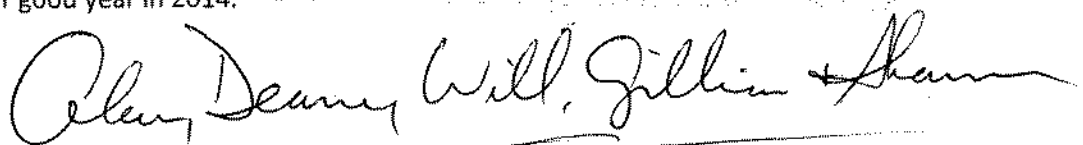
Alan is doing the same as ever, both at Deutsche Bank and Sacred Heart. I will be switching to a new role within Finance to help the business react to the increased and ever changing regulatory environment. That should be a challenge.

We all got to enjoy a 5 day cruise to Canada in August. Will missed the last cruise we took, so we were happy to have him aboard. When we returned to port, we had just a few hours to get Gillian on her plane back to Texas after her first break. Cruises really can be a good relaxing time. Deanne and I are contemplating a cruise – just the 2 of us – to celebrate our **25th anniversary** (April 29).

We have not gotten out to the Poconos house much lately since schedules just don't allow. I'll be working around New Year's, so I doubt we'll get out for that. And since we don't ski, there's not a lot of reason to go. If anyone wants a place in the mountains to get away, let us know. It's near Camelback, Jack Frost Big Boulder and Alpine.

There is not a lot new about **Mom**. She seems to be living well with her lymphomas. But all of her other medical issues seem to be taking their toll, especially her arthritis. Managing the pain has become more difficult. Shannon and I got to visit with heart Chambrel over Veterans' Day. We also got to visit with **Monica**, who seems to be ruling Walter Reed Convalescent Center. And we also got to spend time with Eric, Danie, Chris & Kristie. We just missed Claudine.

We look forward to another good year in 2014.

with love,


Jan 3, 2014

Dear Family -

As I write this to you all, I can see about 10" of snow that storm Hercules just dumped on all of N. Jersey - Very pretty and with the wind @ -5 very cold. I have scheduled a trip to Seattle on Super Bowl Sunday to see my new grandson born on New Years Eve just in time for that tax deduction! Adrienne & Philip had their 4th child Declan Francis. (over 11th grandchild) So looking forward to holding a wee little one again - I find it so hard to have 9 grandkids live so far away - All of the children are doing well - with jobs, school and health and we consider it such a blessing -

Have working part-time @ Little Silver Medicine + starting to tire giving the kids shots. Really enjoy the social life here at Shadow Lake Village (55+) as I am involved in the annual production at the clubhouse. Medicine hits me in April and wonder how it will affect me with this awful OBAMAcare - So happy to hear the good news from you all
Be well all + God Bless

Marian and all
the Field Family