



Happy Holidays!

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As another year comes to a close, we are thankful for all our blessings. We wish you, and your family, the best of health, and the ability to cope with whatever life sends and the time to enjoy precious moments with loved ones.

Adam is in his second year at Syracuse University. He is a “magazine” major at the Newhouse School and is looking forward to getting into his upper level coursework. He’s adapting well to the lack of sun, lots of snow and cold weather “up North.” This summer Adam completed an ambitious schedule by taking 14 credits at a local university while working part time. We were impressed! We always enjoy his visits home and his unique point of view.

Sarah is a senior this year and applying to colleges. It will be very stressful in our house until April when she knows what her (and our) plans will be. She received her girl-scout gold award this summer after completing her project: organizing her troop to stencil drains with “Do Not Dump: Chesapeake Watershed Drainage Area.” Fairfax County sent Sarah to this year’s International Science and Engineering Fair in Louisville, Kentucky, based on a grand prize she received at the county Science Fair. This summer she spent four weeks at the University of Richmond attending the Virginia State Governor’s school for the Arts and Humanities. She was also a captain on her school’s tennis team and her team finally had a winning season.



Jeff is still working hard at his job and taking two classes a semester at Virginia Tech towards his master degree in Information Systems. He his slowly extricating himself from local politics, after a busy fall service as a district committeeman and campaigning for a local candidate. Jeff relaxes by working outdoors (always a stumpy?) mowing, pruning and watching the garden grow.

Daria is still working part time, but actively seeking a full-time librarian position. People will be retiring within the next year and positions will open up. She feels itchy to keep busy and pursue her career after being on hold while the children were young.

Her dad, Stanley Makowski, is doing well. He enjoys his friends at Cameron Glen, not more than five miles from our house. His memory and speech never really recovered from his stroke. But he doesn’t let that stop him from participating both with our family and his friends. We take him home every Saturday. Daria cooks a nice meal and Jeff takes him shopping and, the highlight, to the dump. It is good to have him nearby so that he gets to know our children, and vice-versa.



Take care. Happy New Year!