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Dear Cousins,

My intention was to get this newsletter out last September, but I had some more physical problems and then was so stunned by the attacks on our country that I was been unable to concentrate. Then I broke my wrist and was in a cast for two months, so I decided just to wait for the next scheduled edition.

The New York I so happily visited last June is dreadfully changed. My friend Addie picked me up from the Newark airport shuttle in front of the World Trade Center. We spent most of the week touring museums and enjoying time with her family. So horrible to learn that her grandson Keith, a Brooklyn firefighter, was (and is still) among those missing. I'm sure many of you were strongly affected, either directly or indirectly. If you know of any family members who died in the event, please let me know.

On a happier note, my daughter Angela and her beloved David had a lovely wedding on July 21st. I catered the wedding, with much help from brother Scott and his creative Cynthia and some of David's kin. Fortunately they still live nearby.

The kids and grandkids keep busy. Damon continues with his window-washing business and website design work. He has won some speaking contests in the Toastmasters, in which he and Maryann have become active over the past few years, and the two of them have become active in community theater. Their son Devin just celebrated his 11th birthday and is enjoying school, sports, and acting. Angela remains a supervisor at a greeting card warehouse and teaches water aerobics classes at the Y. Pam and Kirk are now busy with separate enterprises and rearing their 5 boys - now ages 6-18. Bryan still works with Damon, has his own handyman business, and enjoys singing, playing, and writing songs.

Mother/June doesn't seem to have slowed down much and continues with her usual church, charitable, and social activities.

Rob and Wayne are doing fine. Wayne is currently doing freelance construction estimating. Rob still keeps busy with her part-time job. golfing, and skiing. Their son Jason works as web developer at a global publishing corporation. Daughter Jennifer works as a chiropractic assistant, personal trainer, and bartender and is heading into four years of chiropractic school for her license.

Wishing all of you good health and happiness!

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