

## Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

It has been a good year for me. I retired last year in December but officially Feb 1, 2022. I am finding out that I do not have enough time to do what I want to do. (Or as my kids would say, I have too many things I want to do.) I think it's a time issue. But who cares, I'm retired. And if I get nothing done the rest of my life, who cares – just me.

Health-wise I am ok. No covid; I have a cold right now but not a major issue; the foot I injured in high school is beginning to bother me more. I am going to PT for it and I think it's getting better. I am worried about my balance – I cannot balance well on the right (the injured one) foot. That and teeth issues are my only real issues. I have two implants in the front with a bone graft and a bridge of 4 teeth. I should have been a dentist. But other than coumadin, I have no other medications. All systems are running smoothly – just the “getting old things” are a problem.

As most of you know my daughter Stephanie and family live close by and I get to see them fairly often, although with two teenagers you can imagine how busy they are. Roderick and family live in Astoria and have a farm house in PA. I visit them in PA occasionally, not nearly often enough. But I am lucky to have two such great and loving families:

Roderick is in real-estate and is getting into building homes in PA for New Yorkers. Roderick is a great father and husband.

Crystal, my fantastic daughter-in-law, is an equally great mother and wife. They are great for each other, which makes me very proud of both.

Maisie, 12, is tall and beautiful. She is into crystals and teas. She is in debate and I have not and can not see her in action but from what I hear she and her team are great.

Marlo, 8, is the best. She is into stuff toys. She is taking a class in Tinker CAD which is software for 3D printer. She and I make a piece for my printer, which she will get at Christmas. She is impressive and smart.

Stephanie is a Speech Language Pathologist and is very dedicated to her job. She is an amazing mother and wife.

Jimmy, my fantastic son-in-law, is a manager in an IT firm. He does great and is very people oriented as is Crystal. Jimmy is a great provider, father and husband. I could not be happier for Stephanie.

Austin, 16, is amazing. He is smart and talented. (Well, all four are smart and talented, but being the oldest his show more.) He has Karen's piano that she used when she was doing opera in NYC and he is fantastic. And a great pitcher.

Olivia, 14, is one of the sweetest people you could meet. She is caring and smart. (She wanted a college level Criminology book for Christmas.) She has been in cheer for several years and just got selected to a travel volleyball team, yeah.

I know I used fantastic, smart and wonderful as well as several other superlatives many times, but they are ALL of them. I am so lucky to have such happy and loving grandkids and families. That is why nothing much else makes any difference in the rest of my life. Although, I hope to be around several more years to watch them grow and mature.

Oh, I forgot one member of the family – Talisker aka Tali. My Havapoo dog. She is magnificent, friendly and loyal. She goes everywhere with me and is happy to ride in the car, sit in the car, walk by herself in the yard and does not talk back.

Church is important to me. I am involved in at least one bible study a year. Currently Disciple 3 about the prophets and Paul's writings.

Since I cannot stand whitespace --- My latest project is expanding my wood working shop into Karen's side of our garage using Stephanie's old kitchen cabinets. (Yup who cares, I am having fun.) I have a 3D printer and software to run it. I use that a lot. My Cricut gets used to make patterns for sewing. (Oh, Olivia and I are supposed to take some embroidery lessons someday.) The MadLab has all of my electronics stuff in it, Raspberry Pi microcomputers, printed circuit board fabrication stuff as well as tons of miniature electronic components. I bought a drone and telescope for when I travel in the Tesla (have not used them yet). Of course, You Tube provides lots of interesting information. And I subscribe to a couple of book clubs (technical) and the IEEE society. On my list is piano. I would like to get back to it at least a little bit, but I am really intimidated by Austin. He is self-taught and very good. And if I don't get anything done... Oh, forgot the latest toy is a CNC router for engraving and carving. **Stay safe and make Peace, God Bless**





Isaiah in the church's walk to Bethlehem



Tali's place in the Tesla



Tali's place in the Bay Window – guard dog



Fishing in Mexico with my friend.



Tali asleep in our bed in the Tesla.



Monarchs in my milk weed, hope they make it to Mexico



Bird feeders.



My perch for watching the birds.



Progress on the Shop Annex



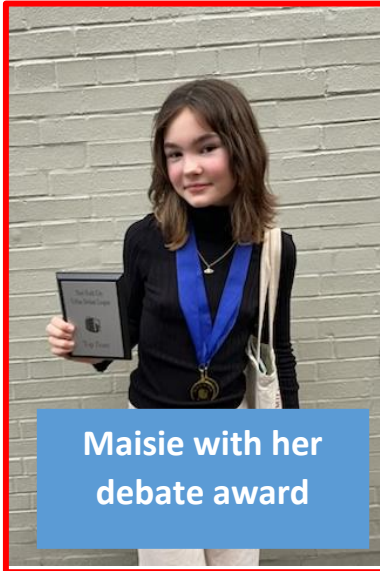
The Garden partially complete



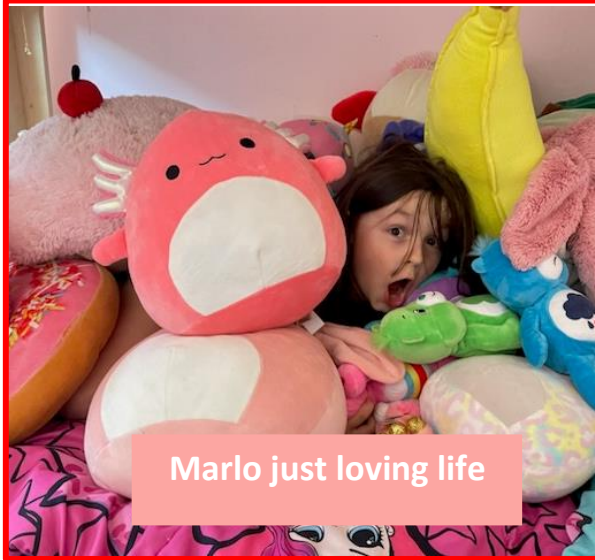
MabLab keyboard, electronics, sewing, 3D printer etc



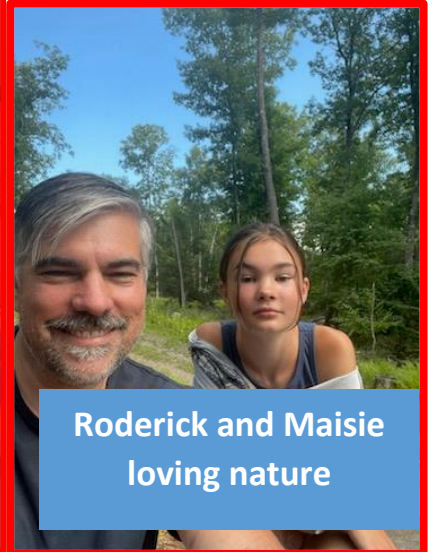
## Roderick and Family



Maisie with her  
debate award



Marlo just loving life



Roderick and Maisie  
loving nature



Family s'mores – hopefully not the  
whole meal



Crystal, Maisie  
and Marlo –  
just loving

## Stephanie (Kehres) and family



Olivia and Austin at play.



Austin HS Varsity Pitcher



Olivia in cheer and she is also on a travel volleyball team.



My daughter's fantastic family



Stephanie and Jimmy in love



PopPop's 80<sup>th</sup> blest by all my family