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SEASONS GREETINGS

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LOCAL

At a Glance...Commentary

Blue States – good job; Red States – Aahh! What a year! There was more passion in this election year than in any other in our lifetime. The election did not turn out the way we wanted. Our country is in a war and our guys are getting killed, and for what? The terrorists responsible for the attack of 911 have not been caught. The economy and environmental progress has been trashed, and we now have the largest deficit in... Oops, I'm sorry. This is supposed to be the "good news" wrap up.

I urge you all to learn about the issues, and get involved on both the local and national level... (Even if you disagree with my politics!)

It's harder to narrow our focus with all that's happening in the world today, but I'll say that in our little world, we again enjoyed vacations, business was not terrible, we celebrated milestones and special occasions more passionately with family and friends, and we closely watched current events, and got more outspoken 😊 & involved with local issues and our community. So here's the wrap up...

Pooch Update

Where other newsletters discuss the kids, those that know me know that these guys are our kids...

Charlie in now 9.5 yrs old and doing great. In fact, he seems to have recently gotten a new lease on life! Charlie has gone from barely tolerating Rudy as a pup, to eventually standing up to Rudy's bossy attitude. A few months ago, Rudy was finally able to egg Charlie into chasing him around the yard. And usually Charlie would go from growling at him while running, to having a big smile on his face as the chase proceeded.



But one day this September, he and Rudy, (now a year old), actually wrestled and rolled around the grass for over an hour! And they both took turns on the ground, and both had

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big smiles on their faces. And then they did it again the next day! It brought tears to my eyes...

And Sammy, is now 5 years old and still just as mushy and happy go lucky as every. And then there is Eddy... Eddy is about 10 yrs old, and has bad rear legs. He is very funny. He howls for his breakfast, dances for your attention, and sleeps most of the time. He is officially still a foster dog. We don't get many adoption applications on senior dogs, so you'll probably be hearing about him again this time next year.

Sports Update

With another hard winter, Jim did a lot of X-country skiing in the local parks. As soon as spring finally did arrive Jim got the canoe back in the water.

Jim and friend Larry again competed in the General Clinton 70 mile Race. The training seemed to pay off with them taking a second in their age class in just over 8 hours. Who said they are nuts??? 😊

They left several days before to scout out the near flood stage river which by race day subsided to just high water. Race day started out quite nice, shaping up to be a cool slightly cloudy day. The clouds just hid cold rainstorms that soaked last 1/3 of the race.

They started slow, not normal for these two who are called quick off the mark. (at least in the canoe). Flying down the early winding turns on the fast river they came upon a mixed team pinned by the current & being pulled under a log. They were swept right by them but stopped in an eddy and yelled to upriver boats to help. Two boats stopped upstream, fortunately the team pulled themselves out in time to avoid a disaster. Sandy likes to say "you stopped to watch them drown" Ouch. Having lost many places, Jim then ran Larry under a tree which knocked Jim out of the boat costing a few more boats. Picking up paddles they never quit, managing to regain all places but first. If the race had been a few miles longer, maybe... "What am I saying???"

INTERNATIONAL

The season shaped up well for a great Canoe Nationals. Taking 1st in the Empire State games for their age group, 1st in the 15 mile Erie Canal race and twice beating two teams they never previously beat. Well, things were just not in the cards. Best they did was a third in the C-2 sprints which is a side event to the marathon races. Watching the competitors at the Olympics this summer have off days makes it feel better.

Jim and Larry again ran the NYC Marathon together. With little training & another warm day, they just wanted to finish which they did.



They ran the first ½ together but lost each other in the crowd. They did see sister Sheri, David and Ariel.

The New York Marathon is unbelievable.

Running with 38,000 people & 2 million plus spectators is awesome. There are uncounted volunteers and others who hand out water, paper towels, oranges, pretzels for salt, candy etc. etc. etc. Seeing the handicapped athletes with crutches, wheelchairs pushing themselves backwards with one foot and other physical problems for 10+ hrs makes running it seem like a piece of cake. **Here's to them!!**

Tracking System Update

The WISN Radar system, short for "Where is she now?", found Mom this year in Dove Canyon, CA, back in New York, and down in Baltimore, MD, on business.

Mom has been back on the road, with a team of her associates, presenting her company's airport display monitors. The FIERC system provides passengers with directions to departure gates, services, and things like real-time flight schedules.

So apparently, "retirement" is again out of the picture... 😊

Milestones...

*April, 2004 – Ray
Celebrated his 80th B-Day.



* June, 2004 – Aunt Del Celebrated her 95th B-Day.

* September, 2004 –Boxer Rescue Volunteer and friend Lynne Melemenis passed away. The world is less well off without her.

* November, 2004 – Jim ran and completed his second NYC Marathon!! Congratulations!

* November, 2004 – Linda's little Jack Russel Terrier, Casper, suddenly passed on of pancreatitis. He will be missed.

* December, 2004 – Sean earned his next level Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do! Congratulations!

2004 Wrap Up

This winter was pretty unremarkable compared to last year's 24" snow storm on Long Island. We had two good sized snow storms which gave Jim a good base to cross-country ski on.

Most memorable was that Rudy ended up in the pond when he stepped out onto the ice. But Rudy and all the fish made it through the winter.

The rest of the year's weather was mild here in the northeast. So mild that we barely got our toes wet after spending money to get a new liner for the pool.

On the subject of the pond, for those who haven't seen it and its inhabitants, the koi, goldfish, and golden orfs are all thriving. Fewer frogs this year than last.. But the largest of the koi are now about two feet long!

It was back to our favorite ski area, Whistler, BC, in March, with Debby and Craig, and visits to Mom and the relatives.

The spring and summer was full of canoe, outrigger, and running events. (see Sports Update Page 1)

In April, Ray turned 80 years young, and Carole threw him a wonderful party held at the Beach Point Club. A great time was had by all!

Eddy came to us in May. He is a friendly guy who was found roaming around without ID tags. He waited and waited in the local shelter for his family to find him, but sadly no one came. Other than his back legs, Eddy is in good shape for a 10 yr old Boxer. He will only go to a great home with no steps for him to climb.

Life with Jim, Sandy, Charlie, Sammy & now Rudy too!

Rudy turned one year old on July 31st. It has been both fun and a challenge to train him, as he is deaf. I have kept an online journal of experiences with Rudy. The location has recently changed to:

<http://www.adoptaboxerrescue.com/Galleries/Rudy/RudysJournal.htm>

Christel threw Rudy a birthday party at the office, and with her new rescue Boxer Maurice, had ice-cream and cookies for the pooches.

In time for the big summer party, but not for the warm weather, we re-did the pool adding built in steps and a new liner. Friends, neighbors and the Dipelesi clan helped us christen it.



The Dipelesi's also got together on Oct 23rd, for a beautiful autumn day and dinner at the Mohonk Mountain

House, in upstate New York.

The Dipelesi's announced two wedding engagements this fall. Sheri is engaged to David, and Jim's nephew Ricky will be married in Jan 2005.

In the fall, Jim learned that his old 4H leader, Inga, who he had lost track of when she moved to Oregon, turned 100 yrs old this year. If you remember her driving, you will find it funny that they took away her electric wheelchair when she kept running over the other residents. Go Inga!

November 2nd was the culmination of another long political campaign. Although the outcome was not what we would have liked, Sandy will be working this year for the election of her friend Pat, in this year's town council election.

November 7th was the New York City Marathon. Jim and Larry ran it again this year, and we remain both amazed and proud of his accomplishment.

We end the year with a strange fish story. Jim was cleaning out the top pond, (the part without fish), when he spotted something flopping in the mud. So now we have a new fish... neither koi nor goldfish, not anything we recognize. It's silvery gray, and we theorize that an egg survived on the roots of some plants we ordered via catalog. We are working to try and identify this fish to determine

how large it might grow, and if it might turn out to be a man-eater! We will only report the outcome of this fish story if it is a good one...

And last but not least, Sandy, with her friends Jamie, Dawn and Joanne, and most of the volunteers from Northeastern Boxer Rescue, has formed a new rescue group called Adopt A Boxer Rescue. This group is committed to hands-on rescue of Boxers, educating the public about the realities of pet ownership, promote neutering, and encourage responsible care.

Please visit our new website at:

<http://www.adoptaboxerrescue.com>

I repeat for those who haven't gotten onto the Internet & e-mail yet, try it. It's a great way to say hi. Please let us know if you have a new email address. Reach out and touch someone today, send e-mail.

We've closed a chapter on another year. It keeps things in perspective to revisit the old year. We appreciate the many good times we've had with friends and family. (Again, too many to fit here.)

We look forward to sharing a great 2005 with all of you; both near and far, those we love and never get to see often enough, no matter how often we see you.

We hope this letter finds all of you in good health, happiness, & celebrating this holiday season with those you love.

**SEASONS GREETINGS
GOOD HEALTH
& BEST WISHES
FOR 2005!**

Love always,
Sandy, Jim,

Charlie, Sammy & Rudy too!



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