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Merry Christmas Everyone!

I hope you and your family are enjoying this holiday season. I can honestly say that we are. We just finished our November celebrations.....all three grandkids have November birthdays! Maxwell turned three, Ava is now one, and our new little Birella joined us on November 30th. John and Jenna are complaining about how expensive the month of November is.....and December is worse! They're not complaining too much though.....we all enjoy having the three little ones around. My kids quit believing in Santa just a couple of years ago.....so it's good to have the whole Santa thing back again!

Things really change in a year. Last year this time Ken and I were making plans to go to Rochester for six weeks so I could get my treatments at the Mayo clinic. That time went by quickly. The people at Mayo as well as the Rochester people we met were all so wonderful. I had my first checkup in August and the report was good. My next checkup is in February....and I'm really optimistic that it will be a good one too.

Ken was busy this summer. He (with a little help from his friends) put new siding on our house. I (with a little help from my friends) painted it. It looks totally different.....I like it and am really happy that that project is over. We managed to do a little remodeling on the inside as well. So.....one of these years the house will be completed. We've been working on it since 1975!

Our kids are all doing well. Jill and Nick are enjoying parenthood....Ava is such a cutie.....and she can dance! Must take after her dad (NOT!) Jaclyn and Mickey are wondering where they are going to put all these new "girl toys". Max has a good fleet of fire-trucks, and a nice collection of musical instruments and other miscellaneous treasures. John is my artist. He painted me a picture for my newly remodeled living room. He also is busy with his music. He plays bass guitar, six string, twelve string, piano and is not too shabby on the drums. (Sometimes I wish drums had a volume knob!) Jenna is busy with school - as is John. She also just started a job at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lincoln. She is a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) in their burn unit. She is making preparations to enter a nursing college when she gets her pre-requisites finished.

Ken is still at Qwest.....rumor has it he is going to be the one who actually does turn off the lights! I am at Physicians Mutual Insurance. I'll be there two years in April. Time flies!

I hope you have a very Merry Christmas. Please keep in touch.

Judy