

January 1969 Ginnygram For My "Past-Life" Friends

It was just great hearing from over a hundred of you. Your cards were beautiful, the photos out of this world, and I just wish I could answer each and every one personally.

The March of Dimes is going great guns, with finally more than 10% of American adults knowing that we are deep in the field of birth defects with 103 Birth Defects Centers and a research program in prevention of birth defects centered around the Salk Institute at La Jolla, California.

The biggest piece of news is not new to you now - but Manny Papper plans to plunge into the Administration Pool as V.P. for Medical Affairs and Dean at the University of Miami next summer. I saw him recently at the Lasker Award luncheon and he was kind enough to say he was taking a page out of my book and changing his focus to administration near his 50th birthday.

Most of you are getting to or have reached the grandparent stage - isn't genetics amazing!! One wedding is pending - Audrey Leone Rousack to the assistant concertmaster of the Cleveland Symphony. Congratulations.

Our sympathy goes to Dan Tausig in the loss of his father and to Cushman Haagenson who lost a grandson.

Dunc Holaday and tribe have moved to Miami - Frank Moya always did have a magnetic personality! Rita Jacobs celebrated her tenth anniversary at Memorial Hospital by being promoted to Attending Anesthesiologist and Assistant Professor at Cornell; Jim Downs is on the "SS HOPE" sailing to Ceylon; Marvella Vanney Koury and crew are jogging around North Carolina; George Moonie has become a real mountain climber in Alberta while his wife gets her nursing degree this spring; Martha Baker, long on Stan James's perinatal team, is now doing psychiatric nursing; Don Richter has become a radio ham: station WB2CBO, Saranac Lake, New York, for you other hams; Cordt Rose has moved to Laramie, Wyoming; skiing and boating keep the Ronans busy in Watertown, New York.

I just looked at my 1968 calendar and it leaves me a bit limp. Have given up calculating the miles but it's in the second million. The Baxter-Travenol Lecture in San Francisco, the Rolland Whitacre Memorial Lecture and the Bela Schick Lecture gave me a chance to see many of you, the high points of the year. On other trips, I met Dottie Ma, Bill Nash, Jim Downs, Lucien Morris, Shirley Fleming and Ellen Blatchford. Two weeks in Japan for genetics meetings were fun, as was a Mexican vacation - except for you-know-what. Luncheon at the White House with Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Humphrey was great sport too, in April.

Mother has a new address - The Manor, 133 County Road, Tenafly. We have had to give up her apartment for physical, not mental, reasons. She's still as bright as a button at 95.

Oh yes, I was presented with a new title in May - Vice President for Medical Affairs, which means just what you think it does, all the nitty-gritty problems as well as some of the big ones - but you couldn't find a finer group of associates anywhere (except maybe Presbyterian Hospital?)

A happy, healthy and successful New Year to you in 1969!

Wonderful to hear all the
News of the Ronans! Skiing,
Boating etc.

Virginia Cypar



Am travelling less in my new job. Really do miss fishing out of Cape Vincent - I knew every cranny along east end of Carleton Island, & South Shore of Wolfe Island for almost 20 years - Even Al Garlock who sold us minnows, sent me a card this year - his wonderful Sadie died this fall - maybe you knew them - I'll pop in one of these days - your lovely card is off to N. Zealand with 500 others for a children's Hospital. Thank you
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