

Merry
Christmas!

Myers Christmas 2006

Happy
Holidays!

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Navidad!

Fröhliche
Weihnachten!

Wow, 2006 was some year! The newsletter is late as the year was just so busy toward the end.



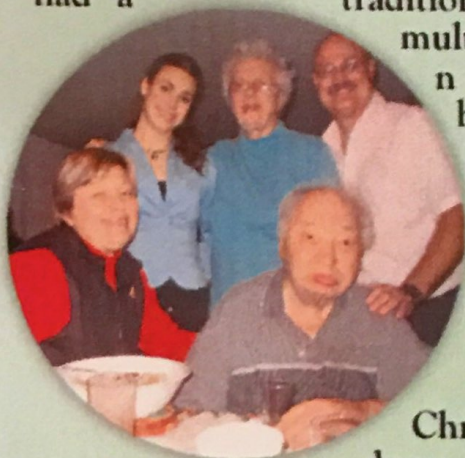
Santa came as usual handing out gifts and playing the piano. It was



Erika helping Baba make Pyrohy

Christmas Eve 2005 we spent with Christine and Peter, Mary's Mom and Dad. We had a

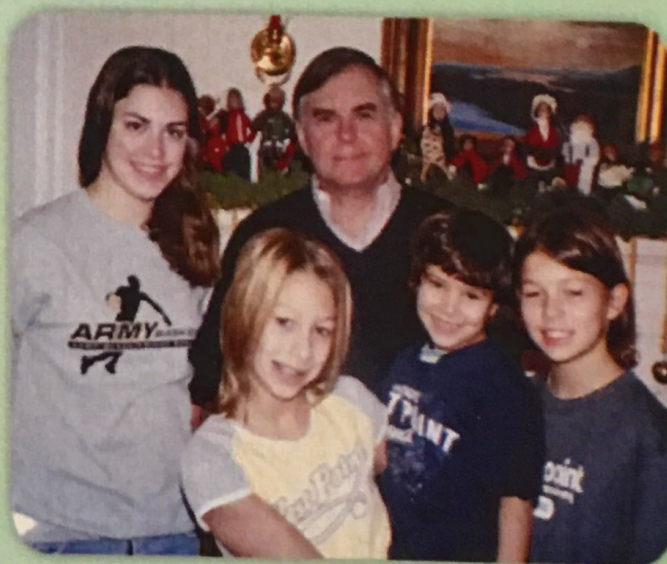
traditional Ukrainian multi-course dinner with borscht, holubschi, shrimp and kutya.



Christmas day we drove to Newburgh where Uncle Vinnie hosted Christmas.



great seeing the Mazzie family. Sandie would have been proud of all of us continuing to get together. She will be with us always. The "girls" loved sleeping on the "bridge" leading to Aunt Sandie and Uncle Vinnie's room. Christmas without Sandie was hard but we continue to be family and won't forget her, especially during the family gatherings.



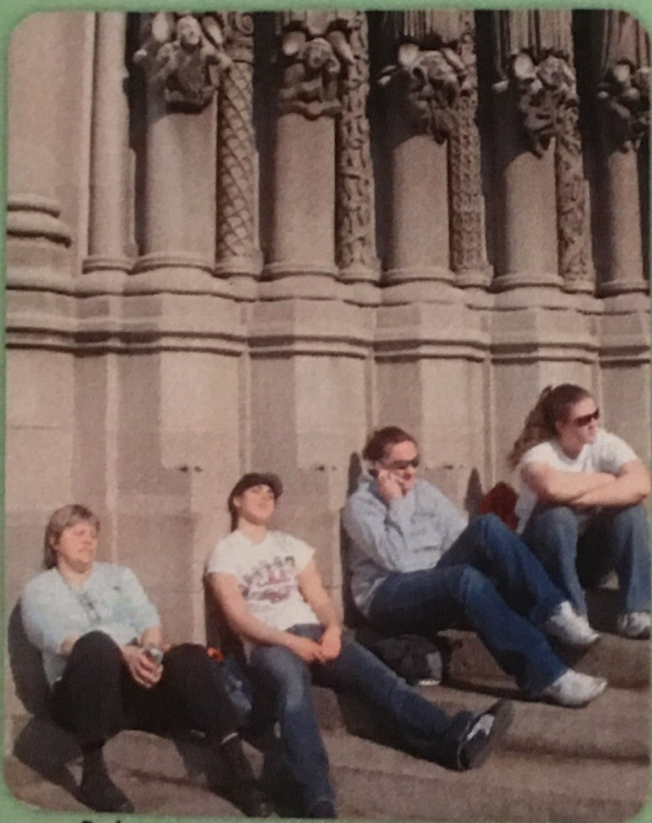
Girls in Westpoint shirts & Uncle Vin



February brought many birthdays including Peter who turned 93.



In March we went to the Syracuse Carrier Dome and saw an excellent Billy Joel concert. Erika had a band trip to Riverside Church in New York City, Tom and Mary went along as chaperones. Quite an experience!



Relaxing outside Riverside Church

Erika competed, sang at Ground Zero and we toured New York City.



Erika and Rachel having fun in Bolton's Landing

We spent Easter in Lake George at Sandie and Vin's house. Florence, Vin's mom was also there.



Nightcap at the Sagamore Lodge.

In May Carol and LaVerne moved from Florida and now live in Penfield.



Meeting the Myers at the Airport



At Niagara Falls

Eric Kirsch, a former student of Mary's and Irina visited from Germany and we all went to Niagara Falls.



Erika, Elizabeth & Lauren tubing

In July Vin had us to Lake George for the summer family gathering. Everyone went and the girls loved tubing and riding in the boat.



Family Gathering 2006, Lake George

Erika went on a "South Pacific Adventure" with the People to People Student Ambassador Program. She was in the air a total of 60 hours, not including layovers. The trip was an adventure for the whole family. It was two years in the planning

with a lot of support from family and friends, especially Baba and Digo.



1st Day in Fiji after 21 hrs flying

Erika spent 7 days in Fiji, sailing on the governors yacht, going to school, kayaking in the mangrove forests, snorkeling in the coral reef and seeing the islands. She was amazed at how happy the people were even though they were in a third world country and living in poverty. A happy "Bula!" greeting was heard everywhere.



*"The Roomies"
Natalie, Emily & Erika
in the water*



Home Economics class in Fiji

She then spent 6 days in New Zealand where it was freezing. While there she rode a gondola to the top of a mountain and took luge rides down. She kayaked in Auckland at the outdoor center, spent 2 nights with a host family, met a city council member in Rotorua, the "Yellowstone Park" of New Zealand., stayed overnight in a Maori, the ancestral house for the Maori people.



Freezing at the Maori in New Zealand



Being incredibly excited wearing a wet suit to go kayaking in 55 degrees

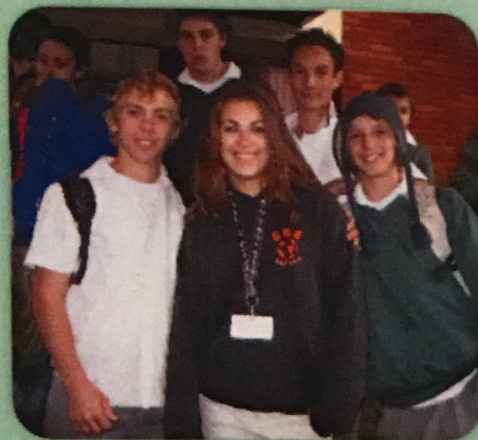
Then it was off to 5 days in Australia! There she visited the site of the 2000 Olympics, met with students in an Aussie school, learned about the Aboriginal culture, cruised Sydney harbor, saw the Sydney Opera House, went to the Taronga Zoo to see koala bears and kangaroos, did a high ropes course and dined at the Hard Rock Café.



Erika with the Natives!



Matt Weeks & Erika in "All Blacks" Garb



School in Australia



Tommy, Petey, Erika & Scotty chillin in the New Zealand airport



Sydney Opera House Australia with Sydney harbor bridge

While Erika was on her "Adventure", Mary entertained the "Boys from Brazil", four seminarians from the Stanford, CT Ukrainian Seminary. They had many adventures of their own sight seeing in Upstate New York.



Carlos, Walter, Charles and Pedro

In August, one week after Erika returned, and the Monday following the "No liquids on the plane debacle" we flew to Greece for a wedding. Tina, a German teacher from Corfu, Greece was getting



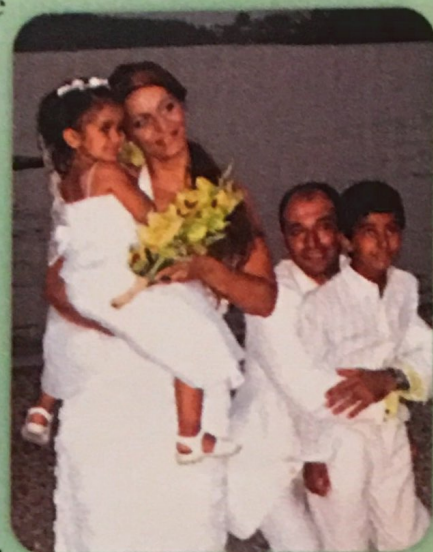
Temple at Delphi

married. Mary had met her in Berlin, Germany at a teachers' seminar in 1999. They became friends and Tina ended up marrying John a Greek from New York City. Tina invited us and we went. When we arrived in Athens it was HOT! We



Hotel Chandris, site of reception

stayed at the Herodin hotel for 3 days right near the Plaka and the Acropolis, a great place to see the city from. We took a bus to Delphi, very interesting. We then travelled to the island of Corfu for the "Greek wedding" and some relaxation. Tina's family was very welcoming.

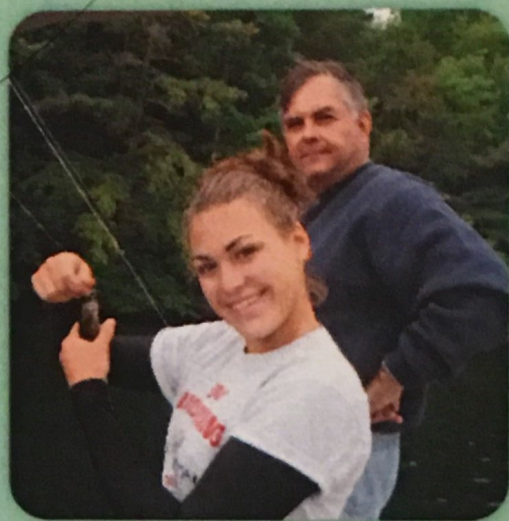


Beach at Hotel Chandris where we stayed.



The drenched Myers 2006 Family Reunion

Sept 2nd we met in Lancaster for the 2006 Myers Family Reunion. It was wet and cold, but 18 still showed up. Aunt Katherine invited us out of the cold to her house after we had our traditional reunion picture.



In September we celebrated Carol and LaVerne's 56th wedding anniversary with brunch at the Crescent Beach Hotel.



Aunt Katherine and Carol in mink

We left right from the reunion and drove to Lake George for a nice Labor Day weekend and Uncle Vin's Birthday. Uncle Vin, Jim and "the Girls" went out in the boat and all had fun fishing.



56th Anniversary

In December the tradition of having Mary's German students decorate her Christmas tree continued. This is the 26th tree that they have decorated. This year

ing basketball and is looking forward to softball in the spring.



Students decorate our tree

many of the students had siblings who were her former students. There even is a father son duo in the picture - Dad Lars Meyris, former student and son Andreas, current student. Erika invited her good friend the neighbor boy Matt to join Mary's students to decorate the tree. Guess which one he is.



Bills Fans!

Erika turned 16 and her request was to go to a Buffalo Bills game on her birthday. The Bills were facing the Miami Dolphins. While we were expect-

ing a COLD day, the weather was "warm" with just mist in the air. The Bills "squished" the fish 21-0! Matt and his brother and friends also went to the game and we tailgated together. On December 18th Erika went right out and got her driving permit. Don't say you weren't warned! Erika is still swimming where she qualified for sectionals again. She is play-



Erika & Matt @ Bills game

We wish you the joy of the holiday season, the love of those around you and health and peace in all you do.



*Sandie and Erika
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Rejoice!*

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