

# 2015 News You Can't Use from Marcia & Ted

2015 has been another crazy year! As most of you are aware Marcia was injured by her knee replacement surgery back in June 2014 when her body "went to war" with itself with an autoimmune response known by the mouthful *Pyoderma Gangrenosum*. Ted had a small stroke in January. After some time in Lake Forest Hospital, he went to a rehab facility before coming home in February. He did well with physical and occupational therapy. Marcia continues to work with a physical therapist hoping to graduate from the wheelchair to a walker.



Natalie turned 4 in January. We added another new granddaughter this March with the arrival of Alessia who was born in Lima, Peru. Margaret turned 10. Charlotte turned 13, our first teenager! Briana and Taryn both turned 6 and Christina turned 1. There are now 7 wee ladies, a likelihood of around 0.008! We think this runs the table for us.



Briana & Taryn toothless.

Ted's cousins Emily and Pamela stopped by during the year.



Taryn, Matt & Katie.  
Claudia, Briana, Chris & Margarita & Alessia. Kali, Linda, Daniel & Rick Phillips. Marcia & Ted. Tim, Christina & Carolyn.

Claudia and Chris were in Chicago for the month of July. We celebrated Ted's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday early while they were here.



The kids had our lawn decorated with 70 plastic flamingos on August 4<sup>th</sup>--very funny!

Marcia took Ted out to lunch. The Boston contingent came in mid-

August to complete the celebration.



Beth, Margaret, Jeff, Natalie, Marcia, Ted, Taryn, Matt, Katie & Charlotte.



There was much swimming.

Our kids really stepped up and helped us tremendously during these difficult times. Katie & Matt stayed with Marcia the first week Ted was ill and then Jeff came in the second week, getting caught by the big February snowstorm. Tim and Carolyn visited Ted with Christina, aka the "The Nugget" who entertained Ted by rooting around baby-style on his chest. Tim drove Marcia back and forth to visit Ted. We are so grateful for their help.





Alessia with Claudia, Chris, Briana and Whiskey.



Natalie, Charlotte & Margaret



Christina, Taryn, Briana & Alessia

In October Marcia's cousin Bill Oonk stopped in to visit on his way to Rockford for business. We had a small Thanksgiving celebration with good friends. We are looking forward to spending Christmas with Katie, Matt and Taryn as well as Carolyn, Tim and Christina.



November snowfall! We are now awaiting Christmas and the New Year!



Christina loved the snow!



Chris & Briana getting ready for Christmas in Peru



We wish all of you a Merry Christmas and hope for a much healthier New Year. Our heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation to all of you who brought food, books, flowers, sent cards, played cards, called to check on us, drove us to appointments and generally cheered us on!

Love-  
-Marcia & Ted