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2015 Lefton-Steinbart Holiday Letter

Hannah graduated with honors from UGA in May with a double major in Political Science and International Affairs. We can all rest easy now knowing that she'll handle the big world problems and we can just sleep in for a change. Since then, she's held down two full time jobs. One was a summer camp coordinator at Extra Special People, which is an Athens, GA group that works with children with developmental disabilities. The next was a competitive internship at the Public Defender's office in Washington DC where she lived for several months with Dick and Sylvia (Enid's sister) and did fun "field work" like serving subpoenas, taking statements and hanging out in some of DC's seedier districts (Tip: you can often park right in front of the crack house, since everyone else parks around the corner...). Hannah had a lovely visit to New Mexico in August where she and Linda and Charna shared tips on fighting with your sister. She is also continuing to pursue a Peace Corps appointment, and we're very proud of Hannah in every way.

Natalie is a sophomore, and she changed her major at Georgia Tech from Chemistry to Chemical Engineering. She studied abroad last summer in Lyon, France which is a gastronomic capital. She enjoyed the cheese, bread and wine as much as (maybe even more than) she enjoyed learning Organic Chemistry, which is arguably responsible for cheese, bread and wine. She took full advantage of European open borders to travel on the weekends to Germany, Italy, Vatican City, Switzerland, Spain, and Morocco. <sarcasm> It's so hard being a student these days </sarcasm>. Natalie has been involved in several organizations at Georgia Tech, too. She is in Lambda Sigma which is a national honor society, and does service work with the Campus Christian Fellowship and the Campus Kitchens project. All three presumably include free pizza, since it's college and <sarcasm> it's so hard being a student these days </sarcasm>. We're also very proud of Natalie in every way.

Monica is now finishing up her sophomore year and is in her last semester at Oxford College at Emory University. She plans to move to the Atlanta campus in fall 2016 which means she'll have more opportunities to dress up Bo in seasonable fashions. Of course, <sarcasm> Bo loves this </sarcasm>. Monica, always the entrepreneur, spent her summer as a nanny and babysitter. She calculated that she made more money and had a better schedule than she would have had doing a minimum wage job over the entire summer. Monica joined Lew and Enid for a trip to Paris as Natalie was finishing up her studies. We all enjoyed the art, the food, the history, and the amazing fireworks launched from the Eiffel Tower on Bastille day. Monica is a co-Editor in Chief for the Oxford Spokesman and has also written for the Emory Wheel. She is currently an English major with a minor in Economics so that gives her two decent shots at a Nobel Prize. Monica was inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma national honor society and was selected as an organizer for a great program on campus called Leadership Oxford. And, we're (wait for it.....) very proud of Monica in every way.

The Lefton pets are all well. Madison is getting older (I guess they all are, technically...) and slower (unless you smell like meat or possum). Ralph doesn't come by as much now that Hannah is back in Decatur but

sometimes, when we almost trip on nothing at all, we feel his spirit. Bo has mellowed quite a bit which means he only harasses his A-list and leaves everyone else for other cats to hiss at.

We changed things up at Thanksgiving this year and went to visit Sylvia and Dick Rortvedt's since Hannah was living there during her internship. We enjoyed the long weekend in Arlington and the chance to catch up with Sylvia, Dick, Stephanie, Sofi, and Ellen, who came down for another mini-Steinbart sister reunion. Next time Neal really needs to show up to defend himself and make sure the Rich and Agnes family history is fact checked. It was also nice to see cousins Victor, Marissa, Janet, and extended loved ones. We also enjoyed a visit from our niece Emily Nemens and her friend Keel who stopped by over Labor Day to celebrate the Southern Review at the Decatur Book Festival.

Enid completed the Decatur "Grand Slam" which encompassed several local 5K races this year. She even runs when it's cold outside which surprises all of us, but especially herself. She enjoyed our trip to Paris which included some up-close and personal time with Notre Dame gargoyles. Now she has some new facial expressions to use when faced with a GT student who needs her signature at 4:59 PM on a deadline day. Enid's baller advising helped her pick up a series of awards and honors that led to a National level recognition at the NACADA (National Academic Advising Association) conference in Las Vegas. She enjoyed a bit of hiking in the Red Rock Canyon while there. Enid still plays Bunko, helps out with childcare at the church, and is engaged with several book clubs. She enjoys cooking and baking and is slowly being dragged into the world of technology since she now owns an iPad. This gives her the opportunity to feel completely frustrated and out of control, but fortunately, as a former mother of three teenage girls, this is a familiar feeling. We're all very proud of Enid in every way.

Lew was appointed as the Assistant Dean of Information Technology in the College of Sciences this summer. He still maintains a partial appointment in the School of Math where he continues to teach and work on projects. In particular, he's still leading the Humor Genome Project which explores online humor through use of data analytics and cognitive models. It's either cutting edge science or just an excuse for students to learn things in a fun context. Or both. As a Dean, he gets to go to more meetings and sift through more email, but he also has a larger leadership role, especially around things like management of research data, IT staffing models, and leveraging new technologies on campus to better support research and learning. Lew still performs occasional stand up and improv comedy, including geeky shows for the Atlanta Science Festival. He was one of the organizers of the Atlanta Maker Faire, but most of his volunteer time (yes, he still has a slice) has gone into leading the startup nonprofit organization Decatur Makers decaturmakes.org, a community makerspace. It's a lot of work for him, but has been extremely rewarding to see how it positively impacts the community and is growing into a sustainable non-profit business. He also enjoyed Paris but even better for him was a side trip to Geneva and Chamonix where he caught up Claude, his French sister who was a foreign exchange student that lived with the Leftons many decades ago. And, except for his permanent state of tardiness which caused this "holiday" letter to arrive in the second half of January, we're all very proud of Lew in every way

We would love to see you in 2016! Atlanta is easy to get to, and you always have a place to stay. And we'll share

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May you and your loved ones have a new year full of happiness, health and peace.

Happy <belated> Hanukkah!

Merry <belated> Christmas!

Happy <belated> New Year!