

News You Can't Use from Marcia & Ted



Girls, Girls, Girls! Son Tim and Carolyn's daughter arrived a bit early in October. She's home now putting us up to a Girls' Volleyball Team of six! Wow! Also, son Chris and Claudia, who moved to Peru this fall, are expecting granddaughter number seven next spring! What team has seven players? Six-oared crew with coxswain? Quidditch? Ultimate Frisbee?

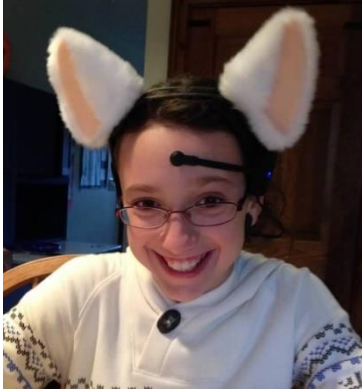
Well, 2014 has been a heck of a year! Sick with annoying colds in early January, we finally made it down to Key West where we attended the Key West Literary Seminar which in 2014 featured well-known mystery writers. Marcia immediately dove into her Key West Woman's Club project, a "Treasure Hunt" fundraising effort to benefit Operation Smile. Ted assisted with a bit of computer work for banners and aprons. We enjoyed wonderful weather, glared at passing iguanas, savored Key West's Pink Shrimp and enjoyed visits with Jayne & Vic Lewis, Carol & Ken Radtke, Karen & Joe Rand, Mary & Jim Foote, Bridget Sekera and Ted's cousin Pamela Sturgis.

This past year has been a challenge for Marcia. While in Key West last winter she endured continuing arthritic knee discomfort. She had knee replacement surgery in June. It didn't go well. Six days later she was back in the hospital with appeared to be an infected surgical site. This turned out to be the result of an autoimmune response; Marcia's apparently allergic to surgery. After spending more time in the hospital and rehab, she finally returned home in November. Hooray! We'll probably be home for the winter as she still has a lot of healing to accomplish! As this is being written she has just had

her first skin graft. Son Jeff came to visit her twice this summer. Katie was out most every weekend. All four "kids" and their families were incredible with boosting our morale.

We want to send a special thanks to all our dear friends for their kind words, cards, e-mails and visits. We love you all and wish you only the best in the New Year!

Marcia Ted



Charlotte Sekera (12)



Natalie (3) & Margaret Sekera (9)



Taryn Allison & Briana Bennett (both 5)



Christina Bennett (newborn)

And a parting shot...



Three generations of fish faces at Thanksgiving!