

Happy New Year Everyone!

As 2012 comes to a close, we have much to reflect upon. For us it was a quiet year, but a year of change. For the east coast it was a year of tragedy.

2012 will be known as our “year of jigsaw puzzles” as we sort of went nuts and have had one or another of our newest collection under construction nearly constantly all year long.



Eileen and Bruce with Kevin Nealon

club, Southern Cruisers Riding Club (SCRC). We have made so many great friends and have had so many outings with this group; our lives have literally been changed forever. In January some SCRC friends saw Kevin Nealon at the DC Improv.

Early in the year, Bruce’s father, Earl, finally dug those old slides from his childhood out of the hallway closet and sent them away to be digitized. Dad took the resulting files and created a pictorial story starting from his days in the



Preparing to cycle on Sullivan Island

did it.

In March, Bruce and Eileen went on a real vacation to Charleston, SC. It was the first trip for the Hyundai SUV, which was used to carry our bicycles along. Charleston is a wonderful, cultural, and historic town that we will most definitely be visiting again.

Eileen

Eileen made it through another year working for AIHA as conference planner. This year’s conference was held in Indianapolis, so Bruce did not take a mini-



Eileen and her sibs, Lee, Cindy, and Sue during an August visit to celebrate Cindy’s and their step-father Alex’s birthdays.



It's Just Puzzling

This has been a great way to keep our aging brains, active. We still have a half dozen or so not yet opened, so this will likely continue through 2013.

We continue to be very active with our motorcycle



Bruce in 1959

U.S. Navy before he met Nancie (Bruce’s mom) through our happiest years growing up in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Indiana. It was quite a project, and we’re forever grateful he

vacation this time. The 2013 conference will be in Montreal, and you can bet he won’t miss that. The outlook for Eileen at AIHA took a turn for the better this year, so she can breathe a sigh of relief and really start to enjoy her job. Her now famous “Diablo’s Kiss” chili won 1st place at another chili cook-off this year, making it a three-time award winner!

Eileen’s dental reconstruction from her bicycle

accident in 2010 was finally completed in February with excellent results.



Eileen with her cousin Andy Bergman, who visited us in September

In August, Eileen went to Florida to celebrate her sister’s 50th birthday and Alex’s 88th which were both on the same day! She also played a major role in the planning of her 35-year high school reunion, which was held in August at Tobay Beach on Long Island. The restaurant where the reunion was held was destroyed three months later by hurricane Sandy.

She has also been enjoying her new-found empty nest freedom going to the theater and museums with her friends. Ending the year on a positive note, she has made a pledge to do 26 acts of kindness in memory of the children and teachers whose lives were lost in Newtown.

Bruce

Not much to report for Bruce this year. Maybe that’s a good thing. His Yamaha Venture motorcycle has become his primary mode of transportation, easily accruing more than double the miles the Hyundai accrued in 2012. About 1200 of those miles were ridden on his annual trip to Indiana and Ohio, during which a nasty derecho storm devastated most of Ohio, northern West Virginia, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. The trip had to be cut one day short as a result, and our home was without power for more than five days during 100+ degree temperatures.

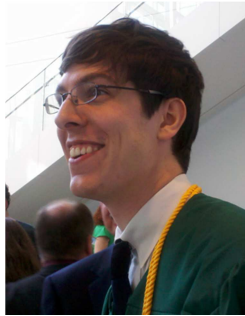


Bruce at work

Bruce’s employer, Orbital Sciences Corp., failed to launch its first COTS (demo) spacecraft as planned. The spacecraft is ready, but the rocket and launch site are having issues. A demo rocket launch is expected during the first quarter of 2013 with the demo cargo launch hopefully before the end of the second quarter. The launch will be from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport (MARS), right here on Wallops Island in Virginia. Bruce hopes to turn at least one of the events into a SCRC group motorcycle ride.

David

David graduated summa cum laude from George Mason University in May. We are incredibly proud of him for his achievement. During the year, he interviewed with Google in Pittsburgh, Booz Allen Hamilton (BAH) in McLean, and Orbital Sciences. He initially accepted a position at BAH, but that didn't work out to his satisfaction. So in November he accepted a position at a local consulting firm, IDT, where he gets challenging assignments. Did I mention his best friend, Jack (fellow alum), also works there and referred him?



David on commencement day

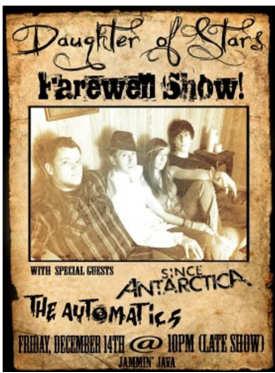
member of AEPi - the Jewish fraternity. Mark Zuckerberg is also a brother! Andrew took a short break from GMU in the spring of 2012 and has been working at Giant (grocery store). He will return to school in January 2013, hopefully reenergized, pursuing his study of chemistry with minors in physics and renewable energy. He will continue to work part time.

In Closing...

During the winter break, Eileen and Bruce went to Norfolk to visit Rachel and took her for a car ride as we did last December. She was relaxed but awake and happy for the entire 90-minute ride, looking at the holiday lights.

In 2013, Bruce and Eileen will celebrate 30 years of marriage. We hope to take a cruise somewhere exotic, like the Mediterranean, for a couple weeks. But that's not been finalized yet.

2012 has definitely been a much better year than the previous one and we are so thankful for this. With this letter we are sending our best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to you!



Daughter of Stars

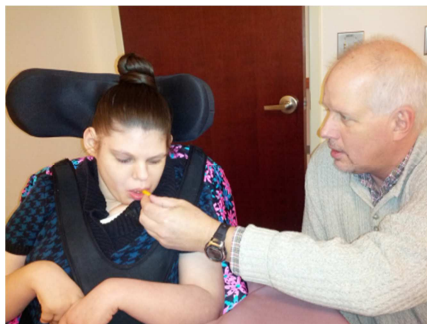
David played bass guitar most of the year with the band Daughter of Stars (previously known as Rely on Fire). They completed recording four of their best songs, which were mastered and made available for listening on their Facebook page. The band gave several concerts during the year and became extremely popular. But differences among the members arose and they disbanded in early December.

During their last concert at Jammin' Java right here in Vienna, David was invited to join another band (funk rock) whose bassist is leaving the country. He should begin practicing with them in January.

In December, David moved into an apartment in Fairfax with two other guys. He is truly seeking his independence and has most definitely earned it.

Rachel

Rachel turned 21 in May and graduated from high school. She is doing incredibly well at St. Mary's and will move into the new Albero House adult facility in



Rachel loves, loves, loves Cheetos

the first quarter of 2013, where she will have a private room.

We were only able to visit her a few times during 2012, but we still see her twice a week via webcam.

Andrew

Andrew is now 19 years old. While at George Mason (GMU), he became a



Andrew at Chanukah



David and Andrew with Grandpa Al

Don't forget to visit our website at <http://scherzinger.org> where there are lots of photos and all our past newsletters. We are also on Facebook and have enjoyed keeping up with many of you over the years.



Happy New Year!

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