



Bobby & Barbara's Annual Christmas Letter – December 2013

2013 began as usual with the “*Bloody Mary Open*”, Glen Eagle’s Annual Golf Event. While we didn’t win any money, we had a great time golfing.

Our social calendar continued in February with a Murder Mystery Dinner Party at our friends Tom & Carol Pecorilli’s home. And, no, we were not the murderers this time around. Bobby had Cataract surgery in February and all went well. At the end of the month, Barb travelled to San Diego with her BFF, Sue Eastridge for a visit with their scarf painting teacher and friend Carol Gardyne. Carol will be closing her San Diego business and moving permanently to France the end of this year.

In March, we went to see a couple of Boston Red Sox spring training games at Jet Blue Stadium in Fort Myers. Our in-laws Fred and Marie DeWolfe arrived for their annual Easter visit. Bobby decided that he had done his duty to the Master Association Board and decided to wrap it up and enjoy the fruits of his labor at our newly remodeled Club. We both are ready to retire from our volunteering within Glen Eagle.

We also began our Weight Watchers program in March with online tracking. To date, we both have lost over 20 pounds and have maintained this loss.

In April, we got to see our favorite author (Stuart Woods) at a book signing at Barnes & Noble. Daughter, StacyAnn and family visited Florida and we met them in Orlando at SeaWorld. Mike had a management seminar in Destin Florida and we joined them in Destin also. Bobby got a large foot blister by running around with little Michael to all the waterslides at Aquatica. It was great to visit with them and hope they return to Florida again soon.

May was our most difficult month of the year. It was the one year anniversary of Barbara’s Dad’s death and we recalled all of the good times we enjoyed with Floyd.



June was a very busy month. We flew to Virginia to visit with Sue and Ron Eastridge and celebrate their son Jonathan’s wedding to Gretchen Wescott. We had a ball at the rehearsal

dinner as Bobby and Ron showed up in camouflage dress (Jonathan is an avid sportsman and hunter). The wedding was wonderful and we wish them all the best in the coming years. Next we flew to Boston and stayed with our in-laws Betty and Dick McGlynn in Massachusetts, then at their beach house in Wells, Maine for a couple of weeks of rest and relaxation. Much lobster was consumed by Bobby as usual.

We then headed to Rhode Island to visit Bobby’s Sister Carol Rowe and her husband David. It was great to see their new home and visit with their children and extended families. We had a great time at the family cookout with everyone, including a surprise visit from our Sister-in-law, Mary Martell. We returned to Naples mid-July.

In August, Barbara planned a “Birthday weekend” at the Naples Beach and Golf Club which is right on the Gulf of Mexico. We were joined for one dinner with our friends Gary & Mary Glassford and with Barbara’s former co-worker Melissa Speach and her husband Tom. It was just a great relaxing weekend topped off by listening to a local band with a friend of Melissa’s daughter debuting as a singer. Look out American Idol and the Voice ☺

Imagine Bobby’s surprise when the Eye Doctor told him the reason he couldn’t see well was because he had droopy eyelids! So, eyelid surgery was done and now he can see perfectly again! And Woo Hoo, in September Barbara joined the ranks of Medicare! -- A big savings in health insurance for us.

Next project was re-tiling our condo. We moved temporarily to our in-laws place for two weeks while the contractor removed the old tile (what a mess) and re-installed the new tile. One casualty was the air handling system which was luckily under warranty. Once the new floor was in, Barbara got that look in her eye! Next came new ceiling lights, china cabinet, curio cabinet for over 200 salt & pepper shakers inherited from her Mom (we had emptied our storage facility and had to find places to put the stored collections) and lastly a new granite counter top and kitchen appliances.





We celebrated our 18th Wedding Anniversary at the Turtle Club Restaurant right on the beach and watched a beautiful sunset. Now out of money and over budget we set out to enjoy November and our annual doctor visits and check-ups. Both of us

got good reports from our doctors and should be good for another year. Guess losing the 20 pounds was good for both of us!

Bobby got a scare when his Cardiologist ordered an ultrasound of his Carotid Arteries and called to say there was 80% blockage in the one that he had surgery for 3 years previously. A second opinion and a CT scan proved that there was no blockage just a bad Ultrasound tech!

November was No-Shave month for Bobby as he decided to grow a beard to support Men's Cancer Awareness Month. It wasn't easy and on December 1st the shaver was working overtime! Thanksgiving was spent at the Club with our good friends Tom & Carol Pecorilli, their daughter and our friend Starr Intrabartolo. Tom & Carol will be joining us on a Cruise to Cozumel in December and we anticipate a great time snorkeling and cruising.



We are very blessed to be able to keep in touch with our family via Facebook as it is difficult to visit. They have busy lives and we just don't travel long distances much anymore.

We continue our Karaoke singing a couple of times a week and of course, genealogy is always an ongoing process that we love.

Our families continue to do very well..... Gary has taken a new job with Blu-Homes as CFO, while his two sons are both enrolled in college.

Tom too has taken on a new job at Retail Next. And we are very proud of his oldest daughter, Jackie who graduated from Presentation High School this year and is now enrolled at Chico State. While youngest daughter Christina continues in high school and her sports activities.

Lynne & Greg are adjusting to an empty nest, while the children are at college, Greg Jr. at Ohio State, Marissa at University of Rochester and Daniela attending the Culinary Institute of America (soon to be seen on "Master Chef") ☺



Rob and Sherri are doing fine with their son Matt graduating from high school this year and Sherri continuing her Nursing career. We missed Rob's annual visit to Naples. The "Pink Stiletto" race wasn't the same without him ☺

StacyAnn & Mike continue to be very busy raising their three children, but they still manage to take several trips a year as Mike's business continues to thrive. Right now, they are in Tahiti on a cruise and I am sure enjoying every minute of their trip.

Our very best wishes for a joy-filled holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year.

On to 2014!!!!



Have a good one!!

We love you all,

Bobby & Barbara





Murder Mystery Party with Tom & Carol Pecorilli and of course, Little Miss Bella



St. Patrick's Day with Dick & Betty McGlynn is always a great time on 5th Avenue.



Bobby singing Karaoke to our Grand-nieces, Jolie & Sophie



Grand-niece Veda Jane enjoying her very first Gummy Bear! Spoiled by Uncle Bobby



Barb with her BFF Sue at Jonathan's wedding in Virginia



A fabulous wedding for Jonathan & Gretchen Eastridge in Virginia. So glad we could join them.



Sister Carol, Bobby & Sister-in-Law Mary during our visit to Rhode Island this summer.



Our last night in RI and we enjoyed a wonderful dinner with Carol & David Rowe



Weather was a little chilly in Destin, Florida



The Buttons enjoyed their time on the beach anyway. Taylor got buried in the sand by Dad, Mike.



Ron & Bobby in CAMO gear ready for the rehearsal dinner in Virginia



Bobby's beard during "No Shave November" for Men's cancer awareness. Glad to have it gone ☺