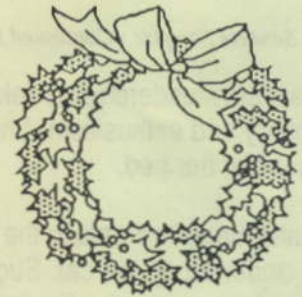


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The **S**ampler

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Curt Sanders

An Annual Christmas letter to
family & friends



The Good News...

My sister, *Janine Marie Sanders* wedded to *Rodney Alan Eckstein*, June 18, 1988 in Mercersburg, PA, on a balmy hot day at St. Luke's Roman Catholic Mission. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed the great food, music and general fun and get together of the day. They further blessed the year with a healthy bouncing baby girl - *Amanda Laurel Eckstein* - on October 27th. Rod works as a computer programmer for a major local concrete producer. Janine is happy tending to her new family at home.

My brother, *Renard Sanders*, and his wife, *Beverly (Meck) Sanders* had their first baby: *Dylan Jeb Nathaniel Sanders*, on June 3, 1988. He is a healthy and happy lad who is sure to give Mom and Dad an active and joyous time. Renard is a director for Goodwill Industries, and Bev is a paralegal for a county District Magistrate, and organized the Fulton-Franklin Counties MADD chapter.

My brother *Tony Sanders*, and his wife *Lisa (Sweeney) Sanders* are expecting their first child in the summer of 1989! Tony works as a computer operator with heavy industrial machinery. Lisa works on an electrical assembly line.

My mother, *Patricia Sanders*, always complained of not having any grandchildren. Well... as we can see above we haven't let her down!

Right now she has my two: *Katie* (7), and *Carrie* (4); *Brian & Beth's* two: *Hannah* (5) and *Scott* (2); *Re-*

nard & Bev's Dylan (6 mo.); and *Rod & Janine's Amanda* (3 mo.), and one on the way with *Tony & Lisa*. Mom works as secretary and receptionist for a large insurance and investment company in West Virginia. She loves her job!

My father, *Bill Sanders*, had a major change this year - he retired! Yep, no more aggravation or 75 mile one way drives to work each day! I even think he likes it.

In Our Lives...

It's been awhile since you received any news from us, so let me update you:

Curt is an office manager and photo researcher for a commercial



photographer in Harrisburg. No, not weddings - the magazine, corporate and advertising type of photography. It means a lot of varied duties

(which he likes), and looking at a lot of great images and seeing them in print!

He also does some low-cost newsletter and graphic design work on the side. He produces four newsletters at the moment.

Curt also keeps active politically. He was elected Democratic Committeeperson for his precinct, is the Chairman of the Voter Registration Committee for the Cumberland

County Democratic Committee (no easy task in a 2 to 1 Republican county), and is currently Chair of the Central Pennsylvania Democratic Socialists of America (the socialist caucus of the Democratic Party). He says if he collects any more chairs he'll start a dining set.

Between all this activity he manages to play with his kids and keep up with his friends.

Peggy, continues to work for AT&T as a telephone operator. Many changes are going on in the corporation, but so far job security is still assured.

She also is going to college part-time. She hopes to eventually get certified as a teacher of the hearing impaired in the elementary grades.



Katie (7) is in first grade and loves it! She continues to be top of her class in math (who she inherited that from I'll never know). She's very much into playing school off-hours and wrestling with Dad. Her favorite activity is artwork.

Carrie (4) is in nursery school and comes home beaming everyday. She is very much the imitator, but

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does possess a leadership streak. She's a dynamo of energy and enthusiasm. She loves hiding crackers under her bed.

We also have two pets in the house: *Sugar* the dog, and *Murphy* the cat. *Sugar* replaces *Flower*, a black cross of a Pomeranian and Poodle, who died an unfortunate death in the local pond. It seems that Canadian Geese geese were hatching their eggs at the time near the pond. Being protective of their nests, they didn't care for a tiny nose dog. Apparently the unsturdy *Flower* was drowned by the geese.

Sugar, as a puppy, was thought to be a cocker spaniel when he was taken from the Pound. But he turned out to be a (big) blond Golden Retriever. He's intelligent, very trainable, and very loveable with children.

Murphy was an accident. We babysat him for a friend, but he liked us so well, he stayed. We all like him too. He's very mellow and reminds you of *Garfield*. He and *Sugar* get along great. You should see them play together - they actually roll around with each other!



Murphy watches a spectacle.

The Bad News...

It's probably not the brightest idea to put bad news in a newsletter sent during a time of good cheer, but I'm not one to avoid reality. Peggy and I have been married for over nine years. Like half the adult U.S. population, our marriage will become a divorce statistic in the near future. The cause is multi-faceted and complicated. We feel it is the best for both of us. Many things have yet to be settled, but both of us are looking to a positive future. Please bear with us if communication is long forthcoming; we are going through many changes.

Don't forget to keep in touch! It's so easy to set aside a long distance correspondence! (I know, I'm a guilty one too!).

Genealogy Buffs...

No, I haven't forgotten about my genealogical research on the Kilbourne or Sanders families. I'm afraid all my energies are directed to other more pressing enterprises of late. My interest is still there. I would really like to hear from you too! Genealogy isn't the stuff of old, but is being made even today!

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