

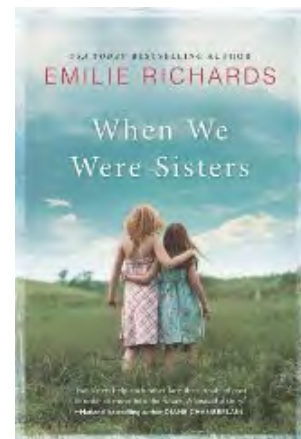
Happy Holidays to Family & Friends from Michael & Terry McGee



As I write this holiday letter, Terry is putting the finishing touches on her latest novel, *The Swallow's Nest*. She's really looking forward to pressing the SEND button! The book's taken many months, and it hasn't been easy. I'm proud of her for having written another excellent novel - her 76th by last count - and hope she begins to slow down now. We will celebrate her amazing accomplishment by taking a cruise over the holidays.

We're happy that *When We Were Sisters*, last year's book, has been reprinted (emilierichards.com). And next month she will add to her growing list of ebooks with an oldie but goodie, *Dragonslayer*.

I enjoy being Terry's Pro Man (Project Manager) as well as keeping everything going while she writes, including doing a lot more cooking thanks to Hello Fresh and Blue Apron. I'm also playing pickle ball several times a week, biking, and swimming. (Terry says I can keep the cooking job permanently.)



I've given sermons to UU congregations in Venice, Naples, Gainesville, and Chautauqua. Terry and I enjoy taking long walks together, and she is still

winning lots of quarters at the expense of her Mah Jongg friends and saying goodbye to a quarter or two as well.

The saddest part of our year was the unexpected death of Nemo, our Super Beagle and best dog buddy. We sure miss the little guy.



Another great sadness was the election — Michael did volunteer work for Hillary — but the struggle continues.

We are thankful for the many joys in our lives, especially spending time with our family. Our four grandchildren, Liam, Declan, Marissa, & Allison, remain the light of our lives.

At Thanksgiving we all gathered at Shane & Shelly's Lost Valley home, except for Galen, who caught a cold he didn't want to share. Terry caught one on the trip anyway, so they shared it long distance. In the summer we also visited Galen & Nicole in Asheville and Shane & Shelly in California



(before their move back to Charlottesville), and we loved spending time with Brendan's family and Jessie's family in Cleveland and Chautauqua.

Last New Year's Eve, we traveled to Melrose, Florida for the annual Buzzard Burning celebration put on by my brother Pat and his wife Amy with the help of my sister Sandy and her husband Pat.



Chautauqua was great this summer. The programming was excellent - my favorites were National Geographic Week and Jazz Week with Wynton Marsallis. Terry was especially fond of the week on Outer Space. She invited her Brainstormer's group of three other writers to our cottage for several days before season and after season we visited our good friends, Hershel and Maryanne Harris, in Toronto. While there, we stopped by Terry's publisher, and they treated her like royalty.



A big highlight of the year was taking a Caribbean cruise with our cruise krewe, three couples here in Sarasota who are good friends. This was our second cruise together, and we're hoping to have more in the future.

We end this year deeply thankful for our incredible family, our fascinating friends, our good health, and for a world, though terribly troubled, that

struggles for peace and justice. May 2017 be a year of love and peace for all of you.