



FAMILY UPDATE 2004

Hi all,

Well the holidays are here again. I don't know how the year goes by so fast. I hope your year has been as fun and enjoyable as ours.

Padraig started kindergarten and loves it. He rushes out the door each morning saying "come on Mom hurry up". I hope it lasts.

We've been able to travel a bit. As you can see the big vacation was Disney but we also made it to Chicago, Annapolis and Williamsburg. Padraig thinks George Washington was great because "he motivated his men". He is a big fan of the "blue coats", "not the red coats" - as in revolutionary soldiers not baseball. He likes Yankees not Red Socks and he doesn't believe us when we tell him they lost.

While at Disney we ran into some old and new friends (pictured here) and we were joined by the Butmans and our friends the Minks. I'm not sure who had more fun the parents or the kids.

Over the summer we had a guest from Slovakia. Monika stayed with us for 3 months I hope she had as much fun as we did palling around.

Each year we say we are going to stay home and enjoy the beach more, but there are just so many places to see. anyway we tried to get over there at least once a week.

Hope your New Year is exciting!!!



Joe, Jen & Padraig
THANKS JEN - MINKES
A GREAT FRIEND!

Year 2004 has brought us no new babies, no weddings, and two losses.

BUT, year 2005 will bring us a LONG AWAITED nuptial celebration courtesy of Carrie Rountree and her intended. Along in July, I believe.

I say no new babies, BUT-----

On Oct. 19, 2004, I received a phone call from a very excited Linda King, announcing the birth of 5 grandchildren!

She had E mailed most others, and while most of us kinda thought Huh!!!!, it seems Abby was really hit by a shock wave. Until the ppiglet part penetrated. One of Linda & Jay's pigs had given birth to five babies, therefore Linda was now a "grandma". Never a dull moment at the King/Jannuzzi homestead.

Edward B. Slominski

Edward B. Slominski, 75, of Lebanon Twp., NJ, died Thursday, August 5, 2004, in his home.

Born: July 24, 1929, in Newark, NJ, a son of the late Benjamin and Frances Gierczycka Slominski.

Personal: He and his wife, Ruth Slominski were married 58 years.

Mr. Slominski was a Fleet Mechanic for Good Humor Ice Cream Corp. in Newark for 25 years before retiring in 1974. He then went on to work at Voorhees High School in Mechanical Maintenance.

He lived in Lebanon Twp. for the past 50 years. He loved the beach, swimming, gardening and tinkering.

Ed's legacy lives on through his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memberships: He was a parishioner of St. Ann's Church in Hampton, NJ.

Survivors: his wife of Lebanon Twp., NJ; his three children, Maureen Petersen and her husband, Robert of Naples, Fla., Doreen Bleck and her husband, Tom of Wood Glen and Edward Jr. and his wife, Lori of Hackettstown, NJ; eight grandchildren, Dawn, Denise, Bobby, Danielle, Jaimie, Tommy, Molly and Sarah; and four great-grandchildren, Jakob, Jack, Gage and Edie.

He was predeceased by three brothers, William, Robert and Kari

Services: Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, in the Martin Funeral Home, 1761 Rt. 31, Clinton, NJ 08809. There will be a Graveside Service held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, in the Musconetcong Valley Cemetery in Hampton. Interment in Musconetcong Valley Cemetery in Hampton.

Doreen Bleck's Dad.
A super nice,
Multi talented man.
(How would Tom and
Doreen's unique home
have been done without
him.)

Helen Baxley Brown

Helen Baxley Brown, of Holland Township, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2004, in Lopatcong Care Center, where she had been a patient for three days.

Born: June 2, 1912, in Herrin, Ill., a daughter of the late Ray and Pearl Gibbs Baxley.

Personal: Her husband, Everett, died in 1978.

She and her husband had owned and operated the General Grant Hotel in Georgetown, Ohio. After coming to N.J. she was a clothing and accessories designer for Spadca Patterns in Milford.

Survivors: a daughter, Norma McGlothlin and son-in-law, Robert McGlothlin, of Holland Township; a daughter, Janet Bleck of Chevy Chase, Md.; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters; and a brother.

Services: Private graveside services will take place at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robert W. Snyder Funeral Home, 327 Easton Road, Riegelsville, Pa.

Memorials: to The New Jersey Library for the Blind, P.O. Box 7062, Trenton, NJ 08628.

at 91 yrs., Helen had an interesting and good life.

Lots of travel, she loved England.

As long as she could, she made the wedding gowns for all her family members.

Tammy, Tim and Andy are three of her grandchildren.

The Express-Times

Hackett, Pa.

Feb. 17, 2004

Janet

Helen

NORMA

(Janet's sister)

Tammy

Randa (Sandy)

and Christine



Dec 1994

MOVED - NEW ADDRESSES

Abby & Clark Baker have left Florida for New York State.

Abby & Clark Baker
218 J St.
Albany, N.Y. 12210

Wendy (Rountree) and Lance Miller have left Georgia for W. Virginia.

Lance & Wendy Miller
30 S. Tenney Dr.
Buckhannon, W. Virginia 26201

Jaimie Bleck out of Arkansas, now based in Washington D.C.
When she is not in Africa meeting with everyone from politicians to school principals, she lives in Arlington, Va.

Jaimie Bleck
4141 N. Henderson Rd.
Apt. 1006
Arlington, Va. 22203

Bob Angell left Clinton, N.J. for Bloomsbury, N.J.

Robert Angell
Box 45E
Bloomsbury, N.J. 08804

February 14, 2004

Dear Marion,

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY to a very sweet lady!

I am totally ashamed of myself. I INTENDED to write to you after you kindly sent the program from the HMC lights ceremony. I did appreciate receiving that (tho' I also am ashamed I never did do anything about sponsoring a light yet!)

Now today, we receive the traditional update from you. To be honest, I thought you finally gave up on it, with all the work it involves. AGAIN, more shame. No news from the Grabaus. I will really try to do better next year.

I do, however, want to update YOU on what is going on with us.

Bob just had a successful heart procedure done at the Cleveland Clinic in south Florida. We just returned from his 3 month check-up. We are all excited that he is now experiencing a return of energy unlike that he has known for years!! If he could bottle it, I'd pay any price for a jar or two!!

Calvin has one of the more exciting things going on in his life. He has, for some time, been sponsoring African safari tours. He is now beginning a foundation with the Zulu king for HIV-AIDS. This is all on the internet, but if you still don't have a computer that won't help you. Therefore, I have printed out some of the information I thought you would enjoy.

Rick, Cathie, Mylin and Ryan are all doing well, other than Rick has had some very serious back surgery and is still in the midst of additional work. Mylin, is now 11. Ryan (21) is finally finding his way, after a bit of a struggle.

Calvin's family (Kalynn 16, Bethany 11, and Matthew 7) keep Linda very busy running to Kalynn's games (she's a cheerleader). So far, Linda has NO interest in accompanying Calvin to Africa, but Kalynn will be going for her second time this summer. She went last year and spent 2 weeks in school there. She loves it, and would move there in a heartbeat!!

Bobby, Shawn, and Marley (now 4 in March) continue to be our housemates, and it is still working out fine. (If you didn't know, we added an efficiency apartment on to our house and they have been living in the bigger part for several years.) They all say that Marley is attached to my hip, but I am enjoying it. She is such a joy, and makes getting up each day worth the effort!! (given the aches and pains of old age setting in) ((I am definitely not my namesake's counterpart. She will always be way ahead of me in physical stamina and get-up-and-go whatever it is!))

I wish I had that report card of Mom's when I was growing up!!! They might not have looked so surprised about some of my grades! Where did you get them?

I'll insert a recent picture of the grandchildren (minus Ryan and Luci (Shawn's daughter who lives in south Florida)).



Marley on top, Mylin middle left and Matthew, Kalynn bottom left and Bethany.

I've run out of paper, so most of this is on card stock. Please excuse.

Lots of love to you, Marion -

Caroline



Our president and founder, Calvin Grabau, has been involved with a non-profit organization since 1984, as the General Manager of WNCM FM 88 radio in Jacksonville, Florida, USA. He has also been to South Africa about 11 times since 2001. His friendship with Prince Misu Zulu Zulu has established a relationship with the Zulu Royal family.



Zulu African HIV/AIDS Educational Foundation

1-800-810-ZULU

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TRIVIA

While Clark Baker was bouncing around trying to get them moved, and visiting the farm for 80th Birthday, Abby was in Florida covering the nasty Hurricanes. A rather nerve wracking job.

Certain members of the Grabau family who would like to have attended were kept in Florida because of the Hurricanes.

But those from Ohio, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, N. Caroline, , Georgia, etc. could come and did.

Jaimie Bleck's move to Arlington was a happy one. Closer to home. Her many trips to Africa to meet with various leaders are to hopefully ensure that the monetary funds given that part of the world got to the people they are supposed to get to. Tough Job, but a tough little lady doing it.

Bob Angell going from his town house in Clinton to a small house next to his Bloomsbury, N.J. business. Trying to scale down, Way down. Wondering where to find extra closet space. Going from large walk in closets to teeny old fashioned ones is quite a challenge.

Bob did not make any big trips this year, too busy. Couple of days after Christmas, he headed for Florida to set out the cold winter up here. So far all we've had is Rain, Rain and more Rain. A little snow might brighten up all the MUD.

Lynn Angell, David & Kids went to France the last part of November. Hopped over to Germany for a visit. Educational and fun.

Tom and Sue made a trip to Italy. Am sure they checked out all the wines.

Rob and Paula intended to go skiing in Vermont over Thanksgiving. Would you believe they got RAINED OUT. Thought they might just go look for some snow somewhere. Not sure if they did or if they found any. More Mud than snow in Northeast this year.

Wendy (Rountree) Miller, and Debbie (Rountree) Roesel and family's made it to the 80th Birthday Bash. They each have two children, and seeing them all there was nice. Grandmother Joann really seemed to be enjoying them all in one place for awhile!

The Tradition of Thanksgiving at the Kings is going full force. Linda and Jay do a tremendous job, with some help of course from family members.

Tom and Sue, Rick and Carolyn, Megan and Matt and Tommy King all made it for the feast. The Bleck's were there in force, including Bob and Sue & Kids from Cleveland area.

Tommy King made a peanut butter pie. Very rich. Very Georgia!

After the feast, while others were upstairs cleaning up and/or visiting, Marion stayed downstairs easedropping. Bob Bleck, Tom Bleck, Bobby III Bleck, Tommy Z. Bleck, Tom King, Tommy King, Rick Rountree and Bob Angell were chatting about everything from bowling to brain tumors. With some golf stories, and drinking stories, they were happily jumping from one subject to another. Here I get to be a tattletale.

Tom King at golf, getting a hole in one, two days in a row. Not before, not since, but two days in a row is something to crow about. Bobby III also got a hole in one, once.

Giving Tommy Z. Bleck some teasing about his modeling career. Bobby III and Tommy King felt that they could also be male models. They could model Plus Sizes! Heck, Tommy Z. had been on a shoot in Costa Rica, all expenses paid, sounded good to them.

Tom King telling the tale of He, Rick R. and "Herbie", (which was what they called Allen Rountree,) going Bowling, (I think,) having a tad too much to drink, and deciding to take off to Atlantic City, getting back in the wee hours. I wonder HOW they managed to do that and get back in one piece.

Ann, wife of Tommy King, and Lori, wife of Russ Bleck, both battling brain tumors. Taking things in stride. Bob Bleck also had a tumor. Zoe did some research, and they wound up at a Southern University where brain tumors of certain types were being treated by gamma rays. Bob described being put in a science fiction story., in a podlike thing, with a metal helmet with holes in it on his head, and the rays being directed to certain spots. Worked. Being in a science fiction story wouldn't worry Bob, If a real alien showed up he'd just invite him in for a drink, and to watch the footballgame. Or baseball. Whatever was happening.



SOME OF
THE CHAIR AT
THANKSGIVING.



The 80th Birthday Bash was hosted by Linda, Jay & Margi, Labor Day weekend. Lots and Lots and Lots of food, including Pig Roast, and of course hot dogs. Hot dog grills manned by Troy and Ryan.

In the evening, All were entertained by the musical talents of several of the Storybook farm musicians, including Linda, Ryan, Jay, Troy and their groups.

A good many years ago we could be entertained on New Years by Uncle Bob and the Big Band sound. Now we are entertained by everything from folk songs, to Blue grass, to old fashioned R & R.

The 75th July bash had REALLY HOT weather. This time it got REALLY CHILLY toward evening. But a good time was had by all, with a lot of Storybook Farm T shirts wandering around the food tables.

Thanks Linda, Jay and troops.

Had a good clean up crew too!! Always important, clean up crews. Bob and Rusty Bleck, Russ too. John and Catherine McCabe, were working hard along with Jay and Clark.



Troy

Jay



Food!

Rusty



MARGE SUPERVISING



MUSIC TIME

FINCH RYAN



ALICE + CAROLINE



CREW

Trivia

Caroline Bleck, DEMOCRAT, Received a gift from Janet & Tammy. Janet, who worked for a bookstore, picked up a copy of Bill Clintons book My Life. Than Jan & Tammy set about getting this book personally autographed by President Clinton when he came to that bookstore for the purpose of autographing books. Jan thought, working there, she might have an IN towards getting the job done easily. No Such Luck. There was much waiting in Long Long lines like everyone else. But the deed was finally accomplished, and Caroline was duly appreciative.

Aunt Caroline has slowed down a Tad, but still a good mind, and still loves talking politics.

She does get frustrated trying to "remember all these kids names". At the gettogether it was "Now, what's that one?" Referring to some little one wandering by.

✓ Aunt Caroline - - The next page has a list of all the youngsters names and who they belong to. Maybe it will help. And No, even I can't always remember, have to look them up in the family tree & updates. I'm happy to report that Linda & Margi also refer to the family tree as a memory refresher.

Almost forgot to mention Linda & Jay's new family member. Buster, a collie type canine. They got him from a breeder, and the dog had lived in a cage all his life. So, adjusting to a normal dog's life has been a bit traumatic for him. Lucky for Buster, he has some great new owners.

A funny thing happened on the way back from Thanksgiving Dinner. The friend who had courageously accompanied me to Linda & Jay's feast was getting the lowdown on various family members.

I was mentioning that Tom Bleck had been in the habit of doing pushups every morning, adding one each birthday. Tom planned on trying to do one pushup for each year of his life as long as he could (Should be 50 something by now).

"Mac" looked over at me and quipped, 'AHH, I do pushups, I "push" myself up out of bed every morning"!!!!

Anyone who might have noticed Robert Angell IV's very long hair at the 80th bash, it turns out he was growing it for Locks of Love. Once it gets to 12 inches or so, a special haircut gives the shorn locks to a cancer victim who has lost theirs. Good Job, Robert, and a good heart!

Hopeing y'all Have a Very Good Year!

M. A.

Millenium
KIDS

Parents

Grandparents

Robert Angell IV
Mersina Angell

Rob & Paula

Bob & Shirley
Angell

Curtis Angell Wiant
Sarah Angell Wiant
Phoebe Rose Angell Wiant

Lynn & David

" "

Padraig Kerrigan

Jennifer & Joe

Chip & Gail
ANGELL

John (Jack) McCabe
Matthew McCabe

Catherine & John

" "

Lauren Fess
Chad Fess
Noah Fess

Cindy and Chris

Allen & Lynn

Brooke Goodgame

Lorri & Bo

" "
ANGELL

BLECK

Benjamin Bleck
Jesse Bleck
Julia Bleck

Bob & Sue

Bob & Lynn
BLECK

Rusty Bleck
Chelsea Bleck
Tanner Bleck

Russ & Lori

" "

Aislinn Bleck

Tim & Gina

Tim & Janet
BLECK

Kelley McMillan
Tommy McMillan

Tammy & Brad

" "

Nathaniel (Nate) Bleck
Samantha (Sam) Bleck

Andy & Kim

" "

KING

Will King
Emily King

Michael & Marcia

Tom & Sue
KING

Errin King
Kyle King

Tommy & Ann

" "

ROUNTREE

Casey Roesel
Tyler Roesel

Debbie & Steve

Allen & Joann
Rountree

Ethen Miller
Anna Miller

Wendy & Lance

" "

GRABAU

Marley Francis Grabau
Luci (by marriage)

Bobby & Shawn

Caroline &
Bob GRABAU

Kalynn Grabau
Matthew Grabau
Bethany Grabau

Calvin & Linda

" "

Ryan Grabau
Mylon Grabau

Ricky & Kelly
Ricky & Cathy

" "

" "

Granny Angell - --- There are now 37 great great grandchildren.
19 boys 18 girls

Aunt Caroline, Only 11 of them are Your great grandchildren.

THANKS + 215/12/18667

Trivia

Funny how some tiny thing can spark a memory.
In this case, reading a book, and the phrase, "must have black
eyed peas on New Years" leaped out at me.
Thought of Uncle Herbert, the Southern transplant, (I Should
say one of our Southern transplants.)

That brought on a small deluge of MENU MEMORIES.

Mom Gould (Elizabeth Angell Gould), and her grits.

Aunt Francis Rountree and her fondness for liver patte'.

Then it was Lynn Angell when she was small. Only thing she
was interested in eating was shrimp, peanut butter, more
shrimp, hot dogs and more shrimp. Remember taking her out for
her birthday, 7th or 8th, and all she chose was shrimp, shrimp
and shrimp. So, OK, it's her birthday. Whatever!!!!!!

Then there was Timmy Bleck. Refused to eat anything Red.
No spaghetti sauce for him. Just put butter on his spaghetti!!
(Gina says he still doesn't like anything red on his plate)

That brought on thoughts of the delicious Mexican meals Tom
and Sue King had on New Years Eve for awhile. They had lived
in California for a few years and acquired a taste for Taco's,
Enchilada's and such.

Which reminded me of my favorite thing, SALAD. Gail Angell
made the best green salad. I could have eaten the whole
humungous bowl by myself. Fortunately my Mom had taught me
a FEW manners!!!!

Lastly, Helen Brown's dinner rolls. Fantastic. Luckily, Tim
Bleck is keeping Grandma Brown's receipe and tradition very
much alive!

Shirley Angell served an egg, cheese, sauage, etc., casserole
type
(Sorry, Lynn, can't thing what you call it), but it is delicious.
That's CHristmas morning brunch, the tradition Lynn is carrying
on.

Well, all this food is making me hungry, you'll please excuse
me while I find somethinig to gnaw on.

What are YOUR MENU MEMORIES??

Christmas Greetings:

I saw instructions in the paper for making bath salts and thought it was a really neat idea to go with the candles I had been making. I bought all the stuff and the special jars and I was set to go. I made red scented raspberry and purple scented almond. I looked forward to trying out my new product. The candles were lit, the bathroom smelled great with my raspberry bath salts and I enjoyed my bath. My first clue something had gone awry was the pink streaked tub after the water drained. My second clue was when I looked at me and I was also a rosy streaked hue. I had used the candle dye instead of food coloring.

As I stood in the bathroom feeling relieved that I hadn't tried the purple, it dawned on me that I would have dyed my friends and their bathtubs had I not tried it out. Then I got tickled. The more I thought about the gift that no one would ever forget, nor perhaps forgive, the funnier it got.

So far there is no product that I have found to get the pink dye out of the bathtub. I'm not too worried about me – it's winter. Jake, on the other hand, has been busy trying to find the phone number for the Golden Retriever Rescue Group. He is not at all sure he wants to live with such a nut.

The rest of my year has been spent trying to train the most enthusiastic dog ever born. Jake loves life and everyone he meets. Walking him is a daily adventure. I admitted defeat and dropped out of our third dog training class. That was the class he was supposed to learn to heel – not lunge. But I know that there is a wonderful calm dog deep inside this puppy. I will be patient.

Have a Wonderful New Year and a White Christmas, bathtub and all. Oh, I just saw the neatest instructions for...

Love,



December 2004



WE GOT CANDLES FOR
CHRISTMAS INSTEAD OF
BATH SALTS!



1970 or 71 , thereabout -----
Uncle John & Aunt Marion helping Lynn A. build her
snowperson. Up off of Hill Rd., lots of snow that
year, so could make a BIIIG one.