Merry Christmas!



Happy Holidays!

Myers Family Christmas Letter 2014

iFeliz Navidad! Weihnachten!

Christmas 2013 found everyone at the Myers house for dinner. There is always a lot of food, a good collection of presents and time spent around a table. The nieces are growing up. Kate is a junior at SUNY Geneseo, NY in



the business program and spent some time in Greece for a humanities class last summer. She loved it especially the island jaunts. Lauren is in her second year at

Christmas 2013 at Myers House

Villanova, PA. Libby is a 9th grader in the Fairport schools, plays volleyball and is enjoying being an only child at home. Last year and this year again we found a day warm enough to bring our Christmas tree home in the convertible with the top down. Tom remembers

doing it as a child and how fun it was. When Erika picked out a ten foot tree, Mary suggested we get her cute EOS to bring the tree home.



Our 2014 10 foot tree



Dinner before "Capital Steps"

Our New Years Eve crew of ten; the Livingstons, Myers, Crotingers, Berubes, Stoker and guest once again rang in 2014 at the Capitol Steps show at Nazareth College.

January was LaVerne's 89th birthday and we had pizza and wings at St John's Meadows where he enjoyed living. He kept himself active there, walking 1/4 mile to and from the cafe for breakfast and lunch and often dinner too. He



Verns 89th

volunteered to help with the flower planting and was honored for helping put in the landscaping around the new model train setup.





Lunch With Gramps

Vern and the Model Trains

February was Tom's 60th birthday and Mary threw a surprise party at Roc Brewing, one of our favorite Rochester craft brew pubs.



Blessing of the Easter food

Easter dinner was at the Star house. There were family members from all sides at the celebration. The day was sunny and warm and the food and company were great as always.





At Mary K's

Easter 2014

April also found us traveling to Florida. We visited the Dali Museum, Aunt Marion Hoeflich in St Pete's then we stayed near Orlando. We weren't there to see Mickey, but we did go to Disney Marketplace. Our goal was to support the Northeastern University Power Lifting Team at the 2014 Collegiate Nationals. Erika has connected us

to the sport, her team members and coaches who are now like a second family. We go and support them loudly and sometimes know the right things to say. Erika continues to expand



Erika wins 2nd at Collegiate Nationals

her parent's knowledge and this has been a thrilling sport for all of us. Erika did very well placing second in her weight class at her third National Collegiate competition. We are so proud of her accomplishment in this sport and hearing the planners of the event and her coaches compliment her was heart warming.



At the LaClaire's

We also visited Melbourne Beach, Florida to celebrate Rick LaClaire's 60th birthday. We had a great time with him and wife Donna. They welcomed us

into their home and we walked on the ocean beach at the end of their street. Donna and Rick belong to that gracious group of friends with whom conversation continues without missing a beat after a short time or a long time of not seeing each other.

May was a special month for us because our little girl, Erika Marie Emmy Myers, graduated from Northeastern University with a BS in Pharmacy Science. After five years of challenging courses, she has finished all formal class work. Erika is grateful for her 18-year-old self who made this career choice for her. Immediately following she started her final three semesters of Pharmacy's Advanced Pharmacy Practice



Graduation at Boston Garden



Sophie and Erika Graduate!

Experience studies in different settings. This leads to the Pharmacy Doctorate degree to be conferred in May 2015. We are so proud of our accomplished pharmacy student daughter, who is also a lifter!

Proud Momma and Erika

In June Christine Dziuba celebrated her 90th Birthday. She is known as Mama, Baba, and the Energizer Bunny. Christine is magical with the special foods she prepares. Delicious does not do justice for the variety and



Christine turns 90

reputation of her Ukrainian dishes and baked goods. There was a Liturgy at St Josaphat's Ukrainian Catholic Church in honor of her day. She is a pillar of that community attending daily liturgy when it is said, selling hot dogs at bingo on Fridays and running coffee and

sweets after 10 AM liturgy on Sundays. People donated in honor of her birthday to the Ukrainian nuns, Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate.



Celebrating Christine

The Sisters chose to honor Christine at their Dormition Pilgrimage in August with a special blessing from Pope Francis. The celebration of Christine's birthday was an event in so many ways, from the church to a party to the Papal Blessing.



Papal Blessing



Tom & Mary Volunteering

Tom became an organizer for TEDxFlourCity. This forward thinking group of differing ages and diverse interests plans mind-stretching events for the Rochester community. The Main Event took place in

June at the Eastman School of Music's Kilbourn Hall with over 420 attendees. You can see the talks at

tedxflourcity.com

Summer in Rochester starts with the Xerox Rochester International Jazz Festival. We enjoy this festival and spend as much time there as we can



during its 10 days. We are club pass junkies and that gives us access to all the music at the festival.



St Croix Competition

In July Erika competed in the 12th IPF North American Regional Powerlifting Championships held in St Croix, where she placed first. A big thanks to all who donated and helped Erika attend this competition. It expanded her contacts and she is now the first

pharmacy member on the International Powerlifting Federation Entourage Committee.

Summer flows into the St. Josaphat's Ukrainian Festival where we volunteered. Christine baked, but is no longer in charge of the Sweets Booth.



Erika home to help at Ukifest

In fall Erika moved into yet another Boston apartment with her friend and fellow lifter, Sophie Vieras. It's a great place with parking, nice floors and lovely ambience.



Going to Back to School



Also the "September Birthday Girls" went out to dinner. Cindy and Oskana are Mary's friends from elementary school and Sister Margaret Brennan was a

Birthday Girls Dinner teacher and inspiration at their high school. Dinner was at Rochester Tap Room on the Genesee River.

We also squeezed in a weekend at Bolton Landing on Lake George with Peggy and Vin. And what a weekend it was! Erika took the bus in and the weather was over 80 degrees. Tom and Mary visited Fort Ticonderoga and time was spent on the boat. We had a mimosa toast in memory of Flo Mazzie, Vin's Mom.



The Indian Tepee Gift Shop



Bolton's Landing

In October LaVerne Myers suffered a stroke that led to a hospital stay, then physical therapy, and a move from St John's Meadows to St John's Nursing Home. While there, he never complained and kept his Myers sense of humor. The Friday after Thanksgiving with Mary K and Tom, their spouses, son-in-law, Vince, and all four granddaughters near by Kais decided it was time to go.

He did so with dignity and surrounded with the love of his family. Thank you to all who came to the Wake, the Memorial Service, and for the cards, kind words and donations.



Dec 2013

St Johns's Meadows still has his picture in the Cafe. While we will miss him dearly, we know he was ready. There will be a memorial Mass for Carol and LaVerne at St Mary's Church in Lancaster on Saturday, September 12th at 4:30pm. Afterwards we will go out to dinner.



Christine and Bishop Danylo

In the fall Christine and Mary traveled to Ohio to celebrate the consecration and installation of the most Rev. Bohdan J Danylo as Bishop of

Parma.

We go to lectures in Rochester and the nearby area and have been especially pleased with the monthly offerings

that the University of Buffalo Distinguished Speaker Series offers. The speakers are great and some Buffalo area friends have joined us for the lectures.



Mary and Wes Moore



Vicki, Erika and Mary

Holidays brought celebrating with good friends and a special treat - Erika came home for 6 weeks! She worked each day on Pharmacy Residency applications



Thanksgiving 2014



Florence Mazzie 2011



Peter Dziuba 2007



Sandie Mazzie 2005

and essays, applying to hospitals across the US and has since accepted 4 interviews. She would be honored to land a position at one of these very competitive programs.



Holiday Festivities with Friends



Eastman House with Santa

Wishing you all a great 2015!

The Myers Mary, Erika and Tom



July 2014 at St Johns



Vern and Erika in August



Vern and Mary K September

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LaVerne Myers 2014



Carol Myers 2011