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THE BAUMGARDNERS

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DEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

HERE IS OUR FAMILY CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER, ALMOST THE THIRD PANDEMIC YEAR.

THE ANDERSONS-DAUGHTER AMY, GREG, BEN (19), AUBREY(14) & RUDY DOG

Ben is enjoying his first year at Susquehanna University (probably too much), however appears to be holding his own with his classes...as always, he tends to win over his professors with his charm & extroverted personality...his major remains accounting, with a minor in Finance...got a taste of division 3 (off season) lacrosse this past fall & things will ramp up again in March...Aubrey is in 8th grade & continues to pursue her love of club volleyball & made all county orchestra this year with her Viola...also nominated for Carson scholar award & wrote essay that many middle school girls can relate to-the drama some girls can create among "friends" & how to persevere & become stronger in the end. Rudy- well he continues to be Amy's dog & prefers to be by her side or in her lap often! Amy & Greg continue to work hard at their current jobs and are grateful for their kids, family, & friends!

THE DAYS-DAUGHTER BRANDY, MATT, ALEXA(14) LUCAS(11.5) DOGS BUDDY & LUCY

It has been a busy year for the Day family. Brandy started a new job last March at the Youth Service Bureau. Matt continues to develop courses and teach Cyber Security at our local Community College. We try to travel to Charleston, South Carolina as much as possible to get away from the cold! Lexi is in the eighth grade and continues to love anything having to do with theatre and the Visual Arts. She is part of a community theatre group and performed in "The Little Mermaid" last May. She participates in her

Middle School Chorus while also taking voice lessons. Lexi's next performance will be in "Willi Wonka & the Chocolate Factory" in January. She is hoping to see Phantom of the Opera on Broadway before it's gone.

Lucas started middle school this year and in addition to gaming, plays soccer, and recently started wrestling. He is picking up wrestling moves very quickly and hopes to compete during this winter season. Opa observed him trying them out on his father Matt who entertained with loud moans, groans and cries of sheer terror.

### THE BAUMGARDNERS- SON DEREK, JOELMA, OLIVIA(5) CECELIA(ALMOST 3)

Derek began a new job in March with a law firm in Baltimore practicing land use and real estate law and is doing well. Joelma completed a year doing refugee resettlement work with World Relief, headquartered in Baltimore. She is currently looking for other opportunities in that field in Baltimore and Washington D.C. and exploring graduate programs in public policy and international development. Olivia is a preschooler and is loving school and all that goes with it. She also attends ballet and tap dance on weekends and recently started piano lessons. Cecilia also started a nursery school program this year and, much to the surprise of her parents, is also loving the school environment and getting used to new friends and teachers. They both will be returning to swim lessons this winter and nature camps in the summer. The family will be traveling to Austria this year to spend New Year's with friends and will be making a stop in Munich for a few days on their way back. This will be Olivia's second trip abroad and Cece's first. Grandparents Pat and John hope that the housing market settles down so Derek can soon move his family out of Baltimore (AKA Charm City) and into a larger home and yard for the girls to enjoy.

### THE OTHER BAUMGARDNERS- JOHN ( OPA)78 & PATRICIA( MAM MAM) much younger

John began Immunotherapy in November 2021 and finished in October 2022. This was just another of the "God Winks" others may call coincidences. Not all patients have the right "Markers" to qualify for this treatment

which is known to be effective. He began Pulmonary Rehabilitation via Zoom in January 2022 for 90 minutes three days a week. Scarred lungs from the Radiation Therapy has challenged his breathing. Other treatments have reduced appetite, weight & stamina. Future extended travel for John is questionable at best.

Three of many events during 2022 have brought him great pleasure. Descendents of John Milton Baumgardner (1866-1940) gathered for a Mini- Reunion in Taneytown in May. Other cousins related to John's Paternal Great Uncle Thomas gathered at Shank's Mill, Pa in September. But the highlight of the year was Opa's being with his descendants on Halloween. The theme for young son Derek's family was Pinocchio, Opa was Geppeto wearing his Lederhosen.

Pat's Microdiscectomy in January was remarkably successful. The cause of her excruciating Sciatica was a cyst. When this was removed all pain was gone. All went well until Pat contracted COVID at the end of November 2022 sharing this with John. Pat has since resumed her exercise classes at the YMCA and exceeding 10,000 steps a day walking. She continues to be active socially, by phone or in person. Increasingly, Derek and Joelma have enlisted her services as the best of all baby sitters. Lastly, she has become a real Smart Phone Nerd, spending hours keeping up with the news and researching subjects of interest including homes for sale that might interest Derek.

“May the brightest in your past

Be but flickers in the dark,

When compared with what the future,

Will enkindle with its' spark. “

ALL OF US WISH YOU A VERY, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY 2023

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