

APOL Sauce

THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE FAMILY OF JAY & GRACINE APOL

Beppe

Hello Family!

In the months after our last ApolSauce, I have enjoyed time with family and friends—I also did a couple of day tours like Tulip Time and a trip to Ikea. We also had a visit from Shane and Megan and two friends. We were able to welcome Megan into our family. We had a shower for Rachel Van Kempen, and the wedding of Rachel and Nate. Then on to the Stoney Haven Campground.

Sat—Families arrived at various times. Gwyn, Paul, Michele and Andrew were some of the day visitors. The Kamingas had visited with me during the week and were returning to Mas. On Sunday. Our family had reserved 17 spaces at camp—10 RV's, 5 cabins and 2 tent spots. Other tents appeared on RV sites, Hammocks also appeared. The weather was ideal for camping. Everyday everyone spent time visiting, going to the beach, floating down the river, jumping off the bridge, the children enjoyed riding their bikes or the bikes available at camp. Bob introduced a game to the family—which became a competition between teams....fun! We had craft time for the children and everyone else that enjoyed doing crafts. The children were read to and played games. Through the whole time the coffee pot was on (Beppe took her cup pot). Gummy Bears were also available from Beppe!

Sunday—the owners of the camp invited everyone to a service of scripture reading and singing. After church we had a picture taking session and we were also treated with cake for Hermans birthday.

Monday—Chef Barb fixed a meal for all of us called "Mexican Haystack" - very good—thanks Barb! The quick answers are included—how did you do?

A quick review of the week—who attended each day. During the week, number in attendance either stayed or visited—23 Grandchildren, 44 Great-grandchildren.

Day	Adults	Children	Total
Saturday	36	34	70
Sunday	46	34	80
Monday	36	35	71
Tuesday	33	34	67
Wednesday	28	22	50
Thursday	20	24	44
Friday	14	19	35
Saturday	2	6	8

Thank you Lord for a safe and enjoyable camp week. The week had memories of Jay, husband, Dad, Grandpa and Paka. We know he enjoyed camping and would be grateful, happy and thankful that his family enjoys being together.

Jay left me with a wonderful legacy—Love Grace, Mom, Grandma, Beppe



Next Newsletter Deadline is November 1, 2009

Doug & Mae

We are back in the cool/hot/cool/hot South Dakota. Can't wait until global warming hits us!? We had an awesome time with all of you camping (missed the ones that didn't make it). It was good to catch up and make some new connections. Next camping trip I vote for name tags!

The garden was waiting for us and so were some hungry cats since the raccoon got into the garage and ate the food. We head up to mom and dads for the next week and half helping with Sara and some freezing and canning. While we are gone Doug will be gone hiking. Then when we get back...time to start some learning! Can't say the kids are all that excited about it yet but I'm sure that will change...ok probably not. We are excited with our home school co-op this year. We have some really great families.

I also wanted to thank-you for getting a campground with cabins right with the campers and tents. It really means a lot to our family when sacrifices are made so that we can fellowship together a little more easily.

Since we just chatted with most of you -there really isn't much new. Once I find the time to download pictures onto snapfish I will send out the link so you can check them out. (Doug doesn't appreciate me doing that while he is working:)

Doug, Mae, Madison, Jessica, Abby, Sam and Benjamin

Jeff & Annie

Hello from the heat again. Was so nice to experience some Fallish weather while we were visiting MI/MN.:) It was so great to see everyone and we missed all of you that couldn't make it. It was a beautiful wedding and a great camping trip. We are ready for the next one!

Will would like some more gummi bears Beppa:) He still talks about that.

Hope you all have a great rest of the summer.

Love, Jeff, Annie, Will, and Julia



New Address!

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Rod & Sharon

Hey All,

I guess it's about time we wrote, You probably think Rod and I have fallen off the face of the earth. So here goes, Finally finishing up the last of the really big stuff on the monster re-model, Rod has done a very wonderful job and we couldn't be happier with how things turned out. Keep in mind, we LOVE visitors. Now I just need some landscape help, any suggestions are welcome!!

Jordyn will be starting her second year at St Cloud State in the fall and Payton and Kierstyn are going into their junior year at Stevenson High school with a place on the varsity volleyball team, so that will keep them busy. I am still working at the graphics company as a buyer. It's handy that my boss is also my neighbor so I was able to take half days for several weeks in the summer to be with the girls as they visited.

Rod is still with North Star Imaging doing well and keeping busy (thank the Lord). We have had a few friends get laid off, so we're thankful for all we have.

Looking forward to seeing Gwyn and Chris and the new baby, we'll be heading to Michigan in August. Can't wait to see the family, it's been awhile. I saw the Apol camping pic's....looks like it was a great time!! Everyone looks so good and the kids are growing like weeds!!

So hope you are all well, Take care and God Bless!!

Rod, Sharon and the girls

Ryan & Jayne

Hi Apol Family,

Wow, what has happened in our family since March's newsletter? Jake (6) had a fun t-ball season. Currently he is working on riding a two-wheeler, and is making great progress. Darcie (5 1/2) is working on mastering the hula hoop, and is a 100x better than her mother is! Natalie (2) has just learned how to pedal her hot wheels, and is amazing us with her vocabulary every day. And we are all currently raising monarch caterpillars inside. You'd be surprised how much you-know-what those things produce. Other highlights are picking veggies from our garden, picking strawberries/cherries/blueberries, and fishing. I've done 3 weddings just this summer, my next is not scheduled until January. I also was "craft lady" for our church's VBS, putting everything together for 150 kids (our theme was "Boomerang Express", the Aussie one). Ryan is plugging away at his Masters in Public Administration, just finishing his summer class. He'll be taking 9 credits in the fall, and is hoping to be finished next summer. Nate and Rachel's wedding was just beautiful, and we had such a great time. What a perfect way to start off the reunion, which by the way we had the *best* time at. It was so great to see so many cousins, aunts and uncles. And all the kids! They were *everywhere*!! I only wish we had more time to catch up.

Other than all that, we're just waiting for the kids' baby brother, due October 21. Maybe we'll hit Paka's birthday . . . ? doubt it, I usually keep them in another week, but there's a chance.

Next newsletter we'll have a picture of him-Jayne and family

Bill & Helene

Well we are back in Minnesota. we enjoyed our drive north and seeing Bob's new house and acre. Enjoyed the cherries and blueberries along the way and feeding a few Seagulls at a rest area.

Bill was glad to have us home again and Gus gave us a warm welcome. I was also welcomed to broccoli and beans! Good thing Ann was home for the weekend to help snip!

We especially enjoyed the camp as it was fully accessible for Sara. You may have no idea how much this means when *we* are out of *our* comfortable home setting. We also felt included as we were able to be accessible to everyone. This also made the week a time to remember as we were able to visit with you spontaneously. Sara really enjoyed playing cards with Grandma and a few others, and just watching all the activity going on. Just an example of what a little thing it takes to be appreciated, after many attempts to tell me, I understood from Sara that she wanted to send Aunt MaryAnn a thank-you card for the fish she made her. She really prizes it. And I thank all those who spent a lot of their time planning and doing crafts with the kids!

So I want to thank everyone for sacrificing a nice camp that would be right on the lake. (I just need to make a plug for advocacy.)

Those who have a disability or are caregivers usually have this to live with everyday. Quite often we don't quite make it "to the lake". Just a little short of it, but we do still like to be included in the fellowship. Please think of this when you have the opportunity to make someones life a little better. We have needs in our own big family and in the church and community around us.

My wish is that words can portray the desire that we have to be with family, friends and how much it means when people go out of their way to make life easier. I truly believe that we have a loving family. I just wish we weren't all so busy and feel inadequate sometimes to help those out who need it. My thanks to those who do make a difference!

Love Helene and Sara.

Shane & Megan

G'day from Australia,
It's winter here at the moment...probably more like fall for most people really. We've been very fortunate and have only had a small number of frosts. The winter has really been quite mild, thankfully.

We are now in our third term of school which will last for 10 weeks. We had two weeks off in July. We mostly stayed home except for a long weekend trip to New Castle to visit friends and try our new four wheel drive on Stockton Beach where there are sand dunes to climb. We bought a 2005 Nissan Pathfinder from our school. Unfortunately on the way home we hit a kangaroo (about 5 foot high) and did about \$4400 worth of damage. The bull bar has been ordered for it and when it comes next week we will be putting that on...that should give us a significant more amount of protection.

We really enjoyed the trip back to the states in April and Megan enjoyed getting to see everyone although it might be sometime before she gets everyone's name correct. We dearly missed the camping trip and would have loved to have been able to come. Of course, we would like to have some people visit us down under as well so please feel free to 'drop in.'

Shane and Megan



Don & Mary

We have enjoyed the cooler temps here in Michigan this summer. Headline in the GR Press was "Coolest July in History". We've had enough landscaping and retail water garden customers to keep us busy this summer so we are thankful.

For all of you asking when/where/what about previous Apol reunions, I've looked up the following:

1974 - Brainard MN, Loon Lake? (before Mike/Faith's wedding)

1979 - Sawyer Co. Park in the UP, MI

1986 - Bewabic State Park in the UP, Michigan (100+ degrees)

1990 - Green Lake, MN

1994 - Interlochen St Park, MI

1996 - Alexandria MN, Lake Carlos St Park (after Mae/Doug's wedding)

Can anyone help me fill in the blanks? I could write more details but that might have to wait for winter reading.

It was wonderful seeing so many of you from near and far at the reunion!

Don & Mary Jo



HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE FAMILY? - Compiled By Beppe

The answers to these questions include the entire family—adopted and acquired through marriage.

What is the date of Jay & Julia's wedding? (Month and year) 7-7-42

What is the date of Jay & Gracines wedding? (Month and year) 5-7-76

Oldest child of Jay & Julia: Mary

Youngest child of Jay & Julia: Glen

When was the first Apol child married? Don —1964

When was the last Apol child married? Glen—1981

GRANDCHILDREN:

What year had the most Grandchildren born? 1982

How many Grandchildren are there? 38

How many Grandchildren are married? 24

What year had the most Grandchildren married? 1999—Jayne, Julie and Jodi

First Grandchild who was married? Jason—November 13, 1992

Oldest Grandchild: Rodney

Youngest Grandchild: Gracie

How many Grandchildren were born before May 1976? 13

Who was the first Grandchild born after May 1976? 9/23/76—Kari Apol Brinks

Last Grandchild born before May 1976? 11/7/75—Mae Dykstra Meyers

GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN:

How many GreatGrandchildren? 54 - includes Jordyn, Payton and Kiersten

How many more GreatGrandchildren are there expected by the end of the year? 3

What year had the most Great-Grandchildren born? 2002—Benjamin, Isaac, Mackenzie, Rachel, Megan, Keegan, Mitchell

Oldest Great-Grandchild: Alex

Youngest Great-Grandchild: (at the time of camp week) Violet Bird

How many years between Jay and the current youngest Greatgrandchild? 88 years 4 months

FUN QUESTIONS!

How many double-names are there in the family? 19 Benjamin, Jeffrey, Douglas, Rachel, Jonathan, Michael, Mary, William, Matthew, Joshua, Shannon, Samuel, Nicholas, Issac, Sarah (Sara), Julia, Hannah, Megan, Grace (!)

Our family is located all over the world! How many different states (and other countries) does that include?

10 states, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Massachutess, Minnesota, Michigan, South Dakota, Wisconsin, — 1 other country Australia

What letters of the alphabet are not used by family members first names? O,Q,U,X,Y

What two sisters have the same anniversary date only 10 years apart? June and Barb

What is the total number of family members as of 7/10/2009? 139

How many family members have a reference to "Jay" in their name? 14

Children: Donald Jay

Grandchildren: Rodney Jay, Jason J., Robert Jay, Randall Jay, Nicholas Jay, Aaron Jay, Jayne,

GreatGrandchildren: Alexander Jay, Michael Jay, Isaac Jay, Keegan Jay, Benajamin Jay, Natalie Jaye

What family member has the most letters in their name? 26—Benjamin Michael VanderWeele

What family member has the least letters in their name? 7—Jay Apol