

FAMILY TIES

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FROM THE EDITORS

As some of you are aware, Family Ties Newsletter is now "going to press" semi-annually rather than quarterly. The editors did "a bunch" of soul-searching and decided we could still adequately keep in touch with all our wonderful family and save time and money at the same time. FT will now come out (on a more or less regular basis) June 30 and December 31 of each year. We hope you missed reading about all the family happenings as we have. With so many people, such varied interests and occupations, there is much to hear about -- as you will see in the pages that follow.

The 4th of July will have just come and gone by the time you receive this FT. For some unexplained reason, this event this year has caused me to re-examine why we celebrate this holiday, as I find myself getting down on the USA of late. I forget so often what a truly great country we are, there are a few individuals making a lot of noise, who don't reflect the good, hard-working, God-loving majority. We are a most unique country because we are one of so many different peoples living together.

Maybe now would be a good time for us all to stop and reflect on America and what she means to us and pray that God will continue to bless all her families, such as ours, that add so much to make America great. You'll hear from FT again in December. Please keep in touch with one of us, so we can help keep all in touch.

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Frank and Sharon Graham's address is 4225 Laren Lane -- not 4522. Also, their zip code has changed to 75233.

Mike O'Hara's FT was returned - no forwarding address given. We had sent it to 14610 42nd St., Apt. 201, Tampa FL 33613.

Christine and Donald Arpin's FT was also returned. A new address was handwritten in: 15940 Gougar Rd., Lockport, IL 60441. We are not sure this is correct and would appreciate any advice re: this.

Sabrina Graham's newsletter was returned with no forwarding address. We would also appreciate receiving a current address for Sabrina.

WELCOME! ALYSSA KATHERINE

Kate and David Sallean (and all the rest of us!) welcomed Alyssa Katherine to our family. Alyssa was born February 15, 1993, and weighed in at 7 pounds, 2 ounces. For Kate and David, being parents is great, although they are in the process of getting the "hang" of it. Congratulations Kate, David and Alyssa!



Alyssa Sallean

PEACE CORPS GAINS A DORAN

In early June a "Going Away Party" was held for Mark Doran, who joined the Peace Corps and is now in Moldova -- which is one of the former Soviet Union Republics -- its located between Romania and the Ukraine. Moldova ia an agricultural state, densely populated, yet very rural, with its largest city being less than 800,000 people. The primary languages are Romanian and Russian.

Moldovians are primarily Orthodox Christians, and though they have their internal differences, they are reportedly friendly to and welcome foreigners (which I am sure Mark is counting on). Mark will be teaching English, and possibly German, at a yet to be determined location.

Mark's assignment is for 2-1/2 years and needless to say, he would like to hear from home during this time. Mark will live as the Moldovians, live as they do and in time, learn to speak their languages. Since Mark is fairly fluent in German and conversant in French, he hopefully will be able to speak five languages upon completion of this assignment.

MARINE'S MARINE

Jason Doran is retiring from Marine Reconnaissance, where he has been assigned for the last 2+ years. He was unable to attend Mark's "Move Over Moldova Party" as he had to have surgery last month for a hearing problem resulting from the concussion of a land mine that went off near him during Desert Storm in Kuwait. Jason will be temporarily stationed in San Diego through October - he will then be assigned to a recruiting station. Hopefully, he will receive an assignment in the Dallas area. Jason, Kelli, Jonathan and Morgan visited Dallas in late June and were able to see many friends and relatives (aided by a party Susie Aki held while they were here).

GRAND LADY

Addie Mae Doran (Meme) celebrated her 85th birthday with a group of friends and relatives this last April. Addie Mae's doing great and is ready to go whenever the opportunity arises!

THE GRADUATE

Peter John Marschall graduated from Robert McQueen High School in Reno, Nevada, on June 9, 1993. Congratulations, Pete! We look forward to hearing of your future plans.



Peter
John
Marschall

out. Lauren's big brothers adore her and are constantly amusing her. Lisa's, of course, has her hands full.

ANOTHER EXPERT IN THE FAMILY

Paul Lundquist (Regional Manager of W. P. Hickman Systems, Inc.) has qualified and achieved the distinction of Certified Roof Consultant by the Roof Consultants Institute. Congrats to you, Paul! Now the whole family knows who to call on with any roofing problems!

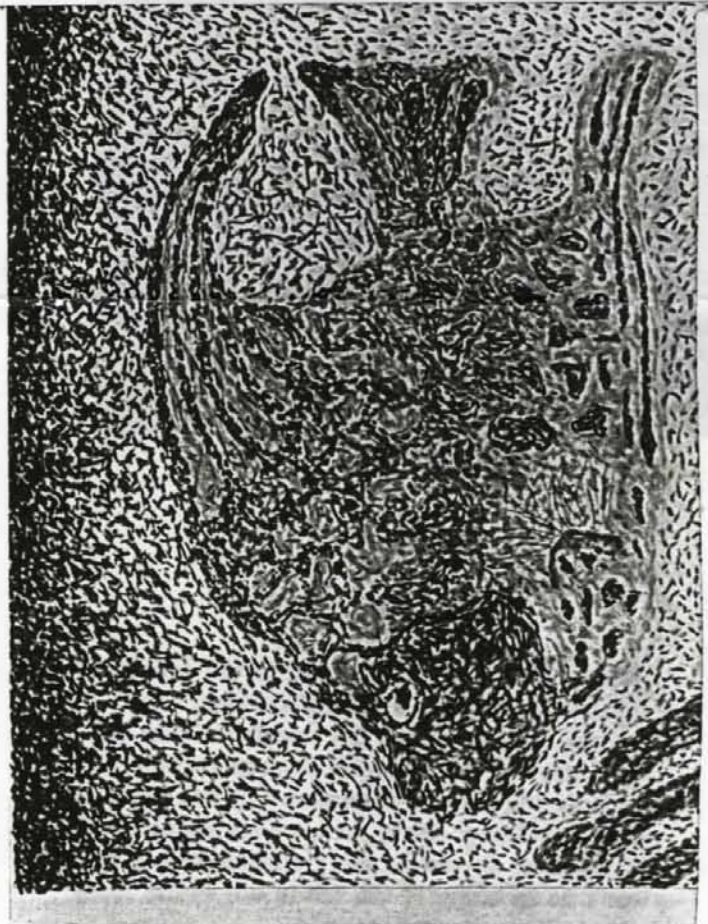
AN ARTIST, TOO!

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SPEAKING OF BUSY...

Charlie Lundquist III accepted an offer from NASA and has been working in the Space Station Project Office since the beginning February. He's got a lot more responsibility and visibility and is learning a lot. He should find out in the next month or two where the agency is heading with respect to the Space Station (whether to scale back the design or not). Charlie has also signed up for a summer class -- Research Methods in Biology.

Charlie IV finished kindergarten this spring -- and is already reading books and writing short letters (when he's not whizzing around on his bike). Eric finished pre-school and is quite taken with his dad's computer. He's getting to where he can move around in DOS to find what he wants. (Wow!). Lauren is now almost a year old and into everything - and everything into the mouth! Lisa unwillingly pulled a few Houston-sized cockroaches



How about Julie Parker's artwork?! She did the above fish and some others and won 1st and 2nd in a city-wide art contest. Great work, Julie.

ANOTHER NEW LITTLE ONE!

On April 25, 1993, our family was increased by the arrival of Sara Elizabeth Walker. She is the second child of Wally and Jean Walker of Kentucky. Their son, Joshua, is very proud and most gentle with his new little sister. Grampa and Gramma Aki and Auntie Susie visited them the first part of May to meet Sara in person. She is beautiful and perfect, of course!



Sara Walker

ON THE MOVE

Andrew and Tami Walker are in the process of relocating to the Phoenix/Scottsdale area of Arizona. Andrew's job has transferred him there as of May 26. Tami and the children are here with us until mid-August when they will join Andy in their new home. Until then, we are trying to get as much as we can of the grandkids before they won't be so close. I can see in our future many trips to Kentucky and Arizona!

Gramma Aki

... AND, ON THE MOVE

Ann and John Achenbach returned to Texas from Germany on June 30. John had been stationed in Mannheim for the last year and a half and what with the current cutback in armed forces in Europe, his unit was deactivated. They will be stationed in El Paso at Fort Bliss until February. At the present time, they are in Midland and will be going to El Paso shortly to hunt for housing. Of course, it's wonderful to have them stateside again and (relatively speaking), so close!

VAN GILDER/HOVITZ UPDATE

Our family is like all the rest of the families - busy! Jim and Marianna just returned from Windsor, England, Germany and Paris in June. It was a business trip to promote new anti-corrosive products. They did sneak in some fun, too. The highlight was a side trip to Gerviny, France, just outside of Paris to the home and Gardens of Claude Monet. Other than travel, J & M are busy working and having fun with the six grandchildren.

Debbie and Chuck Hovitz also were in Paris just two weeks before J & M. They went to Notre Dame and the cathedral of the Sacred Heart. They are now in the process of buying the house they have been renting. Chas. will be in the 4th grade, Whitney in 2nd, and Christina in kindergarten. Chas. is a regular jock playing soccer and baseball and doing quite well at both. Whit is in gymnastics and Christina says she is going to be on stage and already is with her dancing.

Jimmy and Michelle and family, Jamie, Taylor and Austin, will be leaving in a motor home for Oshkosh, WI for the EAA air show and then to parts of Canada, Niagara Falls and the Smokes for a three-week business/vacation. Jamie is big in soccer and baseball and manages to score every game. Taylor is a natural as a gymnast, and Austin, at four, does everything and has fun doing it.

We all feel very fortunate to have each other and to be a small part of this great family we all belong

