

Merry
Christmas!

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Myers Christmas 2010

Happy
Holidays!
Fröhliche
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In Dec 2009 Erika turned 19 while at Northeastern University. She is continuing her Pharmacy study and made her parents proud by making dean's list both semesters. Even more amazing is that she did this while rowing every day.



College Celebration

Christine (Mary's Mom) made her traditional Christmas Eve dinner which we celebrated at her house. Pedro, a Ukrainian Seminarian from Brazil joined us. Then it was off to midnight mass.



Home Celebration

The 2009 Family Christmas dinner was at our house. Family is always special to us and were so happy everyone was able



Christmas Eve @ Baba's

to share this time with us. Flo stayed at our house and Vince stayed at Mary K & Jim's house.



Christmas 2009



Flo loved Tucker



Santa Liz



The Kitchen "Angels"

Erika flew to San Diego in January 2010 to visit her friend Leslie who coxed (steered) her boat for rowing. She had a great time on the west coast and Leslie's family was very welcoming. This year Leslie is Erika's roommate.

In March Natasha Zhogina from Novgorod, Russia spend several weeks with us. Mary had enjoyed her gracious hospitality in Russia while teaching a



Natasha & Mary

course for Russian English teachers in 2008. Natasha was a classic "hostess with the mostess" and it was a pleasure to have her in our home. She visited many schools in the area as a Sister Cities language fellow. We did a trip from Rochester to Gettysburg, Pa. The Battle of Gettysburg is in her lesson plans and she was excited to be there. We find it to be a most impressive place. The new museum and visitors' center are well done. From there we traveled on to Washington, DC, where our seminarian friends from Brazil, Carlos and Pedro, were able to get us rooms at the seminary. Our location was very close to the Catholic University campus with a wonderful view down on the Capitol Building. We were there for the St Patrick



Erika & Vince XMas 2009



San Diego Zoo



Leslie, Erika & Alex



Lauraleen, Mary & Natasha in DC

Day's Parade where we connected with our true, green Irish friend, Lauraileen O'Connor. A former student of Mary's Brian Sweeting also came by and went to the Holocaust Museum and had lunch with us. (Brian is currently in Chile living on a farm where the owners speak German and is learning Spanish. Don't you love it!?) On the

way back we blitzed Philadelphia and headed home.

Erika continued rowing in the spring and we enjoyed traveling to wherever the regattas were and visiting in Boston. Peggy and Vince joined us in Boston for the Bean Pot on the Charles. We stayed in the historic Eliot Hotel near the river. Erika's boat took first place 4 seconds ahead of 2nd place Columbia, followed by Radcliffe and Boston University.



Erika 2nd from top

In May Erika's boyfriend, Alex Goguen, came by. They did the Rochester thing and we all went to Lake George and Uncle Vin's house in Bolton Landing. It was bike week in Lake George Village and we met people from all over the USA. Alex got a taste of NYS and visited several times during the summer.



At Lake George

Fourth of July found us in Lancaster, NY for THE parade. LaVerne came with us and we once again enjoyed the hospitality of Jane and Bob Reitmeier on the parade route.

It is always a nice to see who is still in town and reminisce about those who are not. All of us remember the children we have had who found the sirens of the fire engines to be too loud and how we solved that problem. The parade itself continues to be a wonderful snapshot of Lancaster Village and what makes up that community.



LaVerne & Aunt Dolores



Peggy & Vince in Boston for the BeanPot

Tom and Mary have fostered German Groupies in the Rochester area. The group meets to enjoy sharing their love of German culture in various settings. One of them has been the University of Rochester carillon concerts that are in July every summer. A carillon has bells that are played from a keyboard. Other activities have included the German Fasching/Mardi Gras, dinners at German restaurants, German movies at the Dryden Theater at the Eastman House and lunch at the piece of the Berlin Wall that is in the Bausch&Lomb world headquarters in downtown Rochester. Interesting people, interesting places is our mantra.



German Meetup Group at Carillon Concert



Michaela and Christian with George



On one of the Chairs on Parade

In August Mary and Christine went to the Marian Pilgrimage in Sloatsburg, NY. Christine and Peter were loyal attendees for many years including the last year before his death.

Erika worked as a lifeguard at the historic beach on Lake

In August Michaela Amitsbichler and her boyfriend Christian visited with Erika in Boston and met us in Lake George. Once again Uncle Vin's hospitality gave us a super location on the lake. We watched great fireworks from in front of Fort William Henry in Lake George Village. Michaela and Christian had a taste of the Adirondacks before coming to Rochester for the traditional things here. They toured Rochester including seeing the George Eastman House. Niagara Falls was a definite on their itinerary and they went on to Toronto and Montreal before heading back to Boston and Munich, Germany. Michaela is Mary's cousin's daughter.



Carlos and Christine in Sloatsburg

Ontario. The family gathered for a send off dinner at the end of August. We ate at the Pelican's Nest on the Genesee River close to the beach. Next summer Erika will be doing the first of three co-op jobs that are part of the pharmacy program at Northeastern University.



Family Dinner at Pelicans Nest



Mary, Cindy, Oksana

September is birthday month for a several of our friends and Mary too. Cynthia Bianchi is the first of our crew to celebrate one of those birthdays that ends in zero. She introduced Tom and Mary in 1985 and her daughter, Amy, was in our wedding so we really enjoyed the surprise party for Cindy that was at Amy and

her fiancé, Joe's beautiful home. (Joe also has a Lotus tucked into his garage and gave Mary a ride - too much fun!! Mary's passion for cars continues.) Oksana Robinson is the other September birthday gal.



Cindy's Birthday Crowd at Amy and Joe's

In October we visited Erika in Boston for Parents Weekend. The place was packed as it was also the Head of the Charles rowing weekend. So we not only saw Erika, we got to see a bit of the Head of the Charles, the largest regatta in the world with over 8000 rowers from all over the world. We always try to see new things when we go places and this trip we went to the wonderful Isabelle Gardiner Museum. It is a gem of a museum. We did lots of great walking around town, including crossing the pedestrian bridge that overlooks Leverett Hall where Mary lived when she did a summer semester at Harvard.



Overlooking Leverett Hall

We also have to report that our beloved van “the beast” with 164,000 miles on it, has outlived its usefulness as Erika doesn’t need it in Boston and no longer will have the summer at home as she now does Co-Ops every other semester. So with many fond memories we sold the faithful van. We had many great trips in it.



Erika bids farewell to the van



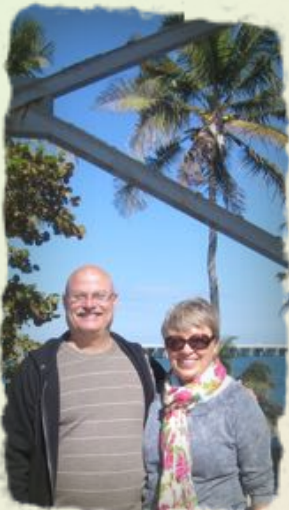
Thanksgiving at the Stars

Thanksgiving found us together enjoying good food and superb company at Mary K and Jim’s house, Tom’s sister and brother-in-law. Mary K put on a great meal and we had lots of leftovers to take home.



Lottie & Christine

December has been cold and snowy around here. Rochester will set a new record for the most snow for the month. Tom created an opportunity for us to go to the Florida Keys for a week. The smiles and clothes say it all as Rochester had its first major snowfall we were trying to decide if being pirates could be a positive career move. It is still definitely on the table for discussion. Tom’s friend, Rick LaClaire shared his best advice on what to do and see and we did most of his list. We also found some of our own places to enjoy. One highlight out of many was an Inn Tour which included Five Inns.



In Key West



The traditional Key West Picture



Santa in Key West



A room at the Inn

Each Inn had food and drinks along with rooms to view so we could see the amazing variety of places you can book. The weather was great and there was lots of **SUNSHINE!**

Erika celebrated her 20th birthday on the last day of her fall semester. As a present she had two finals that day as she continues the demanding pharmacy program. She made the

dean's list again for the fall semester showing that hard work does pay off.

Mary meets with some retirees from Greece Central once a month for lunch and teaches a German course or two at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) from time to time.

This connection also allows her to participate in the professional development opportunities there. Along with Tom she enjoys the exhibit openings at the Memorial Art Gallery and the George Eastman House. They also both go to RIT for The Caroline Werner Gannett Project lecture series. Each offering is educational and thought provoking. We highly recommend the series. (cwgp.org)

Tom continues to develop software, design databases and do information technology support for the Macintosh platform. Being in the computer industry things are always changing and require constant retraining. He enjoys the challenges of the profession and appreciates the great clients he has. That is not to say that he doesn't enjoy vacationing also! No he doesn't have an iPad yet, but we now have 3 iPhones in the family.

Tom's parents Carol and LaVerne are doing well. They are still living in Penfield near Mary K's house. Below are their address and phone number.

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Erika turns 20!

Christine is also doing well, still living at home, driving to church each day. She helps with Bingo at St Josaphat's Church and is the local Ukrainian National Association Representative. Christine still does a lot of baking/preparing food for the church too. Erika's roommates are enjoying the cheese crepes she makes and they have all also fallen in love with her pierogies.

Once again all the best to you and yours in 2011.

The Myers

Mary, Erika and Tom



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