

From All of Us.....



.....To Each of YOU,

Greetings and Glad Tidings of the Season!

Hope this note finds you and yours healthy, happy and glad; looking eagerly forward to 2012.

This last year, since the above photo was taken in December of 2010, has been eventful for us. Starting at left, above, Shawna turned 18 in July, 2011. She is a Senior at Clinton High School, holds-down 2 part-time jobs and will graduate mid-May (2012). Yes, a party is planned <smile>. And of course, you are invited.

Josh, who turned 20 last June, is now a fully-fledged Sailor with the U.S. Navy, stationed aboard the U.S.S. Chancellorsville, a Ticonderoga Class Guided Missile Cruiser, with a homeport of SanDiego, California. He is, and continues advanced training as an "IC" which has to do with making communications technologies work.

Adam, 25 as of November, continues on with Hamilton Aggregate, where he handles equipment maintenance and is much appreciated. The lovely young woman, Katrina, who has been putting up with him for quite some time, is a blessing to our family.

Patty (who still claims to be 18 but was born when I was 20, so you figure it out), and her beloved Greg got a new house this year and are enjoying the liberty to freelance their talents in motocross, sound-engineering, event production, and acting.

Skip me for the moment, that's Shalom on the far right who, just recently turned 23 and continues to work in marketing and graphics with National Marine, a service provider to the Mega & Giga Yacht industry, based in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Yes, she is living the lifestyle of the rich and famous <grin>. But hey, somebody's gotta do it <lol>!!!

In short, we are all thriving... though there have been a few bumps in the road and

one life-quaking diversion. Just over a year ago, when the above picture was taken, I was headed to New Mexico with plans for Shawna and I to be the new proprietors of a motel and restaurant and many (many) actions were in progress as a subset of enabling this gargantuan change of scene.

Then, as the saying goes, life happened. Unexpected circumstances arose. Unanticipated decisions had to be made. In the proverbial heart-beat, all those previously well-laid plans were put on hold.

Now these 12-months later, with the bulk of the things that had to be done, the doing of which delayed my intentions, fundamentally resolved, I find myself somewhat where I left-off a year ago, though of course in the interim many things have changed.

All of which I'm sure is, one way or another, true for each of us over the course of years. Thus my 'new and improved' vision for my impending future follows <smile>... Please let me know where we can pencil each-other in for some nosh & schmooze time with family and friends... And know that until next we meet, I will be thinking warmly of you...

At right: Shawna and me and the Bavarian Cream Torte we made with my mother's 'from scratch' recipe that takes a dozen eggs, a quart of cream, 1/2 a pound of almonds toasted in 1/4 pound of butter and two days to prepare... YUM...!!!!



What's up for me in 2012:

January 23 (Josh home, date approx); February 16 (conference in Little Rock); March 2 (I'm 63) through end of April (spring cleaning and yardwork); May 16/23 (Shawna Graduates); June 23 (Josh turns 21); July 22 (Shawna turns 19); August (final preparations for upcoming road trip); September 5/11 (conference in Albuquerque, NM); October (fall cleaning and yardwork); November 7 (Patty), November 30 (Adam), December 9 (Shalom).

NOTE: The 'big' plan is for me to rehabilitate our 1979 Dodge Van as a 'traveling studio office', take it on its 'maiden voyage' in September (to New Mexico) and then decide where I want to go next <smile>. Sincerely, I look forward to meeting up with YOU along the way...

(((hugs))) - *Christine*

Yes, there will as usual be a casual New Year's Eve & New Year's Day Open House here on Primrose... Y'all come!!!