

Merry
Christmas!



Happy
Holidays!

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Navidad!

Myers Family Christmas Letter 2017

Fröhliche
Weihnachten!

Христос Раждается!



2016 Christmas Eve at Baba's

Christmas Eve 2016 was at Christine's house with great Ukrainian food and presents under the tree. We all love the kutya. A wheat, raisin, walnut and honey dish.

Christmas Day found the Myers, Dziuba, Stars and Mazzie's at our house. Kate was in Thailand teaching English however using computer magic she still made our

picture. It is wonderful being with family on the holidays.



The Crescent Art Deco hotel on South Beach

January took us to South Beach, Florida. We lucked out with some of the warmest January weather ever. Tom found a classic South Beach Art Deco Hotel and it was a charming jewel in a great location. The area is suspended in time. Yet, we had the idea that no one really came from there and people, who worked and lived there, had moved in. Sitting on the porch of our sweet place watching everyone go by was a treat. Erika was able to fly in for a weekend. Together we explored lovely places to eat, places to see, downtown Miami to get to know and a Women's



2016 Christmas Day Dinner at Myers House

March for us to see and cheer along. We were also able to meet up with Barb Ilardi, a friend who now lives in Florida. Since we were near a cruise port we added a 4 day cruise to Key West and the Bahamas.



Miami Women's March

March brought some crazy weather. First there was a windstorm that blew out Christine's, Mary's mom's, power for a week. She stayed with us and we introduced her to Roc Brewing. She probably can be the Wednesday night trivia question there for the most senior citizen to ever be there. After the windstorm we had a snowstorm! It was not a dull month by any means. Despite this craziness we were able to get to Manchester, NH to drive Erika to the Boston airport on St Patrick's Day. She flew to Europe to ski in the Alps and was able to visit the von Blaskowitz and Ametsbichler relatives in Nuremberg and Munich. While she was away we hung out in her apartment getting to know Manchester's history and the area better.



Christine at Roc Brewing

We even had dinner with a former, Arcadia HS colleague. Erika had a great trip and Mary and Tom enjoyed NH.

May was full of celebrations! Lauren Star graduated for Villanova and we gathered in the Philadelphia, PA area to celebrate. Congrats to Lauren! She and sister Kate share an apartment and are both working in New York City. Tom and Mary flew to Orlando, FL to see Erika participate in the Women's Open National Powerlifting Competition.



Lauren Graduates College!

She did very well and it was great connecting with former Northeastern lifters and others in the sport from across the USA. Erika was able to join us for a trip to the Kennedy Space Center - always amazing!



May 2017 Powerlifting



Tignes, ski resort in France. Alps



Disney!

We were gifted with some passes to Disney. We wanted to see the Star Wars exhibit at one of the parks and found out we hopper passes! We saw Star Wars and a buffet of other parks and attractions.

June took us to the Ukrainian National Association's Resort.



Disney!

Christine was there for her traditional senior citizens week. Erika was able to drive in and join us to celebrate Father's Day with Tom and us.



Idyllic Soyuzivka in the Catskill Mountains

In June Tom biked 40 miles in the Tour de Cure raising over \$2300 for diabetics. Thanks to all the generous donations and support you all have given him. He will ride again in 2018.



Tour de Cure 2017

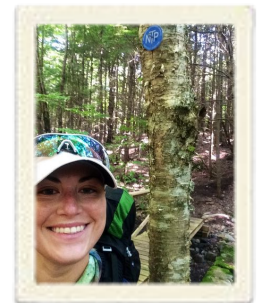
July marked the 200th Anniversary of the Women's Vote in NYS. Rochester's women's and historical groups organized a VoteTilla of canal boats with re-enactors. It all started in Seneca Falls and traveled to Corn Hill Landing, docking along the way at canal towns spurring a variety of events. This ended with a parade to the National Susan B Anthony Museum and House. Tom organized a float on a Pedal Tour bike with carefully selected portraits of women and quotes. We had a great group of 15 people on the bike! Including Erika, some of Mary's former students, and other "Women Like Her" we have met around Rochester.



Decorated bike for the Parade to Susan B's

Erika and a high school friend took a planned hike in the Adirondacks. They hiked 138 miles over eight days along the Northville Placid

Trail. She enjoyed the challenge and the moment at the end, when hikers who complete the trail sign the book. They had parked a car at the trailhead and the end. Her story about wondering how far they were from the end is cute. They got out her car fob to see if the car was close or far and were thrilled that it chirped! Hot showers and real beds at Uncle Vin Mazzie's house in Bolton Landing were most welcome.



Northville Placid Trail

August was a busy month! The Ukrainian nuns, Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate, had their pilgrimage. Christine, her friend, Irene, and Mary were able to get there again this year. Christine, Mary and Tom volunteered at the annual St Josaphat's Ukrainian Festival. So much delicious food! Yum! Christine was also honored with a well deserved "Certificate of Appreciation for your many years of hard work, perseverance and devotion in running the festival kitchen."



Christine is honored at the Festival



Mary, Anja, Christoph, Christine, Jana, Thomas, & Daniel

By far the highlight of August was a visit by our Zuncke Family relatives from Munich. Anja, Christoph and their children Thomas, Daniel and Jana were here for a week. Niagara Falls was a hit and the family went on to spend some time in NYC. We had not seen them since 2007.

Mary's birthday was celebrated in Manchester, NH. Erika found a historic B&B. The Ash Street Inn was gracious and well appointed. We had dinner at Bavaria German Restaurant. By far the best part was spending time together.



Bavaria German Restaurant

In October the NYS Association of Foreign Language Teachers celebrated its 100th Annual Meeting in Niagara Falls. Mary is a Past-President of this organization and getting together with others at the Gala Ball was delightful.



NYSFLT 100 Year Anniversary Gala

Thanksgiving was at Mary K and Jim Star's. The house was bursting with Star,

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Florence Mazzie
2011



Ralph Mazzie
2000



Peter Dziuba
2007



Sandie Mazzie
2005



LaVerne Myers
2014



Carol Myers
2011

Myers, Starowicz family members and other guests. Kids are growing up, making college decisions, graduated and "adulthood" and one was 8 months old.



Thanksgiving at the Stars

Erika is working as a pharmacist in Exeter, NH and living in Manchester, NH. She skis, hikes, lifts and works.

Mary still does not get up early unless it is a boat, train or a plane or a member of the family. Teaching was a great job and hearing from former students and seeing them is wonderful.

Tom continues to work with multiple clients and is involved in many things including volunteering with RocGrowth.

Life is interesting and we enjoy it one day at a time. "Only boring people are bored in Rochester!"

Merry Christmas! Happy 2018!

The Myers

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