

# Happy New Year

from Judy and Jerry

As 2016 winds down we are grateful for our many friends and sad that we don't get to see you more often. We send our best wishes for happiness in the year to come and the health with which to enjoy it.

The media use the end of the year to review the events of the year and we do the same. We are both well and enjoying retirement from teaching. We remain busy with family, travel, volunteer and creative activities. There never is enough time for all we would like to do.

Judy is a very active member of the board of Women Against Abuse where, among other things, she is a co-chair of the Nominations and Recruitment Committee and a member of the Program Committee. She continues as vice chair of the (Philadelphia) Mayor's Executive Commission on Drugs and Alcohol which advises the Office of Addiction Services on issues related to addiction and recovery. Judy's choice as Straight Person of the Year by the Philadelphia AIDS Fund was a highlight of the year.

At Bryn Mawr, she remains on the Institutional Review Board which provides oversight for research projects involving human subjects. What's more, she is still using Rosetta Stone to learn Spanish and pursuing her long time goal of learning to play the guitar.

We are co-vice chairs of the (local) Princeton Prize in Race Relations Committee. The Princeton Prize recognizes young people who have made or are making efforts to improve racial harmony in their school or community. It is awarded in twenty-six venues throughout the country. It is our goal to broaden the range of schools that submit nominations for the prize.

Our travel this year was domestic. Jerry attended the Joint Math Meetings in Seattle and MathFest in Columbus. We traveled to New York several times and, of course, to Brooklyn for Thanksgiving. We also traveled to Washington for the Math Olympiad Dinner and more recently for a visit to the National Museum of African American History & Culture. This is an amazing museum. We spent eight and a half hours there, spread over two days, and it was not enough time. If you get a chance, you should go. We are planning on a Princeton '58 mini-reunion trip to Iceland in September 2017.

Judy's passion has always been reading. Among the many books that she has read in the last year, she recommends:

- *Ari Berman: Give Us the Ballot: The Modern Struggle for Voting Rights in America*
- *Shaefer & Eden: \$2.00 a Day: Living On Almost Nothing in America*
- *Cory Booker: United*
- *Matthew Desmond: Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*
- *Siddhartha Mukherjee: The Gene: An Intimate History*

Jerry continues to chair the Advisory Committee of the Burrison Gallery, a small art gallery in Penn's University Club. He is the program chair for the Penn Association of Senior and Emeritus faculty.

Last Spring Jerry audited a graduate seminar in the Music Department on the Blues. This fall, he audited a graduate seminar in the History Department on Postcolonial African History. It is always interesting to learn new things and interact with Penn's graduate students.

Jerry is busy processing scans of slides were from trips to the Mideast, Morocco, and Central Asia. At the moment, he is planning for a March show at the Burrison Gallery on photos of children from around the world.

The *Gerald and Judith Porter Public Lecture* Mathematics for Art Investigation will be given 3:00-4:00 p.m., January 9, 2016 at the joint mathematics meetings in Atlanta by Ingrid Daubechies, Duke University. If you will be in Atlanta, please come to the lecture. Atrium Ballroom Marriott Marquis Atlanta, GA

Enough about us! Here are the updates on our progeny.



Henry and grandpa

Michael, Elaine and Henry have moved from Brooklyn to Hudson Heights, Manhattan (190<sup>th</sup> St). Michael is the Executive Director of Informatics in the Bureau of Environmental Surveillance and Policy of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. He continues to ride his bike to work and keep in shape by running.

Elaine is the Librarian in the Lower School of the Trevor Day School in Manhattan. The move to Manhattan makes her commute to work much easier as well as providing her with company on the ride; namely, Henry who is now in second grade at the Trevor School.

Henry recently celebrated his eighth birthday. He has many friends in his class and particularly enjoys learning math at which he is very good. Henry is an expert on baseball history and can tell you almost anything you might want to know about baseball history. Playing baseball in his neighborhood helps him retain some of the Spanish he learned in school last year. He is also an expert on Pokémon and has a personal relationship with all the characters. He is now very much into Pokémon Go.



Lexi, Caroline, Grandma and Jake

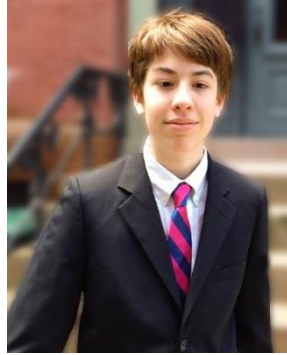
The Madsens are doing well. Jake, Lexi and Caroline all go Fieldston, in Riverdale. Jake is in the 11th grade, Lexi in the 8th grade and Caroline in 5th grade. They all keep very busy playing soccer. Jake is on his school's varsity team and also plays at Manhattan Soccer Club where Lexi and Caroline play. They play 10 months a year and it requires a lot of travel all over the east coast. Lexi also plays basketball and softball at school. Caroline plays tennis and just started on a travel basketball team which she loves.

Lexi and Caroline go to Tripp Lake Camp in Maine and love the camaraderie. Jake had his first paying job last summer working as a soccer coach. He rode his bike down the west side to work every day. Not only did he learn leadership skills but the kids really connected with him.

In addition to all the sports, all three kids have done well academically and are learning and challenged by their curriculum. In addition, they are all good mathematicians which makes me happy. They are all happy well-adjusted children. Their adorable dog, Bella, is the glue of the house.

When not driving the kids to soccer tournaments, Rebecca manages to fly around the country for United Healthcare, where she is the Chief Consumer Officer. She enjoys working to help people improve their health care experiences. She gets to meet a lot of interesting kids outside of work since she chairs the Princeton Alumni Schools Committee for Manhattan and Staten Island, and is a team manager at Manhattan Soccer Club.

Steve continues to be an avid fan of all Wisconsin sports and loves hanging out with the kids and watching the games. He has been keeping busy working on a variety of investment opportunities.



Joshua



Looking up to Miles

Melanie, Dan Joshua and Miles are still in Park Slope Brooklyn. Joshua is a senior at Saint Ann's and he, Melanie and Dan spent part of the summer visiting colleges. He is looking forward to being done with essays, visits and applications.

Joshua spent part of the summer studying in Jordan which he enjoyed thoroughly despite being attacked by bed bugs.

Miles spent part of the summer coding and making iPhone games at a camp in Princeton and part of the summer hiking in the Pacific North West. He is a sophomore at Berkeley Carroll where he is on the soccer team and the math team.

Dan left his position at William Morris Endeavor at the end of the year and is back to working on technology startups.

The Judd Porters hosted a record 24 people and 3 dogs for Thanksgiving. Dan turned 50 this year; Melanie is turns 50 in 2017.

As most of you realize, we were active supporters of Hillary Clinton for President. The election of Donald Trump was not only disappointing for us but also makes us fear for the future of our country. We believe that the gains of recent years in health care, voting rights, reproductive rights, gay and lesbian rights, protection of the environment, education and job creation are all endangered. We will continue to work, to the best of our ability, to keep this from happening.

We are fortunate to have good health, wonderful children and grandchildren, and good friends. We live active and, we hope, useful lives. We wish you all a year of health and happiness. We are not sure who the author of the following is but we continue to use it.

*Life is short and we have not enough time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And may love, peace, hope, and justice be with you always.*

## *Judy and Jerry*

