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Christmas!

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Happy
Holidays!

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Myers Family Christmas Letter 2019

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BREAKING NEWS! Erika Myers and Nick Lavoie are engaged!

Erika and Nick rented a two bedroom Liftside Village Condo at Hunter Mountain and invited us to join them for Christmas. It was one stop on their Christmas Ski Extravaganza trip. We drove with Mary's mom, Christine/Baba, and arrived on Christmas Eve. The night before we were to arrive, Nick called Tom to ask for Erika's hand in marriage! (Classy move). When we arrived Erika was wearing



Erika and Nick Engaged!

a beautiful diamond ring. This was so special. We all look forward to a wonderful 2020 and celebration plans.

2018 ended with a traditional Ukrainian Christmas Eve meal at Mary's mother's house along with Baba's amazing traditional Ukrainian food. That was followed by a holiday celebration in our apartment with the Star Family joining us.



2019 Christmas Day Dinner



2018 Christmas celebration at our apartment

Tom celebrated an auspicious birthday in February, his 65th. Darling daughter, Erika, connived with Baba to surprise her dad. She flew in and was at Baba's house as Mary came to pick Baba up to go to the party. Erika hid in a back bedroom and drove over to the party site, Roc Brewing, in Baba's car. As we plan more experiences rather than presents, this surprise was a huge hit!



Tom's 65th Birthday at Roc Brewing

Easter found us celebrating in our "nest". Erika flew in and Baba joined us for Easter Dinner.



Easter dinner in our Nest

Mary's Mom had been attending activities at an independent living community near her house, Beatrice Place. In May an apartment opened up and she was interested in it. She decided she was ready to leave her home of 38 years and she moved. Her house sold quickly and almost exactly on the timeline and price the realtor stated. The realtor was wonderful! Nick Reynolds was first class. Her new place is like a cross between a college



Oct Erika with Ru at Gilmanton Iron Works, New Hampshire

dorm and sorority house! We do not call her apartment until after 8PM as she is out and about, hanging out with the residents or out about in town. Christine continues to volunteer at St Josaphat's, making pyrohy and holuptsi for the Summer Festival and other occasions. She along with several other church ladies continue the Sunday after Liturgy coffee hours. Christine is a member of the Ukrainian American Club Board of Directors and has just retired from being the Secretary Treasurer of Ukrainian National Association local chapter, Zaporoska Sich. The fraternal organization is celebrating 125 years of serving Ukrainians in the USA and Canada. My dad was a past-president of this local chapter. My mom has been an officer for decades. Everyone knows Pani Dziuba in western NY.



Erika visiting in October

Mary has been volunteering at The National Susan B Anthony Museum and House giving tours; the people who come there are interesting and bring great stories with them. There is a wonderful lunch/lecture



Supporting Flower City Half Marathon as they pass the Susan B Anthony House

series there. 2020 is the 100th anniversary of the Susan B Anthony 19th Amendment that gave women the right to vote. It is also Susan B Anthony's 200th Birthday. Please consider making a donation to the Susan B Anthony Museum and House during this auspicious year or become a member! Mary is member of the AAUW Greater Rochester Area Branch, which also has a fabulous history with women in Roc City including the first women's graduating class of the University of Rochester in 1904. She has just taken on the position of Secretary at the Retired Teachers Organization.

Living downtown allows us to participate in free and ticketed events within walking distance; at the Eastman, Hochstein, Music, Geva Theatre, Universalist and Christ Churches, Jazz Fest, Fringe fest, Party in the Park and Roc Holiday Village. The parades pass our corner, we take chairs and bring breakfast. We participate in causes we believe in, we continue to love living in downtown in our nest on the 20th floor of The Metropolitan. Sometimes it's a snow globe, sometimes in stunning colors but always great views.

Erika and Nick came in for Jazz Fest held in our "backyard", bringing the Ru dog. Ru is deemed adorable by all, who meet her, except our cat, Schatzi. She's not impressed. Miss "I'm Pretty Don't Touch Me!"



Letchworth #1 best State Park

In the fall Baba deeded 17 acres of land in Wayland, NY that she and Dido bought in 1972 to Erika. Erika and Nick have taken on



Christine signing over 17 acres in Wayland NY, to Erika.

"fluffing and buffing" the property and have more plans in the spring. Erika enjoys hiking with Ru, skiing, snowshoeing, fishing and hunting. This year she bagged her first goose.



Erika gets her first goose

Erika with Ru on Mt Major, Ru's first winter hike, New Hampshire

In August the Matthews family held its family reunion with 29 people able to attend. It is always great seeing everyone.



Matthews' Family Reunion in Orchard Park - Tom's Mother's side

Rochester hosted the first ever SuperCity which celebrated Super Heroes. Many free events plus big names were brought in for presentations. So when Guy Gilchrist, the animator for the Muppets cartoon, was giving a talk Tom had to go. The talk was great, Guy described Jim Henson exactly as Tom remembered him when they hiked in the Rockies together. Then Guy drew a custom animation for Tom. Mary joined in



Sept SuperCity 2019 Tom with Guy Gilchrist

Tom's craziness for the Super Hero parade.



SuperFrau and Lang, the Last Airbender

Tom continues to volunteer for RocGrowth which showcases our community's leading innovators and entrepreneurs.

Thanksgiving 2019 was graciously hosted by Tom's sister and brother-in-law, Mary K and Jim Star. The atmosphere was warm and friendly, the food bountiful, and the Bills beat the Dallas Cowboys in Prime Time.

We also had a surprise visitor from Germany. Mary's cousin, Christoph Zuncke, was in the US on business and was able to visit with Christine. Great to have seen him!



Christoph visiting Christine at Beatrice Place

So here we are at the end of 2019 and realize we have sold two houses in the past 15 months and have sorted through 68 years of treasures!

Mary and Tom celebrated their 30th Wedding Anniversary 6/24/2019 and it is now 30 years since the Fall of the Berlin Wall. We were there Christmas of 1989.



Dec 1989 at the Berlin Wall

We wish the young couple, Erika and Nick and all of you Peace and Joy in 2020

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Florence Mazzie
2011



Ralph Mazzie
2000



Peter Dziuba
2007



Sandie Mazzie
2005



LaVerne Myers
2014



Carol Myers
2011

We lovingly remember those close in heart and spirit