

News and Reviews You Can't Use from the Bennetts – 2019

We're running late this year! Again. You'll be lucky to get this by Christmas. We also realized that we forgot a critical part of the letter. So, for last year: **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

We're still at 300 Bluff's Edge Drive in Lake Forest 60045;
desbarats@aol.com, Ted @ 847-602-4154 Marcia @ 847-899-9128.

We've also come to realize that some of you may not know all the animals in the zoo. Here we are:

Marcia:

Jeff & Beth: (dog Winnie), Charlotte (17), Margaret (14) Natalie (9)

Katie & Matt: (Cat Clementine), Taryn (10)

Ted:

Chris & Claudia (dog Whiskey), Briana (10), Alessia (5)

Tim & Carolyn (dog Wyatt), Christina (Tia) (5)

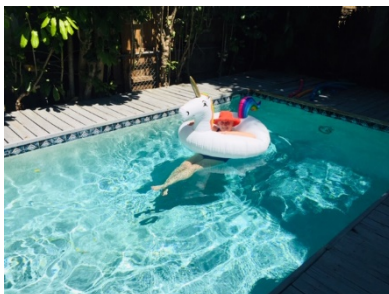
We had a relatively laidback start to the year; we're not travelling yet and were able to really enjoy the Winter. The big item of note is that we completed the sale of our Desbarats, Ontario, Summer camp to long-time friend Sally Behr Schendel. May she enjoy it!



Mid-March we went to Dover Straits to celebrate our blind date from 34 years ago. We ended up here then, including dancing.



One of our bigger outings in March was to the Orchid Show at the Chicago Botanical Garden. It was a beautiful day where we met up with our physical therapist, Kristen.



Various of our kids used our home in Key West; Jan Gibson And Paul Bergman went down in April. Paul was generous with his time and continued his efforts fix up our 1996 Jeep which lives down there.



A pleasant April day up here led to Taryn practicing her jumper.



We had a visit from a doe in May.



Debby and Rick Sipe had a Desbarats dinner the Wheelers, Dabneys, etc. at their son's home.



Sara & Stan Hoover met us for dinner at Eddie Merlots in June.



Briana, Claudia, Alessia and Chris came up from Peru for a month. It was their winter

vacation from the Franklin D Roosevelt American school.



Natalie, Charlotte & Margaret chilled with iced cream treats.



Tia looked adorable, all dressed up for the Father/Daughter Dance at her school!



Beth, Margaret and Natalie posed backed up by spring flowers.



Katie & Taryn went to the Lake Bluff Fourth of July parade on a beautiful, clear day.



While she was in town from Peru, Briana and Taryn tested their skills at Asylum Skatepark.



Fun times for Briana, Alessia and Tia with Carolyn and Tim.



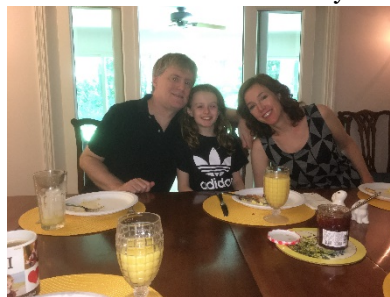
Ellie Lipsey, daughter of our physical therapist, with Ted at his Birthday luncheon gift from the Lipseys at Market House-on-the-Square in August.



Meanwhile the Massachusetts gang paddled on the river near their home in Massachusetts.



Marcia & Ted went to the The Gallery Restaurant on his birthday in August. We were with Jan Gibson and Paul Bergman to celebrate her recent birthday.



Then Matt, Taryn and Katie came to our home for a birthday brunch. Busy time!



Ted felt that Marcia needed a photo so she posed in our library.



Our friends Louise and Dick Weithas came by for a great evening. She also shared her secret for making beautiful and easy to peel hard boiled eggs! She is an expert at devilled eggs!



Taryn, who is becoming a skateboarder extraordinaire, skates at least once a week.



We had dinner with Peggy Davis at Elaine Paulson's.



Marcia and Ted went to dinner at Francesca's Intimo in September but it was too cool to sit outside.



Briana, Chris & Alessia at Iguazu Falls from Brazil side in October.



Taryn & Margaret explored the Walden-Bluff's Edge Ravine near our home in October.



Natalie, Ted, Margaret & Charlotte in our kitchen.



Jeff joined a bevy of beauties: Natalie, Charlotte, Marcia, and Margaret, still in our kitchen.



Katie and Jeff went to Pumpkin Fest in Highland.



Alessia & Briana in October at Pumpkin Fest in Highland.



2019 marked the 60th reunion of Ted's Eighth Grade Class of 1959

from The Bell School in Lake Forest. The school closed when we departed. We've lost a few but most of us are still cranking!



Matt, Tia, Carolyn, Tim, Ted, Marcia, Katie & the birthday girl, Taryn at Tsukasa in November



Incredible, edible, Gingerbread house by our friend Chris Pall



It was a very sunny day in Peru.



Taryn helping Ted make Popovers for Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving dinner pic by Paul Bergman with Judy Siebrecht, Taryn, Matt, Jan Gibson, Ted, Christine Hulse, Katie, Frank Siebrecht & Marcia's back



Katie, Taryn and Matt were at Lake Forest lighting ceremony.



Carolyn, the irrepressible Tia and Tim went Christmas shopping.



Taryn's cat Clementine all warm and toasty in her sweater.



A quick cameo from Peru of Whiskey with Brian and Alessia.

We want to thank the people who make it possible for us to continue to live comfortably in our home: Blaze Bohlig, Kristen Lipsey, MPT, Nina Prikhodko and Ewa Sas.

We wish you **Love and Peace** throughout 2020. May your lives be blessed with health and happiness!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Love
Marcia & Ted