



PEACE

HOPE

LIGHT

LOVE



The Thanksgiving decorations are put away. The last of the turkey and pumpkin pie are history. Now the Christmas lights are shining and the UPS truck is stopping regularly. We have sung in one Christmas choral concert and are preparing for another. But as we write this holiday letter, the weather does not feel like winter is just around the corner. It has been a mild fall.



one list, rather than scattered through the various bird books she owns. Doug took many pictures and has them on our website.



One of the many interesting places we visited was Olduvai Gorge in Tanzania where

the Leakeys discovered early human remains dated at 1.75 million years. The Serengeti is an unbeliev-



In early February we headed to Kenya and Tanzania in East Africa. We spent two weeks riding in Land Rovers and flying in small planes photographing the many wild animals and birds on the Masai Mara Reserve and Amboseli National Park in Kenya and in the Tarangire National Park, Ngorongoro Crater, and the Seren-



able sea of roaming herds of animals-wildebeest, zebra, elephants, giraffe, various types of antelope, and of course lions, cheetah, and

geti in Tanzania. Our guides were very knowledgeable and managed to show us much of the area. Lois had a great time birding and added nearly 200 new birds to her life list. Now she just has to get all of the birds she has recorded in



leopards, just to name some of the animals we saw there and in other places on our safari.

We had a great time and are glad we made the trip.



Both of us remain very active in our Church and in a local community chorus. Doug keeps himself busy designing posters and program books for the choral group and keeping the Church's website current. He is ever the "techie". He also serves as treasurer and secretary for some local organizations. We both sing in the Church choir and Lois is the substitute organist. Lois continues as the Clerk of the Church as well. Both of us are active in our community and never seem to lack something to do.

We spent quite a lot of time in and on Long Pond this past summer. It was a hot summer so there was lots of water time. The grandchildren love to spend time in the water when they are here. They also like the kayaking and canoeing. Sunfish sailing races took up our weekends. In general Doug was ahead of Lois but not always. She got a few flags this year for a change.

Lois continues her early morning routine of running, with swimming in the summer and early fall. She had a Columbus Day swim this year as it was unseasonably warm. She ran a 5 K race on Thanksgiving Day with our daughter Heather. Both Doug and Lois manage to get to a local gym most weekday mornings as well.



Kimberly began a new job at St. Joseph's College of Maine as the Service Learning Coordinator. Her husband, Dave keeps very busy with his music gigs. McKenzie is a busy sophomore in high school. She loves music and just found out she made All State Chorus. Kieran is in 6th grade. He loves playing soccer, swimming and is an avid reader.

Heather is teaching 4th grade in North Berwick, Maine. Her husband, Wayne continues his long commute into Boston for his work. Sam is now a 4th grader and has begun to play the trumpet and takes art lessons. Rebecca loves dancing and takes piano lessons. She is in second grade. They all ski as well.

As we head into another new year we hope it will be a healthy, happy year for all of you. Let's hope there will be PEACE, HOPE, LIGHT, and LOVE in all of your lives. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Dave, Kimberly, McKenzie, Lois, Doug, Kieran, Rebecca, Sam, Heather, Wayne.

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