

Davidson's of Flourtown – Newsletter 2000+

It's been more than a year since the last time we made up one of these letters at Christmas of 1999 and we have missed several relevant holidays as belated excuses for sending this out on time for something. We have made numerous trips to



Eva Grace on Dec. 3rd

Vermont this year since Kent and Shannon bought a house in Middlebury after having an apartment in Burlington and Eric and Kristen bought a house in Milton. Towards the end of May, Eric and family made the long distance move from Colorado into their first home and mortgage, an A-frame in the woods of VT. Pam and I, along with Kent and Shannon, helped to unload the truck and take care of Eva.

Our Vermont contingent along with Andrew all made it home for our annual fourth of July party and weekend. Then on labor day we attended Cousin Billy Davidson's wedding to Michelle Quinn near Worcester, Mass. Andrew took the train up but rode with us for an exciting trip home.

Autumn Birth

Kristen with the help of Eric and a midwife successfully delivered at home a new sister for Eva Grace named Hunter Autumn on October 5th the day after Mimi's (Pam's) birthday.

Pam was back in Vermont for 2 weeks to help the Milton bunch for a week with the new baby and then a week in Middlebury looking at houses for our move to grandchild land (i.e. Vermont). **December third** is our three birthday day, shared by Andrew, Eric, and Kristen

(much much younger). So everyone but Ryan converged at Kent and Shannon's place for a birthday bash. Kent casually announced that "they" were expecting in July 2001. We are very happy!

Christmas

Every one came back to our Flourtown home for the holiday starting with Ryan on Dec. 18th. It was a great family time and very enjoyable. The color picture enclosed shows us all including Santa and various pets (Tigger at 20, Bedford at 12 and little Shadow at 8). We had a wonderful Christmas eve where Eva got to attend the big family service at St. Thomas' with grandpa "Vidly" as a chalice bearer. Then Christmas morning we opened presents and laughed at rude noises made by some for Ryan's stocking stuffer presents. Then outdoors to crank up the log splitter rented by Kent that generated a couple of cords of firewood from our tree reserve. Much of the action is captured in the pictures below and on the back.



Kristen & Eva watch 4th of July



Shannon, Eric, and Kent at the log splitter

Late Christmas day Shannon was called to come back to Connecticut where her dad had been rushed to the hospital with a breathing problem. She returned by train the next morning and was able to be with him before he passed away on Dec. 26th. Because of the blizzard of 2000 the next weekend, the funeral was postponed until New Years Day. We were all snowed in for the day on Saturday and spent the day reminiscing with the Robard's family and friends.

A beautiful service was held at their church nearby for family and close friends. We all miss Jason.

Pam made her last house hunting trip to Vermont in February and stayed at both Eric's and Kent's homes. Since Eric and Kristen plan to return to Colorado this summer our moving plans have been put on hold for the foreseeable future. We are planning some fix-up projects on the family homestead of 32 years.

Ryan still thriving in Boulder with his student (CU) girlfriend Kyle. He is getting more experience as a plumber and considering moving East again when Kyle graduates and goes into the Peace Corps in 2002.

We thank God for all the Blessings and Gifts that we enjoy and may each of you be blessed abundantly in the coming year.

Andrew still lives near Rittenhouse Square in center city Philadelphia and keeps busy designing Web pages and flyers for his assorted clients.

Pam continues with her "part-time" photography business plus volunteering at the library once a week, knitting sweaters for the beautiful granddaughters, reading lots of books, and looking forward to spring gardening.



Kent, Shannon, Andrew, Pam, Rob, Eva, Kristen, Ryan, Eric, & Autumn

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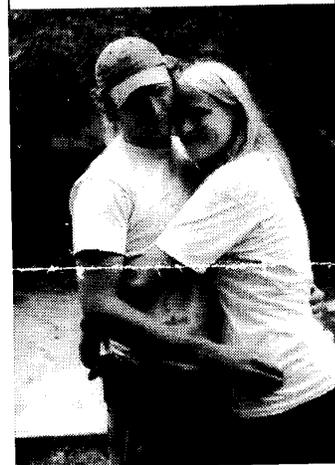
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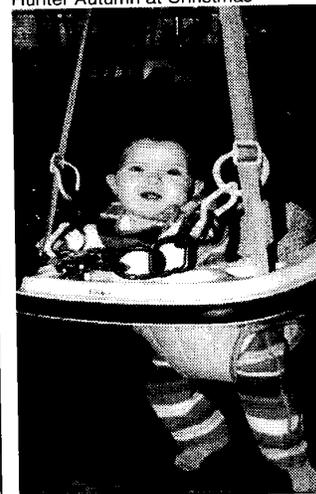
Ryan and Kyle in Boulder



Kristen & Andrew stack Logs at Xmas



Hunter Autumn at Christmas



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