

Oss Family Christmas News for 2011

Christ's Mass => Christmas. Jesus is the reason for the season, and for this news letter. We wish you a merry Christmas.

We've been blessed by so many "angels" in our life. Ed, George, and Jeanie have blessed us in many ways during their time with us. They, like you, give us express and implied love.

Sadly Tiger and Missy are both gone. We miss them a lot.

Weddings spurred several trips. Jason and Kristen, Christopher and Mindy plus Ruthy and I have all celebrated our weddings. Jason and Christopher certainly picked beautiful brides, and families to join. Our 50th anniversary was wonderful with pastor Blaski, who married us, leading us through renewing our vows. Our boys and families were all there.

I'm in the [South Monaco Optimist club](#). What giant blessings. I've taken pictures of Supper Citizens along with their families and teachers. We served 700 Boy's and Girl's Club members Thank's Giving dinners the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. That's just two of the forty active projects in our service club of a hundred and fifty members.

The diversity of the students in the ten Denver public schools we serve with our Supper Citizen program is amazing. McMeen Elementary has over 26 languages spoken in the homes of the students. Samuels Elementary has 30. The notion of bilingual education is a slap in the face for a great many immigrants. The very bright eyes in faces of three generation families I have photographed gives evidence to a lot of hope for the future of the new families who are becoming new citizens of our country. Telling 28 out of 30 foreign language based families that they don't count is wrong. I vote for taxes supporting one language for all general education classes. Let language classes be available, but only for enrichment of experience for advanced students.

Our Bible Studies have been blessed by the instruction of Jerry, Sharon, and Rudie. We

have hopes of spreading the activity. Some current students can facilitate new group studies. I look forward to the next year.

It hasn't all been wine and roses. Hans and Darcy are breaking up. Hans is beginning a new job with Parelli Natural Horsemanship in Pagosa Springs Colorado. He is a senior buyer and purchasing agent.

Brandon moved in with us. He brings sunshine and "fresh meat" to our table. Actually the meat is for the racquet ball court. I better be carefull or Brandon will have me for lunch by spring. We're expecting to learn how Chatfield HS operates once again. Hopefully Hans and Ivan left our name intact when they graduated HS. I expect Brandon will do very nicely. He worked with me at our optimist club tree lot. He is a good worker and is quick to make friends.

Our Tuesday Bible study is blessing both Brandon and me. Don Urben presented a devotion about samdpaper people. We related. The next week we had a devotion about scape goating. We related.

We were in Washington DC September 17th for the 50th anniversary of the NRO. [Gambit and Hexagon space craft were on display](#) for three hours at the Smithsonian Udvar-Hazy air and space museum.

Our HS and grade school reunions were great fun. Our grade school softball team of 60 years ago were represented by the pitcher, 1st base, short stop, and third base players.

Colby and Ashley Burner launched into their new marriages. We are very happy for them, and looking forward to Joseph Rower and Caitlin's wedding in Indiana this comming summer.

Wishing you a merry Christmas.

John, Ruth and Brandon

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