

Dear all,

4/11/16

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I, too, am delighted that our family book is back in action again. It is difficult enough to keep up with all the 'going on' as quickly as they occur, but a year's activities is difficult to digest! We have some interesting family! Thanks be to god with work

The farm continues to be kept busy with work on many projects (barn extensions etc) the vegetable garden continues to grow and expand and our chickens continue to increase (and produce.) How I wish I were able to help, but my legs don't want to cooperate. Thankfully, I can still walk, and would love to greet you all when you care to visit this summer (vegetable soup included.)

Love,
Tante Claire


Dear Family,

May 4, 2016

Happy spring! So nice to hear the mostly good news going on with all of you! Rest assured, you're in our prayers always.

Things are crazy around here as you'd expect with a large, busy family with more than our share of pets. Somehow, our number of furry critters seems to be growing exponentially around here, both useLESS in the likes of dogs and cats, and somewhat more useFULL as we now have 41 chickens with all the new chicks. At least the hens give us tasty eggs and nasty roosters a hearty soup!

John is settling into his new job as maintenance supervisor at the Frost Valley YMCA, a 5,800 acre facility in the heart of the Catskill Mountains. A far cry from the corporate greed of Kohl's, and he's much happier for it!

Arianna, now 18 and with her own set of wheels, will be graduating HS in June. I can't believe we're nearing this milestone! All the kids have been together in the same school since we moved here in 2008! She's been working part-time in the gift shop up at Frost Valley (I wonder how she got that job???) and at present is planning on attending Ulster County Community College in the fall to pursue the Vet Tech program. We'll see what happens...

Kaylin, 15 and in 10th grade, continues pushing herself academically in all advanced and honors classes. She's also become quite involved in the theater club at school and to a lesser degree, FFA (future farmers of America) and of course the tennis team in the fall. Both Kaylin and Luke are involved in our local 4-H chapter. But of course, Kaylin's first love is her chickens! She is so devoted to taking care of them that she even won a \$1,000 grant for them through FFA! Needless to say, I know more about chickens than a girl from Queens should ever know!

Matthew, Mark and Luke are in 5th grade. School is tough for them. It's a hard age and so many distractions get in the way of learning from behavior problems to bullying, to lack of control in their classroom. I'm sad to say, in my estimation there's not a whole lot of learning going on. The worst part is that I've expressed my concerns to the teachers and they assure me that everything is just fine! Really? Enough about that.

The boys are all playing on the Marlins in Little League. Of course John got roped into being the coach which means I get to keep my title as dugout mom. Mark and Luke are also keeping out of trouble as the altar boys every Sunday at the 10:15 Mass. Matthew is still too nervous to do it.

Besides subbing at the school, usually on Fridays, and usually in the HS, I still try to spend as much time with Mom as possible. We faithfully go to town for 8AM Mass and errands every Wednesday.

That's a wrap on all the Lackawack Hill news. I hope you all have a fabulous spring and summer!

Love, John Lorrain
Arianna, Kaylin, Matthew, Mark & Luke
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5/25/16

Salutations, all!

Spring has finally arrived on LI, and we may jump into summer for the next few days. My tomato plants do need the sun, but I don't want July in May. Hopefully temps will revert over the Memorial Day weekend.

We're all doing ok. Ian made his move to Scottsdale, AZ. Always wanted to try life in the southwest. Bit of a mixed bag so far and will experience his first full summer there. We will try to visit him in the cooler autumn. Kate remains in Mexico - but continues to travel for her job. She'll be heading to Scotland, Montpelier, France and Spain in the next few weeks after a Cornell/Ithaca trip. But first, she will meet her new nephew. Matt and Carolyn have their son, Nathaniel Roland born on April 20 - 3 weeks early. We got the mid-night call and zoomed over to Maplewood to watch Claire during the birth. Mom and baby are doing well at the one-month mark. Carolyn did not have to have a Caesarean! Nate is growing fast (originally 6lbs 2 oz) and is a squeaky squirmy lad with a wee sexy cleft in his chin. Big sister Claire is on a learning curve of sharing parents and grandparents with Nate. Should be interesting for ALL of us.

So - we are doing weekly visits again to help out and play. I had my Medicare birthday yesterday, so I now get senior fare on LIRR and NJT. Woohoo! George finishes his track coaching in 10 days, and then he'll be totally flexible to go over. I am still full-time and swamped at work, so it's a little harder for me. In August we will start Monday/Tuesday stints each week in NJ to help keep Nate out of daycare until he is 6 months (just as we did with Claire).

65th birthday was celebrated with all the sibs and some of the nieces and nephews - so who can get worked up about passing that dubious milestone? Bunny, Eileen and I had some rare quality time together - an added bonus.

Last summer, George and I visited Aunt Claire for an overnigher. It was great to sit on the porch and catch up with the Kleins and Christensens, watch the chickens, meet Kenny's Wiglaf, swim in the pond and eat a delicious home-grown dinner. We highly recommend it to all!

So the May family grows ... and ages. The stuff of life! May we all be safe, healthy, grateful and gently joyous.

Barbara, George, Ian, Kate

7/11/16

My dear family,
I can't believe this letter has been in circulation for over a year already!!! I am sorry to say that I am guilty of blogging the letter for way too long. I received it the day before we left for a 2 week visit to DC for a grandson's HS graduation + introduction to our new great-great-nephew. The letter made for good reading on the 3 hour flight!! Like Maria, we are also expecting a new grandchild this summer. Michael + Kelly are expecting their first, a boy, the beginning of August. We are all pretty excited since our last grandchild is 6 1/2 already. This will only be our 11th grandchild though, I am sure Maria will be keeping the lead.

Madelaine + Ralph were able to make it up for the baby shower on 6/6 and then last week we were able to visit them at their cabin here in N.C. before they headed back home. It is such a blessing that we are now able to see each other several times a year.

Wishing everyone a safe, happy + healthy summer.

Love, Ronnie + Anzie

7/15/16

Hi from Milwaukee... Where it's the best time of year, at least in one respect: The swimmin' hole is open! The main reason I've stayed in my current apartment for 25 YEARS is the outdoor pool, and as usual I haven't missed a day, except for the two weeks in late May/early June--time well spent getting acquainted with little Claire and littler Nate in Jersey; seeing Bunny's son Danny graduate from Princeton; and of course catching some Yankees/Mets activity. There'll be more Yankee-fying during a week back east in August, on top of the usual 30-ish games I'll get to out here. And of course there'll be plenty of time at the many summer festivals Milwaukee has to offer (yes, there's a German one); seeing some friends' musical performances around town; and enjoying the chance to, um, socialize outdoors at my wonderful Irish bar.

But first and foremost, there'll be the daily visits to THE POOL--- in the morning to swim, in the evening to loll and read. The place is only available until Labor Day or a little thereafter, so the time MUST be well spent!

Happy summer and fall to all!



July 22, 2016

Dear Family,

The letter arrived close to two months after we celebrated Mom's 90th birthday at the end of May. Alan and Deanne came to Virginia for the long Memorial Day weekend, and on Saturday, nine of us converged on Monica's nursing home to have lunch and cake in observance. Afterward, all but Monica went to dinner in Williamsburg.

While she was off chemotherapy for over a year, Mom's hemoglobin counts have dropped slowly, and the Waldenstrom's numbers have inched up. In March, the hemoglobin count approached the action level (8.0) and we had a frank discussion with her oncologist about the future. Mom decided that she does not want to go back to the twice-a-week chemotherapy, and will go forward on a plan to deal with the effects of the cancer, rather than fight it. In April, (just before one of our vacations) her hemoglobin dropped to 7.9 and she received a transfusion the next day. Six weeks later, her hemoglobin had dropped again to 7.8, and she received another transfusion. However, after another 8 weeks, her hemoglobin only dropped only to 8.4. It appears that she will continue on this course of receiving transfusions,



at a non-regular frequency (depending on the potency of the particular donor's blood each time), until they are necessary about every 1½-2 weeks. At that point, transfusions will cease, and the focus will only be to keep her comfortable.

Monica has had her challenges as the battery charger on her wheelchair failed, and she had to use a manual wheelchair until the charger was replaced. After replacement, it was found that the recently replaced batteries were also failing, and she had to limit her movements around the facility, and carry her charger, so that the batteries could be topped off every time she stopped for more than a few minutes. The batteries were replaced again in May, so she was back tearing through the halls and terrorizing the other 'inmates', until the charger failed again. I sent her a new one, and she's rolling again.

Danie remains busy and stressed taking care of her Father. In January, he started complaining that something in his apartment was beeping, and waking him up at 7AM. He thought it was the phone, then the medical alarm, then the neighbor's alarm clock, then a car alarm. This went on for weeks. Every step of the way, Danie tried to prove, or disprove his theories by moving the phone and alarm base station, checking with his neighbor, and asking if others heard alarms outside. Then, on a whim, she called her father's cardiologist and asked if his pacemaker could, by chance, make a noise. The answer was, "YES! ... get him in here!" Turns out that a 'non-essential' wire from the pacemaker to the heart had come loose and the device was alarming. The man could not tell that the sound he was hearing

was coming from his chest! A month later, he was scheduled to have the pacemaker replaced, and was prepped and anesthetized, when Danie was informed that the surgery would not happen because the previous surgery in the operating room went a *little* long, and the standby surgeon

(cardiologist does the work and the surgeon is there 'just in case') didn't have time to hang around. Needless to say, Danie was pissed! The surgery was rescheduled to August 9.

Claudine & Laughton are doing well. Changes in how the IT department at Capital One (where Laughton works, and Claudine provides IT contractors) is organized and will be utilized has them both a little nervous. Contractors, that Claudine's company provided directly, will now go through a different company that is processing all contractors. Claudine's company will still provide the IT contractors to the other contracting company, but her role will diminish considerably.

Chris & Kristy are also doing well, having just passed their seven year anniversary. Like Claudine & Laughton, they have been working to upgrade their condominium, so that when the time is right, they can sell quickly.

Me: Over a year has passed since I walked out of the office for the last time as an employee of Dominion. In a move that I didn't think possible, the company is reducing staff, particularly in Nuclear. So, if I had stayed for another year, I would likely have been able to walk out with 14 months pay, and a larger pension. But I have no regrets, as the mind-numbing stuff at work, and the increased needs of our parents would have made the last year impossible.

Aside from the significant time we spend caring for our parents, we have become members of the Botanical Garden, which we visit frequently, got VA Resident passes to Colonial Williamsburg and make fairly frequent trips to wineries. And, of course there are those pesky home projects. One really fun activity that I managed to partake in this summer, was an 8-lap drive around the 3/4-mile Richmond International Raceway in a NASCAR style race car. I cashed in, and upgraded a 'ride along' gift certificate given to me years ago by Claudine & Laughton, to the driving experience. I managed to reach 105 mph with lap speed of 88 mph.

We had several meet-ups with Kathy & Wayne, who spend several weeks a year nearby in a mobile home park in Ashland, VA and hosted Ray for two nights so that he could run the Richmond Marathon (Kathy & Wayne came to visit as well).

Getaways have been more numerous and frequent because of my new employment status (*NOT employed!*). We enjoyed a road trip for about 1½ weeks in mid-June 2015 to the Northeast, where we saw Maria in a stage production, met friends and family on LI, in CT, and ME, and visited Bar Harbor, Acadia National Park and Lowell, MA. In August, our old friends from Williamsburg joined us as we took a land tour / cruise starting from Calgary, CN and ending at Anchorage, AK (same cruise, but different land tour from the one we took in 2006). We took another 1½ week road trip starting on Thanksgiving weekend, visiting Gatlinburg, TN, Asheville, NC and on the way home, had a wonderful visit with Ronnie & Augie in Mooresville, NC. We then took an Eastern Caribbean cruise in February out of Ft. Lauderdale with Ed & Janet Ebert. Finally, in April, we took Amtrak into Manhattan and stayed for 10 days, rediscovering the city after 37 years. Claudine & Laughton joined us for 4 days in the middle of the vacation. We were able to meet up with Maria (including Robert & Mark), Alan (including William & Alysha, Gillian and Shannon), Danie's brother, Richard and his offspring, Matt and Nicole, and two of my OLPH Class of '67 classmates. Unfortunately, the growing number of doctor appointments we have to take our parents to making it difficult to schedule time for future vacations. We're trying to keep a two-week period open in September, for another Northeast road trip, and we have a 12-day Southern Caribbean cruise booked for late February. We'll see it either or both actually come off.

Eric & Danie

Dear Family,

July 28, 2016

The Christensen's in New Hyde Park are all doing well. June and I just returned from 11 days in Italy where we visited Rome, Florence and Sienna. My first European vacation was AWESOME! I also just started a new job as Service Desk Manager at Montefiore Hospital and am located in Yonkers...probably a short ride to Alan's house! June is doing well and enjoying summer after her 21st year teaching NYC grade school kids. 4 years to retirement!!!!

The 4 kids are all doing their thing. Nicole has been teaching Art part-time and waitressing to cover her expenses in Brooklyn. Billy graduated Buffalo in May and has started at Stony Brook pursuing his PhD In Physical Therapy. Megan finished her 3rd year after transferring to Queens College and is preparing for "study abroad" and doing a semester in Florence, Italy for food preparation. Tim is working part-time over the summer at a local deli and will be heading back for his 2nd year at Buffalo. We finished the upstairs bathroom last year and then tackled the main floor this past winter.....so we now have 3 full bathrooms just as all the kids are leaving the house! Go figure!

We lost June's dog last December at the age of 14+, but still have 3 cats to keep things interesting at the house. That's it for now.....love and prayers for all!

Hee, June, Nicole, Billy, Megan, Tim.

August 5, 2016

Dear Family,

First I want to send our congratulations & best wishes to Aunt Rosemary at this happy occasion of her 90th birthday. What a wonderful milestone! And this year also saw four of us - Barbara & I, Monica & Theresa - reaching our 65th birthdays. Aunt Claire, now all of your flower girls are eligible for Medicare!! I wanted to do something to mark the occasion for myself - something short of bungee jumping or mountain climbing! - so I went out & had my ears pierced for the first time in my life! It was fun filling out all the papers in "Claire's" boutique, when they asked me how old I was, & did my parents know & approve of the piercing!! ☺

This summer finds Kristen between her 2nd & 3rd years of teaching middle school math up in Westchester County (Mamaroneck), & eagerly looking forward to having tenure (hopefully) after the coming year. Danny graduated from Princeton with a degree in mechanical engineering, and - after 16 days touring Europe with friends - he settled down in Melbourne, Florida, & having parlayed his internship of last summer into a permanent job with Northrop Grumman. Bill, Michelle & I already have airplane tickets to visit him in October! Thank you to all who have been praying for Michelle. Although she has some liver damage from all the medications (confirmed by a liver biopsy in June), we're hopeful she can transition to a new medication. She's currently happy with her programs, so that's very important. Bill & I are just trying to time well our retirements, which are upcoming soon! God bless all the May family!

Love, Bernadette, Bill
Kristen, Michelle, Dan

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Aug. 31, 2016

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Hi All,

Just got back from my home visit with the family. Everyone is fine - thanks be to god! Some new grand niece arrivals which is always a blessing - We had a litter of 11 puppies by one of our German Shepherds - 6 males + 5 females - I don't have to say things were hopping around here! They all survived and have great homes!

Joannie is still superior in Williamsport and I'm still here in the mountains - we love it - Much good comes from living the contemplative life in the country -

Hope all is well - Be assured of our prayers - God Bless, Theresa

9/9/16



Hi, All! Eric here again. The time has come that Mom will no longer be participating in the Round Robin. I will continue to share the letter with her, but her ability and desire to provide an entry for the letter had faded. Alan and I will continue to keep you up-to-date on Mom's and Monica's trials and tribulations. I have updated the mailing list so that Sr. Theresa will now sent the letter to Joe, instead of Mom. In the meantime, here is the latest news from Williamsburg:

I've been making the trek to Williamsburg at least once a week to accompany Mom to multiple doctor appointments, including a series of visits over the past 10 weeks to a Wound Care Clinic, where she is being treated for tears in the skin on her lower leg, caused by edema. The wounds and the swelling have both improved and I'm hoping the next visit will be the last (or maybe the one after that . . . or . . .)

On Monday, August 15, Mom was having a particularly tough time walking (moving her right leg). The nurse at the assisted living complex became concerned that she might have a blood clot in her leg, and called for an ambulance to take her to the hospital. A doppler ultrasound of her legs conducted at the hospital was negative for any blood flow issues. On the advice of her primary care physician, x-rays were taken of her back. The x-rays revealed no *acute* cause of her problem (i.e., no fractures), but the continued advancement of scoliosis and spinal stenosis are likely to blame. Tests did reveal, however, that her hemoglobin had dropped to 7.2, and that she had a UTI. So antibiotics were administered and she was given two units of fresh blood. She spent a week in bed while the antibiotic did its job, and a rehabilitation facility was found.

She was transferred to a rehab facility on August 22, and has been there since. The rehab staff has concluded that she can no longer safely walk with her walker and has submitted paperwork to Medicare for a power chair, specially outfitted to accommodate her twisted body. They have been working on her driving skills and transferring in and out of the chair. When she is sufficiently proficient at these, she'll be sent back to assisted living. There, she'll have to pass a 'driver's test' before she is allowed unrestricted use of the power chair. The wheelchair will be programmed to accelerate slowly, and have a very limited top speed (as compared to Monica's chair that can scoot around quickly).

Nothing particularly new with Monica. She lost her cell phone and had multiple devices broken (not always clear whether staff or Monica is to blame), but her good ol' brother always comes to her aid, providing her with replacements.

Eric

9/23/16

Dear Family:

As I write this letter, we're preparing for our annual football visit to Notre Dame. Hopefully the Irish are in your prayers as they have struggled mightily in their first few games this season.

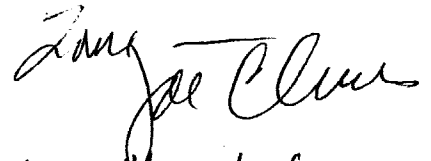
The house has been especially quiet in recent weeks, with Terence and Kira off at school and Joseph living in his apartment. But after a fairly boisterous summer, the peace and quiet are welcome.

It was a fairly productive summer, too. We saw two "Dead and Co." shows and have turned Joseph into a "Dead Head." How's that for good parenting?

In April, Mary Jo and I visited Paris and Nice for our 31st anniversary. The mindless attack on Bastille Day was particularly upsetting. Our hotel was just a few blocks from where the truck hit all those people.

At work, we're obsessed with the Trump/Clinton nonsense. Since we're family, I can say with perfect candor that neither candidate excites me. Maybe that's the best way to enter the White House—with limited expectations.

Speaking of politics, I see that Teresa May was recently named Prime Minister of Great Britain. Go Mays!



10/1/16

Dear Family,

I'm realizing the therapeutic value of this letter with each of us sharing our challenges with humor. I thought that the rest of you would get older & I'd stay young, but turns out that I turn 55 in Nov. We moved my mom up the road a half mile to Lorraine's house for several reasons—single story, gives Ken more freedom, and we "traded" for L's daughter Ariaine to move out of her house for more independence. So I changed to Ken's name & email on the front page.

Current farm projects are re-siding the barn for first time in 225+ yrs, continuing building of logging roads on our property up the hill, and Ken's garden & firwood collection.

I've been running slowly and won't do a marathon this year since I started. Successfully got thru another Nun Run 5K event (just 400 participants this yr) which was sponsored by our local Knights of Columbus councils. I actually became a Knight a few months ago. Proud to be associated with them and the Little Sisters, when the worldwide KofC just awarded their highest honor, including \$100,000 donation. Out of the 20+ WP homes in USA, it happened to come to Delaware!

I switched out ~~manometer~~ ass'n and will soon have my bathroom totally renovate. Recently painted all of my roof soffits & re-sealed my driveway. Web business has been challenging lately, but I now also offer Smartphone Apps!

Take care & keep smiling,
PJAY

Dear Family ~



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OCT 31 2016
Happy Halloween!

We just returned home from N.C. where the trees were bright with beautiful color + the weather cool. But the best part was I got to hold the newest member of our family tree August Thomas. He is not only the cutest baby but he has such a sweet disposition. Our family is doing well & getting excited for the holidays to come. Love to all
Ralph & Lorraine

Dear Family,

11/21/2016

I've had this letter for a few weeks and have not had a chance to write because stuff just keeps happening! Both good and bad.

Some of the good things that have happened...I'm coming to the end of a successful kitchen renovation that has occupied my time for months and had the kitchen torn up for weeks. We had everything replaced: floor, countertops, cabinets, appliances, plus did some remodeling. More good stuff: I've been doing some celebrating for my recent milestone birthday. Dinner at a four star restaurant, brunch with Frank, Barbara & Bunny and earlier, in October, I had a weekend with B&B in NYC (underwritten by our kids!) to celebrate their 65th as well as my 60th.

Some of the not-so-good things that have happened...We had a car totaled (sandwiched) while we were in the midst of the kitchen remodel. Thankfully no one was seriously hurt, and the other guy was at fault. We knew what to expect when dealing with the insurance companies, because we had had another car totaled two years ago in the same sort of accident! We got the totaled car replaced and the kitchen largely finished just before Joe's layoff from work. This was not a surprise; we knew the timing in September. Joe had been unhappy at Merck anyway because of the constant reorganizations+layoffs, and was contemplating early retirement, when another round of reorganization+layoffs was announced. This time his own department was vaporized. Now he has the benefit of receiving severance before officially retiring. The cost was experiencing one final round of layoffs and watching the jobs of hundreds of co-workers and friends disappear. One final piece of bad news for us: Colin has been diagnosed with mono at college. He's been feeling bad for weeks but didn't test positive for mono until this past week. Right now we don't know if he'll be able to finish all his coursework for the fall quarter.

All of the above craziness seemed fitting in the atmosphere of the bizarre presidential election happening at the same time. Now in the transition season, the President-elect reminds me of a dog who has caught the car he was chasing. We'll see what he does with it, and what the Republicans do with him.

Love to All,

Eileen

Dear One and All,

When last I wrote, it was Easter, when a blanket of wet snow covered everything. Now we are past Thanksgiving and, though we saw snow while in the Poconos, the coming week in Yonkers promises 60° days. At the same time, we have weathered the election season and hopefully can get back to whatever "normal" is in our lives. (*I like Eileen's summation of the president-elect.*)

Shannon is happily progressing through her college career. She has a new roommate who has become a good friend, unlike some of her earlier difficulties. They have ventured into White Plains several times. She is loving her Creative Writing curriculum. In other news, her recent claim to fame was beating her father at bowling by rolling a 200 game.

Gillian continues to work with PreK 3 at Sacred Heart. She has some challenges with the older teacher for the class, who has a different (tired) view of how to lead 3 year olds in discovery and learning. Hopefully, this will clarify G's ideas of how to teach. We can see that she loves the kids and her career. She began classes toward her Master's in Education at the College of New Rochelle. She seems to be enjoying the classes.

William continues his various pursuits. He is still with Jump Ramp Games, Iona Sunday Mass, and his side jobs. He is still looking for an apartment that will suit him for years to come. The search has mainly taken him across the southern tier of Westchester County, but still to no avail. All possibilities are also evaluated by his girlfriend. We presume that eventually the apartment will be "theirs".

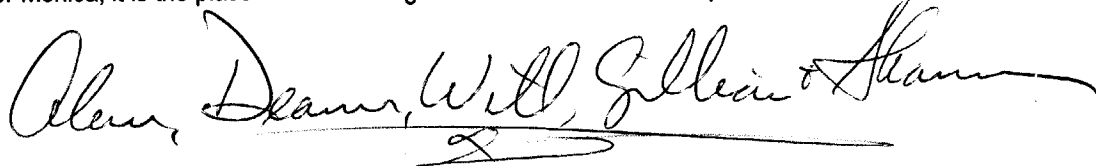
Deanne likewise continues her same activities: working at Sacred Heart as both administrative assistant and religious education and sacramental coordinator. The Thanksgiving - Reconciliation - Advent - Christmas flow of time is a trying one for all Church staffs. But we managed to get away for the Thanksgiving weekend to our Poconos house which is always relaxing. We also got away in October on a cruise we had promised ourselves. It was only to Canada (our third time there), but there were no constant phone calls or other messages, so a very relaxing time. It was our second cruise into a hurricane (*Matthew this time*), but we managed to enjoy the trip. We played mini-golf, beanbag toss and pool as the ship lurched through the waters. It added a new dimension of fun: I never laughed so hard! On the last day, we were sunning ourselves on the front deck of the ship, and so returned relaxed.

I have started looking more intently at what to do once I leave Deutsche Bank. (I can't fully retire yet.) You may have read about the Bank in the papers, but suffice it to say it is not a healthy place to extend a career at this point. I feel sorry for younger employees. One post-DB possibility I am looking into is with the Archdiocese of New York to work in their Finance department. I think I could start there tomorrow if I wanted to, but I have to make sure it is the right move and will not impede our family's future. We shall see. My heart is doing fine. If I was disciplined enough to maintain a proper diet, my diabetes would be better managed.

You've seen reports about **Mom**. After being out of her home at Brookdale Williamsburg addressing various medical needs, she has moved to **Commonwealth Senior Living at the West End**. Her address is 2400 Gaskins Rd, Room 311, Richmond, VA 23238-4315. Her only phone is her cell @ 757-272-2649. She arrived just before Thanksgiving and seems to like the place. Brookdale was too far for Eric to effectively attend her and also not really suitable for handling the hospice level care she now requires. As Eric mentioned, she is no longer treating her blood cancers, so we expect that her hemoglobin will gradually drop, causing more issues. Commonwealth understands this, and with supplemental hospice care, is in a position to help her through this last phase of her life. They are determined to keep her as active and engaged as she physically can be, and they seem to be succeeding so far.

Monica is disappointed that Mom did not wind up with her in Walter Reed. But the nursing care provided there, and its distance from Eric, made it less than ideal. But for Monica, it is the place where she reigns as the "inmate" with the power chair who is everywhere and involved in everything.

With lots of love to all,



12-18-16 2-340

Dear Family - I thought I'd get this letter in the mail as
Christmas Day is next Sunday. Had it on my desk for more
than a week as I was recently in Florida visiting Adrienne
& her family and to meet my new grand-daughter Bernadette
Rose who was born in Seattle in July - my 12th grand kid !!!
The Carrs moved from Seattle to Ft Myers as a new job opportunity
arised. Just want to get Stephanie & her family back east and
Grandma here will be happy. Still working part-time and
involved with Church & community - lots of friends to keep me
busy - bowling every week and loving it! Wishing all you
dear Cousins a Blessed Christmas - God Bless You all !!!
Love Maria