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Merry Christmas to One and All!

Once again another year has sped by and we don't know where the time has gone. We'll try to recount the most memorable events of the year for you.



Last Christmas Eve Michelle and Ross surprised us with the news that we were expecting grandchild number 2. Miss Olivia Grace Huffman arrived on February 8th. She's a beauty and is already giving her brother Walker a run for his money. Also in February, we looked in on Mark's Mom, Phyllis, to help celebrate her 83rd birthday. We swear, she's part Ever Ready bunny the way she keeps so active. In March we found a townhouse community that satisfied our needs for a low maintenance home with a first floor master and signed a contract to have one built over the summer.

Most of our spring was pretty quiet until mid-May when we cruised to the Caribbean with some friends. We had a wonderful trip visiting San Juan, St Thomas, Barbados, Dominica and Aruba

Mark had been working with the 40th reunion committee at his high school. On July 14th about 200 classmates and spouses took over the Hilton Hotel in Springfield, VA. The dinner dance was great fun with a live "Oldies" rock band. This summer we sold our old home on Filigree Court and



moved into a two bedroom apartment(Super Shed!) and disbursed much of our belongs to three additional storage units sprinkled around the area. After all the work of moving, we actually enjoyed vegging out in the apartment for several weeks. In August we got the really exciting news that Michael and Rachel are expecting their first child in April, 2007. We can't wait to welcome the newest Meyen to the family.



At the end of September we closed on the new house and moved in on October 4th. Since then we've been busy unpacking, hanging window shades, building storage shelving, hanging drapes and generally going all out to get settled. We've been buying a few pieces of new furniture to replace some the 34+ year old stuff we had(hutch, TV armoire, Sofa). Mark's happy cuz he got a new HDTV in the bargain. On November 24th both of our cars were finally able to reside in the garage and we declared ourselves "settled". We've contracted to have a four season sunroom added to the back of the house and hope that it will be finished by Christmas or shortly after.

We are planning to take another cruise in May, 2007 to the British Isles with some friends. This will be cruise #12 if we count right. The ports we'll visit are: Amsterdam, Edinburgh, Inverness/Loch Ness, Kirkwall(Orkney Islands in No Scotland), Belfast, Dublin, and St Peter(Guernsey Islands off coast of Normandy). Anyone else want to join us? We've enjoyed every cruise but the best cruises we've sailed have been those where we had friends along.

As we reflect on all of God's blessings we are grateful for our family and friends and give thanks to Him for sending us His son. It's our prayer this year that this finds you all enjoying good health and good times.

From our house to yours,
Best Wishes for a Merry Chistmas and a Happy New Year!

Mark & Ann

