

Seasons Greetings

WOW! I DON'T THINK THERE'S A BETTER WORD TO DESCRIBE THE PAST YEAR! LET'S SEE; WHERE TO START?. WE WERE BLESSED WITH A BEAUTIFUL HEALTHY BABY GIRL ON JANUARY 12TH, 2000 (ALLYSON ELI SABBETH RUTH.) 10 FINGERS, 10 TOES, AND HAPPY AS CAN BE! SHE'S NOW 11 MONTHS OLD, WEIGHS JUST OVER 19 LBS, AND HAS 4 TEETH. SHE'S BECOMING QUITE AN EXPERT AT WALKING AND CLIMBING STAIRS. (HOWEVER, GOING DOWN STAIRS IS A DIFFERENT STORY) SO FAR, HER CLAIM TO FAME IS HER ABILITY TO EAT HER WEIGHT IN PEPPERIDGE FARM GOLDFISH CRACKERS.

ALLY IS FORTUNATE TO BE PART OF A PENN STATE ALUMNI BABY BOOM. 3 BABIES BORN WITHIN 5 MONTHS. ABIGAIL (LISA & PAUL'S DAUGHTER) WAS BORN IN DECEMBER 1999, AND KAYLEY (VALERIE & CHRIS'S DAUGHTER) WAS BORN IN APRIL 2000. THE THREE OF THEM NORMALLY SEE EACH OTHER AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK. THEY'RE WELL ON THEIR WAY TO BECOMING THE THREE MUSKETEERS.

THIS YEAR, ALLYSON ATTENDED HER FIRST WEDDING (SUZY'S BROTHER BILL MARRIED DANIELLE WOOD IN MAY), WAS BAPTIZED IN MARCH, ATTENDED HER FIRST PENN STATE TAILGATE (WE BEAT PURDUE!!!), SAW THE OCEAN FOR THE FIRST TIME (MYRTLE BEACH, SC) AND PUT HER FIRST ORNAMENT ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

IN NOVEMBER, WE LEFT ALLYSON IN ALLENTOWN WITH HER GRANDPARENTS, RENTED A LIMO WITH 4 OTHER COUPLES, AND HEADED TO NEW YORK CITY FOR THE DAY. WE SAW CABORET ON BROADWAY, AND ENJOYED THE DAY WITH A GREAT GROUP OF FRIENDS! THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED! WE HAD A REALLY GREAT TIME!

WE'RE BOWLING IN THE TUESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE AGAIN THIS YEAR. ALLYSON IS THE HIT OF THE BOWLING ALLEY. WE FIGURE SHE'LL BE READY TO JOIN THE TEAM NEXT YEAR! WE STILL TRY TO GET OUT FOR SOME DANCING AND POOL SHOOTING ONCE IN A WHILE. IT'S NOT QUITE THE SAME SINCE THEY DEMOLISHED BLACKIES, BUT WE'VE FOUND A FEW SUBSTITUTE HANGOUTS.

JOBS ARE THE SAME AS LAST YEAR. ERIC IS STILL WORKING FOR LASON (FORMERLY MSI) HE IS NOW THE CHIEF SYSTEMS ENGINEER. SUZY IS STILL WITH LOCKHEED MARTIN, SHE WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR DATABASE ENGINEER IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR, SHORTLY AFTER RETURNING TO WORK FROM MATERNITY LEAVE.

ALLYSON STARTED DAYCARE IN APRIL. WHILE MOM AND DAD ARE AT WORK, SHE SPENDS HER DAYS WITH MRS. ROBIN (A WONDERFUL MOTHER OF 2 DAUGHTERS (EMILY AND SARA.) WHO LIVES JUST A FEW BLOCKS AWAY.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WOULD LIKE TO KEEP UP WITH ALLYSON'S LIFE ON THE INTERNET, YOU CAN DO SO AT [HTTP://WWW.WINNEBAIGI.NET/ALLYSON](http://www.winnebaigi.net/allyson) (ALL LOWER CASE.) SHE UPDATES IT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, BUT WITH HER BUSY SCHEDULE, AND LIMITED TYPING SKILLS, THE UPDATES DON'T HAPPEN AS QUICKLY SOME PEOPLE WOULD LIKE. PLEASE HAVE PATIENCE WHILE LOOKING FOR UPDATES.

ALLYSON WOULD LIKE TO PASS ALONG HER THANKS TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR ALL THEIR LOVE AND SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR! ESPECIALLY HER VERY CARING GREAT GRANDPARENTS, OH-SO-COOL GOD PARENTS AND AWESOME GRANDPARENTS!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE THROUGHOUT 2001!**

ERIC, SUZY & ALLYSON

