

AND, LO, THE ANGEL OF THE LORD CAME UPON THEM, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHONE ROUND ABOUT THEM: AND THEY WERE SORE AFRAID. AND THE ANGEL SAID UNTO THEM, FEAR NOT: FOR, BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD-TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY, WHICH SHALL BE TO ALL PEOPLE.

FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOUR, WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD. AND THIS SHALL BE A SIGN UNTO YOU; YE SHALL FIND THE BABE WRAPPED IN SWADDLING CLOTHES, LYING IN A MANGER.

AND SUDDENLY THERE WAS WITH THE ANGEL A MULTITUDE OF THE HEAVENLY HOST PRAISING GOD, AND SAYING,

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.



**WISHING YOU A  
BLESSED  
CHRISTMAS**

*from The Johnson's*

**BLESSED CHRISTMAS WISHES TO OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS FROM NEXT DOOR TO AROUND THE WORLD!**

**THIS CHRISTMAS FINDS US HAPPY, HEALTHY & THANKFUL FOR A GREAT 2017 WHILE WE LOOK FORWARD TO AN EVEN BETTER 2018.**

**T**OP STORY THIS YEAR IS THE WEDDING OF 2ND SON BEN TO HIS LOVELY BRIDE JORDAN, THIS PAST OCT 13.

THE SETTING WAS A FALL AFTERNOON AT MAKRAY COUNTRY CLUB WHERE OVER 180 FAMILY & FRIENDS GATHERED TO CELEBRATE THE MARRIAGE OF THESE 2 LOVEBIRDS.

JORDAN & BEN ARE SCHOOL TEACHERS AND LIVE IN A BEAUTIFUL TOWNEHOME THEY BOUGHT IN ARLINGTON HTS.

BEN & JORDAN HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE HIGH SCHOOL, BUT IT WAS ONLY AFTER COLLEGE THAT THEY RECONNECTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA— WHERE JORDAN'S RIGHT SWIPE IGNITED SPARKS THAT FLEW INTO MATRIMONY.

THOUGH THEY TOOK A QUICK GETAWAY FOR A COUPLE DAYS AFTER THE WEDDING, THEY PLAN A PROPER EXTENDED HONEYMOON NEXT YEAR ACROSS EUROPE. HMMM PERHAPS KATHY & I MIGHT HAVE TO TOUR GUIDE...

JORDAN & BEN—WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THAT?



**B**RYAN, SABRINA & THOR, HAD AN OH SO BUSY YEAR AS WELL.

THEY BOUGHT A NEW HOME IN ANTIOCH, IL JUST MILES SOUTH OF THE WISCONSIN BORDER.



IT'S A BIG, BEAUTIFUL HOME, JUST 15 YEARS OLD & EQUIPPED WITH AN OUTDOOR PLAY AREA FOR THOR NEXT TO THEIR INGROUND SWIMMING POOL.

BRYAN IS STILL WITH BCBS & SABRINA CLOCKS IN MORE THAN A FEW HOURS A WEEK AS A MEDICAL ASST IN A DR'S OFFICE.



**NOW A WORD ABOUT THAT RASCAL THOR.**

THIS GRANDSON IS OUR JOY! HE TALKS CONTINUALLY, BARKS

OUT ORDERS BETTER THAN HIS UNCLE BRAD, & LEAVES YOU LONGING TO SEE HIM EVERYDAY!

HE WAS THE SIGNBEARER IN THE WEDDING AND WAS SPLENDID!

IN PRE-SCHOOL, HE SQUIRES 2 GIRLFRIENDS, LOIS & ZOEY, AT THE SAME TIME—KEEPING THEM APART SO THEY WON'T DISCOVER THE OTHER WITH THOR! (THEY'RE SISTERS!)

THE RASCAL IS A BABE HOUND—JUST LIKE HIS GRANDPA!





IT WAS THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS, WHEN ALL THROUGH THE HOUSE

PICTURES WERE SHUFFLING ABOUT, AND RICK FELT LIKE A LOUSE.

THE CHRISTMAS CARD WAS WRITTEN, AND READY TO GO

EXCEPT A FAMILY PICTURE WAS A DEFINITE NO!

EVERYONE WAS BUSY, AND THERE WASN'T A PLAN

TO GET A PICTURE TAKEN OF THE ENTIRE CLAN.

SO HERE IS THE FAMILY, WISHING YOU LOVE AND FUN

CAUSE NO MATTER WHAT... IN OUR HEARTS WE ARE ONE!



**B**RETT, IS DOING WELL, HAVING ENROLLED BACK AT HARPER COLLEGE WHERE HE HAD AN EXCELLENT SEMESTER. WILL BE TAKING MORE CLASSES NEXT YEAR.

THOR IS ABSOLUTELY IN LOVE WITH HIM AND THE 2 OF THEM ARE INSEPARABLE.

WATCHING THEM REMINDS ME A BIT OF THE YOUNGESTER BRETT WITH MY DAD. THEY TOO DID EVERYTHING TOGETHER.



**BRETTIE & THOR GO ON WALKS TOGETHER, HIT THE PARK TOGETHER, WATCH DISNEY MOVIES TOGETHER, GO SWIMMING TOGETHER, HIT GOLF BALLS TOGETHER, PAINT THE LAWN JOCKEY TOGETHER—THEY ARE JUST A PAIR.**

**MAKES ME HAPPY TO RECALL THE SPECIAL LOVE POP HAD FOR BRETT—BE REVISITED IN BRETT'S LOVE FOR THOR. POP'S EXAMPLE LIVES ON.**

**ALSO MAKES US MISS MY DAD EVEN MORE.**

**M**Y KATHY IS AS BEAUTIFUL AS EVER AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE SNAP RIGHT OF HER 1<sup>ST</sup> DANCE WITH BEN AT HIS WEDDING.

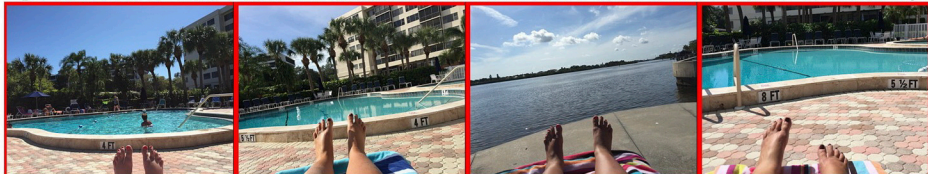
SADLY WE LOST HER CAT WHIRLAWAY, (AKA KEKE, BOY, TONY) AS HIS HEALTH DECLINED & HE STARTED TO SUFFER.

WE WERE BLESSED WITH A STRAY WHO SHOWED UP AT OUR DOOR IN 2004—THAT TURNED INTO THE BEST FELINE FRIEND ANYONE EVER HAD.

THE PRINCESS AGAIN SPENT MORE THAN A COUPLE MONTHS AT THE CONDO ON SIESTA KEY. SHE'S GOT MORE THAN A FEW FRIENDS DOWN THERE, AS SHE REIGNS OVER HER CREW AT THE POOL.....

I CONTINUED TO GET TAUNTING SNAPS LIKE THE ONES BELOW, AS HER HIGHNESS TOILED MIGHTILY ON HER TAN WHILE SHE CONTRIBUTED NOTHING TO SOCIETY.

PERHAPS THE MOST PHOTOGRAPHED TOES IN THE WORLD!



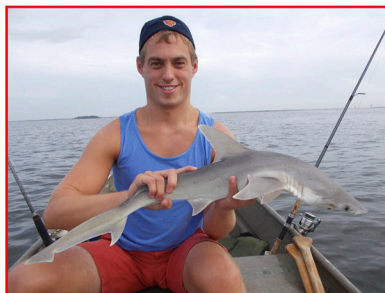
SHE STAYS BUSY WATCHING THOR (WHEN SHE'S IN TOWN), ANNOYING ME, AND MAKING THOSE CREDIT CARDS SIZZLE.

**B**RADLEY, IS IN HIS 2<sup>ND</sup> OF 3 YEARS AT NIU TO BECOME A DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY. HE SUMMERED ON SIESTA KEY, WORKING FOR A SARASOTA PT CLINIC AND HAD A BALL.

PRETTY TOUGH ASSIGNMENT, HUH?

LONGTIME GIRLFRIEND CHRISTINA, WORKS AS A TEACHER, BUT THE 2 OF THEM SPEND MOST MOMENTS THEY CAN TOGETHER.

TINA IS SUCH A GREAT GIRL.



WE WERE PROUD TO WITNESS BRAD'S 'WHITE COAT CEREMONY' WHERE FUTURE DOCTOR BRAD WAS ISSUED HIS 1<sup>ST</sup> WHITE COAT THAT HE WEARS WHILE TREATING PATIENTS.

AS YOU CAN SEE THOR GOT INTO THE ACT TOO WITH HIS OWN WHITE COAT!



**R**ICK HAD A MOST BUSY YEAR. TWO TRIPS TO EUROPE, THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ON BUSINESS, BUT THE 2<sup>ND</sup> WAS PURE FUN AS SISTERS LAURIE, JEAN & I WENT OVER IN OCT TO LONDON & PARIS TO MARK DOWAGER CHIEF'S 60<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY.

LONDON HIGHLIGHTS WERE LES MIZ, THE TOWER & ASCOT RACING, WHILE PARIS HIGHLIGHT WAS SEEING THE ROLLING STONES FOR WHAT I THINK WAS MY 31<sup>ST</sup> TIME. THE LADS WERE FANTASTIC!

RED RABBIT RACING WAS BACK IN THE WINNERS CIRCLE AS OUR PABLO DEL MONTE WITHSTOOD ALL CHALLENGERS TO WIN AT ARLINGTON PARK.



HER HIGHNESS & I SPENT THANKSGIVING ALONE AT THE CONDO, SOMETHING WE HADN'T DONE SINCE OUR 1<sup>ST</sup> THANKSGIVING WAY BACK IN 1983.

LOVED IT—BUT WE MISSED OUR BOYS.



**OUR FAMILY WISHES YOU AND  
YOUR FAMILY A BLESSED  
CHRISTMAS, AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR IN 2018.**

**A WISH CENTERED IN FAITH,  
HEALTH, GOODNESS & PEACE,**

**LOVE TO ALL,**

*Rick, Kathy, Bryan, Sabrina,  
Thor, Ben, Jordan, Brett, Brad,  
Tina, Saurav, Sean &  
The Great General Charley*

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