

Merry
Christmas!



Happy
Holidays!

Myers Family Christmas Letter 2016

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Navidad!

Христос Раждается!

Fröhliche
Weihnachten!

So it is Christmas and 2017 is almost here. Children are growing up and loved ones are far and near. 2016 has certainly been a year full of surprises and blessings!

Dziuba Christmas Eve 2015 was at Baba's. Her pyrohu (pierogis) rock! YUM! We did some math this year and estimate she has made over 750,000 just for the St Josaphat's Ukrainian Festival alone!



Making pyrohu for Christmas Eve



Baba's borscht is the best!

Christmas Day was at our house. Mary K and family were in Spain visiting daughter, Lauren. So the Myers' gathering took place on New Year's Day.



Christmas Day 2015



New Years Day Dinner 2016

Rochester is rising, lots of new developments! We enjoy all that downtown offers from the excellent Jazzfest, Memorial Art Gallery, Rochester Museum and Science Center, to our favorite microbrew, Roc Brewing, where we continually meet new people and

see old friends. While attending the introduction of the new Zagster bike share system for Rochester held at Roc, in walks Tom's childhood neighbor and best friend, Art Adamsen from Lancaster, NY. He now lives in Syracuse and was in town for work and just strolled in. It was great catching up.



Art Adamsen surprise visit!

In February for Tom's birthday we decided to use our dedicated timeshare week in Kissimmee, Florida. It was time to discover Universal and the Harry Potter attraction there. It did not disappoint! We loved the



Universals Mardi-Gras Parade



New Hogwarts wizards

Mardi-Gras parade followed by a "free" concert by Nate Ruess, which was amazing. Universal's Islands of Adventure features kid favorite Seuss Landing. It was a kick! We also went to Disney Marketplace that



Seuss Landing at Islands of Adventure

has morphed into Disney Springs. Seeing the Star Wars items there makes us wonder about another trip in 2017? The parks there get better and better! We were able to connect with a former student, Cheryl Lochner Shih and Mary's former roommate from Vienna, Austria and studies at the University,



Great lunch with Marti Thomas



Lunch with Cheryl

Marti Thomas. We had not seen Marti in many years, since our kiddos were little.



Easter Blessing of Food

Erika was home for five days at Easter. It is always nice having her home and being able to enjoy her company. She was able to spend some quality time with her grandmother, Christine Dziuba.

Providence, RI drew us in April for the National Collegiate Powerlifting Championship. Erika was helping coach some of her former Northeastern University team members and she sat for her national referee exam and passed it. We knew students who were competing, including Erika's boyfriend, Matt Hughes and his twin brother, Chris. Added special bonus was seeing Sophie Veiras



Nationals in Providence RI

Tom worked his magic and before the competition we spent several days exploring Newport, RI. We joined the Preservation Society of Newport County and adventured through the Mansions and Cottages that were open in April including a "servants" tour at The Elms. We toured The Breakers, Rosecliff, Chateau-Sur-Mer, and Marble House along with The Elms. We



Marble House

stayed at a B&B, enjoyed the bar/restaurant at the Marriott and discovered our go-to place, The Mudville Pub. We got to know the owner and her son and could walk to the

back patio and watch baseball at Cardine's Field. Cliff Walk became a daily part of our stay this time and every subsequent stay.

Erika participated at a powerlifting meet in Newport in August and we were able to tour the "cottages" and gardens that open during the summer months. It was great to see Erika compete again.

We traveled there again in October - timeshare trade magic got us a lovely place at Ocean View on Narragansett Bay. We explored the other parts of Newport - Touro Synagogue, Washington Square, The Shipyard, America Cup History, Fort Adams, Rough Point (one of Doris Duke's properties) and spent time watching spectacular sunsets and moonrises over the water. Darling daughter, Erika, spent several days with us, brought her bike and father and daughter had a bike adventure too. The weather was a gift between 70 and a high of 77. On the way home we spent a weekend with Vince Mazzie at Bolton Landing on Lake George.



Bike Riding in Newport



Newport Exploration Center & Aquarium

We toured Fort William Henry and enjoyed some of the brews and restaurants in the area. The view from the deck of his beautiful Lake House is soul sustaining.

May found Erika leaving her pharmacy residency and hiking 116 miles on the Appalachian Trail (A.T.). She met a high school friend of hers, who hiked the entire Trail, 2190 miles from Georgia to Maine through 14 states! Erika flew from her hike to Boston to be at Matt's graduation. Shortly after that she moved to Manchester, NH to start as a



Lake George with Vincent



Erika on Appalachian Trail



Erika's new workplace

clinical pharmacist at Exeter Hospital in Exeter, NH. "Adulting" as she calls it is a regular 40 hour per, week job and overtime as needed. It is a good fit.



A. Vincent '71 & Sandra A. '73 Mazzie ATRIUM



Socializing after ribbon cutting

In May the family gathered at SUNY Brockport in the remodeled Lathrop Hall Nursing Building. Vin and Sandie Mazzie are alums. Vin started the Sandra A. Myers-Mazzie '73 Nursing Excellence Fund. The nursing building's new atrium is now named after them. Sandie was a dedicated and ground breaking nursing professional.

June brought Baba Dziuba's 92nd birthday along with her Senior Citizen's week at the Ukrainian National Association's Resort in the Catskills. Katya Milnikiewicz took the time to have lunch with us there. Special treat to see her!



June 19 92 years old

The Rochester International Jazz



With Baba & Katya in the Catskills

Fest every June is a non-stop world-class music event with music all over the city. Tom is a hardcore every day participant and Mary

goes too, but not to the after hours until 2 AM. Only the boring are bored in RocCity!

In September around Mary's birthday a former student, Amy Carroll, gifted us with a week at her magical cottage in Wells, Me. It was so generous and touching of her! We were able to take Mary's mom with us and the location was such that she was able to see the hospital where Erika works. We also drove to Manchester to spend some time in Erika's apartment. So



Dinner at Ogunquit Lobster Pound

wonderful for her to see all of these places! Erika was able to spend the weekend with us and Sophie Veiras drove in too. We had a lovely dinner and they surprised Mary with a cake. Amy gave us a gift in so many ways!

The Star Family is doing well. Kate graduated from SUNY Geneseo and is teaching English in Thailand. They visited her there for Thanksgiving. Lauren is in her last year at Villanova and Elizabeth is driving and playing volleyball in her junior year at Fairport HS.



Kate Graduates

In October Mary's cousin from Germany Barbara, her husband Marc and two boys Simon and Lukas came and visited the US and stayed 4 days with us. It was nice seeing them, going to the Falls, the Strong Museum Game Arcade, riding go karts and just catching up with each other.



Ontario Beach



With James Smith at Susan B's grave

November brought the elections. We visited Susan B Anthony's grave after voting to leave our stickers there. People waited over 2 hours to add their stickers hoping that we would have our first woman president. Needless to say many were disappointed. We wish the best for our country.

In December Erika competed in Providence, RI where she qualified for the Women's National Powerlifting Meet in 2017. Matt was there too and the four of us made a quick trip to see The Mansions in Newport decorated for Christmas. They were totally decked out.



Even Santa was at The Breakers



The Breakers had a great tree

We continue to travel to Buffalo for the University at Buffalo Distinguished Speaker Series. Our favorite speakers this year have been astronauts, Mark & Scott Kelly and actor, John Cleese. Plus we get to see our friends Vicki & Don Bruning who also have tickets for the series.



Vicki & Don Bruning

We are involved in many things around Rochester: musical, historic, city oriented in terms of sustainability, creating a walkable, bikeable city center, theater, museums along with book clubs and professional organizations. They expand our networks and we continue to meet people who have new ideas and are interesting. We always learn something and have a good time. Tom squeezes in his work around all our activities.

The best of the New Year to all!
Health! Wealth! Blessings!

The Myers
Mary, Erika and Tom



The Myers backyard

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Florence Mazzie
2011



Ralph Mazzie
2000



Peter Dziuba
2007



Sandie Mazzie
2005



LaVerne Myers
2014



Carol Myers
2011