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2011—All in the Family

By Brian Oliva.

Greetings to our friends and family. This year marks our 21st Christmas in Ohio, and was a great year full of opportunities and blessings. There were job changes for Janice and me. Michael and his band got some great publicity. No one had any serious health issues! We were able to have a

great combination family reunion and vacation in Las Vegas. All in all it was a very good year! Welcome to Issue 20 of our annual family newsletter! Thanks for being part of our lives and letting us share with you. We look forward to keeping you up to date with what we've been up to.



The family in Las Vegas: Ronnie and Christine Wachter, Michael and Janice Oliva, Christie Ann and Stacy Klangos, and Brian Oliva



Ronnie and Christine at the Grand Canyon.

Christine and Ronnie

Christine and Ronnie still reside in the windy city. They just celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary, and both continue to enjoy their jobs as journalists. They gave up their vacation this year to join us in Las Vegas for the family reunion, and we're really glad they did. They celebrated the Thanksgiving Holiday with Ronnie's family in Kansas and will venture down to Cincinnati to spend Christmas with us.

Brian's Year

I've had a pretty good year as well. No new health issues and all the old ones are behaving. I changed jobs within GE Aviation last May moving back to Global Sourcing after working the Volvo Revenue Share accounts in Sweden and Norway for over 12 years. It was time for a change and I'm enjoying my new assignment working with suppliers of complex fabrications and assemblies. One of my suppliers is in Fitchburg, Mass., just down the street from my old high school. My other suppliers are in Canada, South Korea, and Brazil. We don't travel nearly as much anymore, but I was able to get back to Massachusetts for a few days last summer. I've been with GE over 38 years now, and while I've seen a lot of changes over the years, I really can't complain. God has really blessed me and provided me with a wonderful career.

Condolences

Condolences to my father Leon Oliva on the sudden passing of my step-mother Cecelia. She will be remembered and missed.

Janice's Year

Jan had one of the best years in a long time. While she still occasionally has problems with her ankle, especially in rainy weather, she has been able to get around quite well and did not have any new issues. She really enjoyed the trip to Las Vegas to see her Uncle Peter and cousins. (More on that on page 2!) She continued to work helping out a friend of ours who is a mortgage officer for most of the year which was great because she could work from home. When that work started to dry up this fall, she was blessed with a new job working with the Muscular Dystrophy Association making phone calls. It's the perfect job for her, because she has a comfortable office where she can sit, doesn't have to use a computer, and basically gets paid to talk! How perfect is that! It's

also a fun job where she gets to send people to jail. (You can call her for more info on that!) And really enjoys her co-workers. In November, she celebrated a special 64th birthday on 11.11.11 with a house-full of family and friends. It was a great party which included a serenade by Michael and Christine.



Janice, Elvis, and Jan's cousin Gretchen.

Viva Las Vegas

The real highlight of 2011 was our trip to Las Vegas last spring. The primary purpose of the visit was to reunite with Janice's Uncle Peter and his family. Peter is the youngest of her Dad's seven siblings and the last one living. He stepped in to help when her Dad died in 1964, and gave her away at our wedding. Janice, Michael and I were there between April 29th and May 9th. We were joined for a few days by Christine and Ronnie, Jan's cousin Gale, and her daughter Gretchen.



Back Row: Brian and Janice Oliva, Peter and Ava Klangos
Front: Mike Oliva is surrounded by his cousins Christie Ann and Stacy Klangos.

While Christine and Ronnie snuck in for a short visit in 2005, most of us hadn't see Peter since 1990. It was a wonderful trip! Peter's daughters are wonderful hostesses and took great care of us. We had numerous gatherings at Peter's house and at our timeshare (with hot tub and pool) where we shared stories, played music and sang, and worked on the Klangos Family genealogy. We bonded and built friendships (Mike and Peter are so much alike it's a little scary!) and had a number of great dinners, and surprisingly even found a little time to do some sightseeing! We spent a day touring the Hoover Dam and the west rim of the Grand Canyon (including the 'skywalk'). We visited several casinos and resorts including the Sahara just a few days before it closed. We



Family Dinner at a Greek Restaurant included Gale, Ava, Christine, Ronnie, Michael, Brian, Peter, Janice, Christie Ann and Stacy, and their boyfriends Dave 1 and Dave 2.

Mike's Year

Mike continues to aggressively pursue his career as a musician. His band, The Harlequins, has a big following in Cincinnati and has been getting lots of good reviews. In 2011 they played 43 shows and released a music video and EP entitled "Midwest Coast." They were nominated for the Cincinnati Entertainment Awards in the Best Indie/Alternative Band category. The band was selected to represent Cincinnati in the Vice Records / Vitaminwater Uncapped Series resulting in two sponsored shows. A film crew followed them around the city

for a day documenting their haunts with interviews, and selections from their shows. Different versions of the six minute documentaries were posted on vice.com and vitaminwater.com. They also played showcases at the Midpoint Music Festival and Clifton Heights Music Festival. The band is currently in the studio recording a new full length album expected to be released in the spring of 2012. You can easily see all the videos and reviews at theharlequinsmusic.com or in the Press section of sonicbids.com/theharlequins.



Mike and his band The Harlequins rock out a capacity crowd at the MOTR Pub in Cincinnati during one of the Vitaminwater Uncapped Live Showcases in July.

were also able to take in the Cirque-du-Soleil "Love" show featuring The Beatles music catalog which was truly amazing! Jan had another reunion opportunity in October when she met up with her Aunt Janice and family who she hadn't seen in 41 years. They saw Janice's granddaughter's synchronized ice skating performance at Miami University (Ohio.)



Peter and Mike review old family photos.

Closing Thoughts

So much to say and so little space! If you'd like to keep up, we're all active on Facebook. Look us up! In the meantime, thanks again for being part of our lives! We wish you Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! (Hey, someone should write a song about that!) With all our love...

Janice and Brian Oliva & Family

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again:
Rejoice! Phl 4:4 (NIV)*