



Can't believe it's already the Christmas season. Where did the year go? We hope that this letter finds you and your family happy and in good health.

In February, Nikki got her learner's permit. She should have gotten her license this year, but we decided to postpone it a year. We felt that she wasn't ready for it.

In May, Danny graduated high school (yes, he needs a haircut). We had a huge party for him. Those who came in from out of town were Tom's sister and brother-in-law, Janice & Patrick Callagy from Florida, and Tom's aunt and cousin, Aunt Laurene and Jimmy Radaszewski, along with Tom's friend, Steve Sarnow all from New Jersey made the trip out. We all had a great time. Throughout the evening, we think we had roughly 130 people and with most of the senior class stopping by the house.

In August, we dropped Danny off at college. He's going to the University-Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS). He's doing very well in school and he wants to double major in Aerospace Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. Although UCCS only has this as a minor, Danny is looking at transferring to the University of Colorado-Boulder (CU) next year. They're very well known for their aerospace program. A couple of days later, Tom, Lysa and Nikki were on another road trip back East for Tom's niece's, Becky Wilk's, wedding. We went through Quebec, Canada first to see Lysa's family and then we headed down to New Hampshire to see Tom's former roommate, Steve and Mary Schoppmeyer (yes Mary, you've made the letter☺). They provided us with lunch and we had a wonderful time just sitting out on the back deck listening to the stream below. It was so relaxing. Our next stop was Connecticut to see Lysa's Mom. We were there for a few days and helped her out around the house. We met up with Lysa's Aunt Therese, Uncle Raymond, and cousins, Manon Marquis, Carol Simon and Robert Guay. We had dinner at a winery. The food, view and company were great. Then we headed to Pennsylvania. The wedding was on the 30<sup>th</sup> in New Hope, but the family stayed in Peddler's Village. It was a beautiful event, and along with immediate family, we saw a lot of the California cousins: Cas, Susie, Christina, Jeffrey, Julianne Sermak; Tim, Jeanette, Helena Sermak-Proulx; Richard, Carolyn, Ela Rybak. Also there were Wayne & Pam Farwell from Mississippi and Jim & Colleen Dew from Texas. It was like another family reunion. While there, we met up with Frank Flemming, a friend of Tom's from high school, and he picked us up in his red '68 Camaro, and drove us all through New Hope, PA and Lambertville, NJ areas. We finished the tour with a beer at his house. It was a wonderful experience.

On Labor Day, Tom put Lysa and Nikki on an airplane for the trip home. He stayed with his siblings at his sister Barbara's house to help clean out what was left of our parent's estate in her basement. Then he started the drive back cross country by himself. On the way, he took a 100 mile detour to go meet the rest of his department in Rocket Center, WV for the first time. On the way out he stopped for one drink and appetizers at a local watering hole with two co-workers, Carla Brown and Patty Dockweiler. It was a wonderful time and well worth the 100 mile detour to meet everyone. After that, he got in drive mode and ended up driving non-stop back to Denver which gave him more time to relax before going back to work.

In October, Lysa lost her job at Walsh Environmental. They had a reduction in workforce, so she's out looking again. Tom had cataract surgery that didn't go well. The doctor says that he has a floater in the right eye and they don't know when it'll pass. He's also been putting in an insane amount of hours at work.

Between November & December, Lysa has had many interviews and is waiting to hear back from three of them that sound very promising. We were hoping to end the letter with good news, but it's now a wait and see game.

That's all for now. May the peace and beauty of this Christmas season be with you throughout the coming year! The bar is still open, so come on out and visit us anytime. We'd love to see you.

May God Bless all of you.....

Love,  
Tom, Lysa, Danny, Nikki & Brandy (the dog... woof)