

Marty's 2010 Christmas Newsletter

Yes, it looks like I hand wrote my Christmas letter. And you keep right on believing that! This is my Hand writing but I trained the computer how to do it for me.

This year I decided to start de-cluttering. Among the clutter I found my Swiss Army knife, an old Philco portable radio and 50 to 100 books which I haven't read yet. The knife cost \$3 to repair and had been sitting around for 15 years. It was maybe 10 years since I saw the radio. It too is fixed now. And I read 12 of those books already.

I started a garden in March and in June I put up a garden. October brought the first frost which ended the garden.

It has also been a year of repair and replacement. I watched as McDonalds, Starbucks, Town & Country, and the School next door remodeled. Then they renewed my street from my house south to the highway. My electric snow thrower died and it was replaced then the carburetor failed on the new blower and it was replaced. My pickup died and it went away. And we had an Earth Quake to top it off.

I attained the Knaack's 50th anniversary open house. It was nice seeing the friends I used to work with.

Since I eat out most of the time I listed all the restaurants in Woodstock. Who would have believe I have only been in 9 of the 63 I found.

I published the 3rd book of the annual collections of my newsletters. Let me know if you want a copy of Marty's Random Thoughts 2009.

And my motor Home has not sold this year so I moved it to another dealer to see if they can help.

Now let me tell you a little about my family;

Mike & Petra took vacation the summer from their walk east to Jerusalem. This fall Petra broke her leg. At first they were going to stop their pilgrimage but quickly decided to continue in ways other than walking. They plan on being in Bethlehem Christmas. Mike's journal is at WalkingEast.com

Marie moved back to Woodstock to be near her children, grand children and maybe it is to be closer to the Green Bay Packers.

Cork and Diane are doing fine. Both working and living in the same places. **Jeremy** bought the company he had working for. **Tonya** is still teaching. **Chelli** was transferred to Schaumburg and moved there to save driving. **Betsy & Shaun** are living in the house they bought in Crystal Lake.

I didn't get to Kansas this year to see **Marcia and Edie**. As near as I can tell they are doing fine and so are their families. I think someone in the family had a new baby this year maybe even a marriage. You know I should keep up on these things.

Aunt Annie turned 80 and is still traveling the county having dinner with her friends. Thought I haven't talked with **Jim & Cathy** I hear they are doing fine.

My letter could go on and on for pages and pages. I stop here to wish all my friends & family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.