



December 2021

To all of my wonderful friends and family at Christmas from the household of Grammy Grumps,

Malcolm and Julie,

Merry Christmas! I love you all so much and the Christmas spirit has me all wound up. I have tears

in my old eyes as I sit down to write to you about the year of 2021, even though there were a few bumps in

the road of life.

I just put on a couple Christmas T's (Jerry Come and Jerry Faith!!! Wise Muppets!) to set the

mood for writing and remembering. Malcolm is putting away Julie is riding and I'm sipping

peppermint tea. So here I go with all the news!

January, February and March were really cold in Chicago. No surprise there, eh? I took some walks

like the doctor told me to and did not fall once! The slip-on ice cleats I got last Christmas really worked

great! Thanks Santa! You know a lot about cold weather I guess. LOL I wore a lot of layers and used

hand warmers in my mittens so I was toasty. I do see why some people my age decide to move to warmer

climes, but I'll stick it out a while longer.

Most of my other winter outings were medical appointments, but there were some

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GOOD ones! I finally got the cataracts removed from both eyes. It is lovely to be able to read regular

books again, but I must say I was surprised to see how much dust had accumulated in my apartment over the years! One of these days I'm going to have to do some real cleaning. LOL

In March I got my Covid vaccinations at the Humboldt Park Clinic. It was confusing to find the clinic since it used to be called the Norwegian American Hospital when I visited my sister in law there. Also, there were many different entrances and exits and when I left I must have gone out a different door than I came into because it took me a lot of wandering around the neighborhood to find my car. I was worried that it had been towed because of the snow parking rules. But eventually I found it and went home to celebrate my shot. The second shot was a lot easier, except I stood in the wrong line for a long time so it took forever to get out of there. WOW though—I was happy to be vaccinated. I carry my card in my wallet.

Spring of 2021 was nice, with lots of flowers and birds as always. The doctor said I should get shingles shots so I went to Oasco for that. Really expensive! Two shots at \$244 each!!! Not covered by

Medicare either, but better than getting shingles I guess. They were so right about reactions too, I felt like I was hit by a truck. Better than getting shingles, though.

In summer Julie had an ingrown claw that must have hurt her a lot. I felt bad because I didn't know

how long it was like that before I noticed it. But the vet fixed the claw and then told me Julie had to use non-clay litter for a few weeks until it healed. WOW! Who knew there was non-clay litter? Guess what! There are a million kinds of non-clay litter made from things like newspaper, grass seed, corn, rice and cassava! WOW. All the bags are much lighter for me carry. Big win for all of us here except it costs quite a bit more. Nothing too good for Malcolm and Julie though.

I went to a few events on Zoom. The choir zooms didn't work out because they wanted us to record our part and send it back to be blended into a chorus. Ha! Don't even ask how long I worked on that before I gave up.

I do like Zoom Birthdays and funerals though. You don't have to travel. You don't have to cook. You don't have to dress up—just comb your hair. LOL

When my friend Chris turned 80 in October the zoom had 80 many people waving and smiling. We were all muted but I think he could see how happy we were about him reaching this milestone of life. I sent him a card in the US mail in case he didn't notice me there in my little muted box.

When my friend Larry died in October, someone made a FaceBook page for everyone to put our memories on. Larry had ~~LOL~~ of friends! I tried to put a couple pictures on there, but I am not sure if they actually got on.

I am working on being better at technology since it seems to be a life and death matter sometimes, not just fun and games. I have to use an app to find a book at the library and another one to make a doctor's appointment. ~~FFF~~ I am improving my app skills but am ~~SOOO~~ ~~FFFF~~ that I can write this letter by hand for you. Luckily I don't have to make too many copies! LOL

There were other exciting and fun developments last year but I can't recall them right now so I will sign off.

Wishing all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Eranny, Malcolm and Julie