

Round Robin #5

March 14, 1990

Dear Brothers and Sisters:-

I'm finally coming out of shock since the surprise birthday party on the 10th. I never would have believed they could do that without me knowing. I was dumbfounded when Chuck answered the door at Joe's. I kept asking him "why are you really here?" He came alone from California. It would have cost \$1700.00 to bring the family. It's a birthday I won't forget for a long time. Thanks so much for the cards and gifts. And a special thanks to Sisi and Jim for coming.

A lot has happened since the last round started. I guess all of you know that Elaine will be here about May 15th. She will be arranging a Memorial Service for Chuck at that time.

Frank, I did graduate in '49. I was one year ahead of where I should be. Back in 1st or 2nd grade at Limerick school. (The teacher) Mrs. Gill, I think said I was smart enough to skip a grade. The real reason was, she had one less grade to deal with, thanks for the clipping. Someone had already sent everyone copies.

It sure is great to read over all of your letters. It sure is a chore to write another one. I used to write alot when Joe + Tom were in the Navy. I'm out of the habit so it's twice as hard. Jean and I both seem to be dragged out this week. It may be too

much excitement White Church was here and some later hours.

John - speaking of retirement - Jean did retire from his shop job. He has been doing quite a variety since then. He is painting upstairs next door. We need about 80 yards of carpet. We ordered that yesterday. I plan to retire in 7 years. We plan to keep our retirement funds intact until then. We got a late start preparing for that part of our lives. We will be OK. though.

Yes Marty, I too love your type writer or whatever it is you're using. I love large print books and Readers Digest (Lg. Print). I haven't got to learn the computer yet. My co-worker and myself are going Friday to watch one in operation. We may get one yet. I hope Sheri is all healed from her operation.

Elaine, you sure sound like you enjoy the teacher's helper job you have. Kids are so much fun - especially when you can send them home at night.

Jackie - Is that the McDermie Golf Course where you were working. I think we stayed there once - for one of your weddings. It's a nice place. Joe - if you take the soil survey - job I hope you remember the bears and the fact you probably can't climb up a tree at your advanced age. Besides if you did manage to climb it you would probably fall out. Just kidding.

31 Did Cathy get to Phoenix yet? Elaine said there may be a possibility for her to be hired there - at least she would be near some family.

Sis - it was so nice to see you. I had been thinking about going up there soon. We didn't get a chance to visit but maybe we can if you give me a perm.

As I've been writing, I've been reading over your letters. Several have mentioned a reunion. Maybe the Memorial Service for Chud will bring us together long enough to have a good visit. Keep it in mind.

I'll close for this time - keep them coming.

Love to all,
Jan + Jean.

3-29-90

Dear Sisters & Brothers

I guess I had better get busy and move this letter along, even though it has been almost 8 months since I last wrote it seems as though there is not an awful lot to write about.

This certainly was a sad Christmas season just past with the death of Mother Hughes, Chuck and shortly after Carolyn's mother, it seems such a bad time of year to lose someone close like that, we just got out to the cemetery in Mikado and got the grave sites picked out, they will be taking care of those that passed away over the winter months shortly.

One fun time we did have was our spring trip to Az. again for another wedding, as usual the weather was very nice low 80's daytime and upper 50's at night it was not as much fun as last year for the reasons mentioned earlier, we did get down to Nogales, Mex. to do some bargaining with them and we did get up into the Tonto Nat. forest area to see the lakes

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and Navis, the area was more rugged than I thought it would be - we took quite a few pictures, there was not a whole lot happening at this time of year but I understand that in the summer months it is just teeming with people from the valley trying to get away from the heat, Elaine says they call it the little Grand Canyon.

Elaine I wish we could have seen more of each other while we were there, as you know things were a little bit difficult, I promise in the near future that we will either drive out or rent a car and we will do somethings together.

We no more than got back here when Dad Hughes came down with a sore leg, in the past 2 wks. we have had him out to the clinic where it was thought to be ~~bursitis~~ bursitis then 2 days later to the Hospital in Alpena for more x-rays where it was thought to be a slipped disc that was pinching a nerve then it was back to the Clinic on Mon. where it was decided that

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he should go back to the Hospital in Alpena for a cat scan on Tues. then its back to the Clinic this coming Mon. to see if anybody knows whats wrong, so life goes on - in the mean time he is hobbling between the bedroom - the living room chair and the bathroom on his cane, it sure makes for a change in your life style.

Our earlier plans were to leave the last wk in April for a drive to Fla., Edna's girl is Grad. from College on the 5th. of May and we were planning on spending 3 wks. or so down that way but at this point we dont know what is going to happen.

I wish this weather would break pretty soon - it just ~~seems~~ seems like such a long winter this year, maybe its because of everything that has been going on or just cabin fever I dont know, it will just seem nice to get outside and do something.

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I guess that I am babbling on and on here not saying anything as I said earlier there is not a lot to write about, I did clip out a couple of things from the paper that maybe some of you will be interested in.

Betty just tells me a news flash that a tornado just hit in N.E. Mi., all I know is that it wasn't here so far - taking cover now.

All our love

Frank

April 22, 90

Dear Brothers & Sisters;

These families letters sure make for interesting reading.

One thing really stands out in this family. Its the fact you all seem to have an endless supply of time and money.

Trips take time and money of which I seem to have little of either. Its not easy working weekdays and Sat working weekends. Maybe we both should retire early and enjoy.

Todd is now in basic training (national guard). He will graduate on May 11th and will return to CMU on May 15th. Of course he has visions of getting married this summer.

Theresa has landed a job working in Bessers. Bessers has regained some pride after we all received a 1% raise and no strike. "God Bless them."

2. Our family has received two miracles since 1983. The latest being Todd saving his buddy's life along with his own. In the last eight months no less than four times have we experienced spiritual occurrences. Things are getting downright spooky.

Both the lawsuit and oil leasing is giving us problems and it's beyond my control. Maybe the two problems and our experiences are connected in some way.

Jim I had my eyes tested lately. The surgery has healed and no signs (histo, plasma) fringes. However ageing is taking its toll in both hearing & sight.

It looks like spring has sprung (81°). It's been a five months winter with 112 inches of white stuff and the sixth worse in 100 years.

Health wise everything is fine with us. We did experience a bad case of cabin fever this winter. Will close for now and god bless you all.

With Love
John Pat, Theresa
Todd & Debra

June 5, 1990

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

When the letters arrived I said "Next week things will slow up and I will write then." I still haven't seen that slow week, I will try to finish it anyway.

Spring has been very hectic at school, I picked up another class second semester, a whole class of 1st semester failures. Most of them are insuring that they will be 2nd semester failures. (Poor attitude, poor attendance, no work), a few successes are better than no success.

I am coordinating the driver training program for the school district now. We will be training nearly 400 students between June 18th and July 13th. I am not teaching it, just administering it.

Karen will graduate from M.S.U. this coming weekend. As you know we are looking forward to this. She doesn't have a job yet but we will put that in the Good Lord's hands.

Mark should graduate in August. He lost one semester this year with strep throat and mono. He is doing his internship in Garden City with McClavin-Hunter cable company. He seems to be happy.

Brian had a good year at U. of M.. He got a 3.6 grade point the first semester, and a 3.75 grade point the second semester. He loves it. He is home now.

and working at Sears.

Jeff finished a good year at Bishop Foley High. He got a 29 on his A.C.T. He will be a senior next year.

It was good seeing most of you at Chuck's memorial service. I wish we had had more time to visit. Marty and Lonba, I did not realize that you were not going to the luncheon. Frank & Betty, John and Pat, we missed you but realize it was a long way. Roger, I am sorry about your losses.

Elaine, It is so nice to have you up here this summer. Relax and enjoy it. Let everyone come to you if you can stand it. We will be keeping in touch.

Jol and Jackie, enjoy it to the fullest. I imagine you will have Cathy back soon.

Mary and Roger, I hope we can get up there soon without some crisis bringing us all together. We have all had enough of those this year.

Jan and Jean I will give you a call one of these days.

Frank & Betty, I hope things are improving for you now. I hope Les is feeling better. I also hope to see you sometime this summer.

John & Pat, It has been too long since we have seen you. I hope we can get together this summer. Congratulations are in order for Todd. I hope he and his bride will be very happy.

Marty and Linda, I enjoyed our two meetings
this past month. I hope we can see you again
soon.

My love, best wishes, and prayers are with
all of you and your families. May God bless you

Your loving brother

Jim.

Hi Sisters and Brothers

June 14, 1990

Received the packet yesterday and will update it and hopefully hand carry it to Elaine as I have to go up to Prudenville and insure a home and will make one trip for both.

Elaines last letter is dated December 8th, so we are completing a round robin every 6 months. The only problem is that six months is to long and news gets old in that length of time.

All is well at home. Sonda will start a new job on June 25th at the Midland Hospital Doctors Complex and should be an interesting new challenge for her. She has worked for a Dr. in Saginaw for seven years and he does not believe in raises.

Dana is going to summer classes at Saginaw Valley and will graduate in May of 1991 and then go on for her masters at MSU. She also works at Dow Chemical on the co-op program.

Shari will start her sophomore year at Delta and transfer in January to MSU for her special education classes. She also works at the Olive Garden to put herself through college.

Jackie, if we ever get the urge to stay at Cadillac we will stay at McGuire's as it is tops in my book.

Joe, I imagine you are in the middle of soil mapping. We liked Kissemmee when we stayed there, but the girls love the beach, so that is why we always go to Panama

City Beach, Florida. The beaches are just like walking on sugar and the places to eat are just great and very reasonable. Has any of you tried AmberJack. Its real mild and very good to eat especially with a nice baked potato and a fresh garden salad. Sounds good.

Jack mentioned that we all have an endless supply of time and money. I haven't figured out who he was talking about as I for one do not have either. If any of you do have both of those, let me know and I would like to borrow some of each.

Frank, the pictures and write up of 40 years ago were real interesting. Keep up the good work. I will be up there soon so let me know if you need help with anything. Sis, thanks for the up date and location of all the kids. I sure would like to go to Hawaii for about one month.

Jim, the only problem with being the head of drivers training is that when you get your next traffic ticket, the whole city knows about it and will not let you forget it. Somehow they love to rub it in.

I have rambled on long enough and I think it is time to pull the plug on this thing. Love to all.

Sonda, Marty, Dana and Shari

9-8-90

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

It's always so good reading your letters and hearing about my mom and nephews, since it's impossible for us all to ever get together, the numbers are against us.

I have my ticket to Phoenix - for Oct. 2, want to get my car out of Wallis's garage, by then they will be in Sun Lakes just a couple of days.

It will be nice to be here in Woodland acres for the solar charge had to miss it last year. Two weeks makes a difference.

I am not really going to get to Arizona but when I get up to 43° in the first week in Sept. I'm not too pleased to be in Michigan either!

Thank you all for making my
spring and summer fly by. You
have no idea how I want to
see or hear from you. You are all
so very busy with your families,
work and whatever and I under-
stand and am pleased for you all.

I guess Sis & Rog will deliver
this to Joe & Jackie today. Pony
EXPRESS.

Frank it took several readings
for me to realize the clipping was
the Farms, how many times has
it "turned over"?

Again I'll say you will never
know how pleased Chuck was to hear
your letters, what a great way for us to
keep in touch, thanks Jan.

Love & God Bless
Elaine

Cadillac, MI
October 16th

1990

Dear Family:

Its been ten months since our last letter. We have been retired now just over two years, but I did work ten months as Wexford County Drain Commissioner. I had to resign because I decided not to run for election. The job was a loser, with about $\frac{1}{2}$ pay for the work that had to be done.

Our oldest boy, Tim, and his family have moved to Midland for a job advancement. Steve is here with us following a hernia operation, recuperating. Yvonne still works at the Four Winns Boat Company. Ken also works at the boat company but is making plans to go to tech school in Grand Rapids in December. Denise still lives on the north side of Detroit near You Jim & ~~Carolyn~~ Carolin with our new Grand Daughter Britney. Michael recently moved to Bradenton, Florida for a better job environment. His twin Ron is currently looking for work in Grand Rapids or St. Joseph. Kathy has a new teaching job in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Joe has graduated and has a job working out of St. Joseph. So you can see that we are dispersing around the country as you all have.

We have been to Sheboygan, Wisconsin four times since June helping Kathy get situated. We just returned from there yesterday. Our next trip out of state will be to Orlando, Florida in December and January. Tim and Yvonne with their families will be visiting Xmas week with us at our time share, Orange Lake Country Club. If any of you should be near by, don't hesitate to contact us, we will be there until January 5th.

Health wise we are all well except for Steve's operation and the usual ~~flu~~ colds and allergy ills. I had a bout with Bronchitis early in the month but seen to be over it.

I am thinking of getting a part time job in one of the department stores in January to keep me out of trouble.

It seems that we have had a chance recently to see and visit with many of you, and we are thankful for that. I believe that John is the only one that we havent seen for some time, but the letters keep us informed.

There is a terrific lot of building going on in the Cadillac area but it doesn't seem to help with jobs that have a living wage attached. Lots of starter or kids jobs but few that a family can grow on.

We wish good health; rewarding work; Gods graces, and happy retirement for all of you that can handle it. The rest of you keep on working at it until you get it right.

Sincerely with all our love
Joe and Jackie.

10-26-90

My Dear Sisters, Brothers + all the Families,
1990 has been a wonderful year
for our Family. Our little Amelia was born
on 5-24-90 and is going places at 5 months
(In her walker). Our little Megan Maile we
born 10-10-90 in Hawaii. We now have
Seven Grandsons and Six Granddaughters

Roy is still in Maami with Ann + 3 sons
Running his tiling business. We don't see them
real often, but expect them to come this
Christmas. Jim is still single and is working
at the Orion plant. Michelle is working
at G.O. three days a week and has a
nice social life there. They had their
Harvest Dance this evening. Bill is building
a beautiful home near Imley City and
they expect to be moving in about the
1st of Dec., the twins will be 13 yrs old
in Jan.. David is 11.

2 John + Gayle are still in Hawaii. They just had little Megan which gives them 3 daughters. Gayle is doing her student teaching and they are building a house on 3 acres there.

Jan + Robert still live in Lapeer with their two sons Joshua + Jonas. We see them real often.

Chris + Mindy are the parents of little Chris + Amelia. They have purchased 10 acres near Bills and plan to build next year. Chris works at the Orion plant also.

Janice thanks for calling me about John. We happened to be having a prayer meeting and went right in to pray for him. I will deliver these letters to Jan tomorrow. Its awful we don't see each other more.

Next we stopped by to see you but you were gone up north. Sorry. It was nice to see your lovely daughter however.

Jim its been a long time since we've seen each other also. We must have a reunion next summer.

John we will keep on praying for your speedy recovery. Hope you get back home real soon.

Franks' we hope to see you soon when we haul a couple of horses up to the Fowler Farm. We have sold a few hors this Fall, which makes the winter alot easier to get thro.

Joes' + Elaine it was real nice to see you all this summer. We'll plan to take you with us Elaine when we do it next summ.

We love all of you and enjoy reading all your news.

Love Sis, ^{Roy} + all

Round Robin #6

Nov. 18, 1990

Dear Brothers, Sisters + Ken:

It's 7 months since I wrote - maybe if we speed it up a little, it could get around twice a year. Say 3 weeks max. to decide to send it on. OK?

Elaine called last night. I guess I hadn't called for 3-4 weeks. She has had a cold and hasn't been out much this past week. She is volunteering at 2 schools this year.

Jack, I agree that there seems to be a lot of travel in this group. Our trip to California got cancelled from the other end. Problems there.

We stayed home + worked on our old house to get it ready for tenants. The Quints parents

21 wanted it but can't sell their house. We rented it out Nov. 1st to 2 guys.

Jack, we're sorry we didn't get to see you while you were at Ann Arbor. By the time we got a trip planned - you had gone home. I hope all is well now. At least you had a warning. Some don't get that.

I have talked to Jim a few times lately. Sometimes its months. He's always burning the candle at both ends. He's still pretty young. He needs to work a few more years.

Marty, I don't think you ever told us what machine you do your typing on. I sure do like the large print.

I finally am learning how to operate a computer. We have been getting our payroll (for 32) done by a payroll service.

3) they've decided to bring that
back so I have a new computer.
Until the first of the year I'm
trying to duplicate what the
Payroll service does. We will
let them do the year end stuff -
(W-2) + etc. then I will take
over in earnest. I'm doing OK.
In a few months - I'll be
getting into other aspects of
accounting. In a year or two
I should be an expert - Right?

Joe, Pat & the kids are in
Hawaii now. Larry Queen is
having their convention there.
They aren't due back until the
Sun. after Thanksgiving.

Jean's mom & Dad will be
coming for ~~the~~ dinner if
nothing goes wrong beforehand.
They will celebrate 65 years
of marriage in 10 days or so.
Jean has been spending nights
over there as Helen is in

4. England for 8 days.

I've started Christmas shopping I panic when there's only a few weeks left and nothing is coming together. My best time to shop is a couple of hours Saturday as soon as the stores open. After that, it's bedlam.

We are enjoying some fairly nice weather again. It's bound to get worse before long. Some years we have lucked out until just before Christmas.

The boys are all working at beekeeping housed and fed. I have 3 that are doing some deer hunting. Ron is the sportsman of the bunch. Fishing, Bow & rifle deer hunting.

May all of you enjoy the blessings of the coming season. Take care and love to all of you.

Jan + Jean
maybe we should set a reunion month

as everybody can plan around it

CERTIFICAT DE BAPTEME

Je, soussigné, certifie que... *Philomène Eugénie*
Martin

Enfant de *Hilaire Martin*

et de *Henriette Levesque*

né le *dix huit juin mil huit cent*

soixante et six

a été baptisé le *19 juin 1866*

dans l'église de *Saint Eln.*

Selon le rite de l'Eglise Catholique Romaine.

par le Rév. M. *Rev. C. G. Gaudin, p. m.*

Parrain: *Louis Delisle*

Marraine: *Philomène Levesque*

tel qu'il appert dans le Registre des Baptêmes de la dite église.

Saint Eln: le 29 jan. 1944

J. Lavoie, p. m.
Curé.

(CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM)
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(I, the undersigned Philomène Eugène
Je, soussigné, certifie que. Martin
(Certify that)

(Infant of) Enfant de Hilaire Martin

(and of) et de Henriette Levesque

(Born the né le dix huit juin mil huit cent
18th of June, soixante et six
1866)

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baptized June
19th, 1866.

within the dans l'église de Saint Eloi
church of St. Eloi

by the Rev. par le Rév. M. Rev. C. G. Gaudin, P.S.M. Selon le rite de l'Eglise Catholique Romaine. (According to the rite
of the Roman
Catholic Church

Godfather Parrain: Louis Delisle

Godmother Marraine: Philomène Levesque

tel qu'il appert dans le Registre des Baptêmes de la dite église. Recorded within
the baptismal record of the church.

Saint Eloi: le 29 jan. 1944

Fr. Lavoie, P.S.
Curé.

12-12-90

Dear Sisters & Brothers:

Well here it is the Holiday season again, it seems like I am having an awful time getting into the Christmas spirit this year for some reason, maybe because I am not up to par right now - went out deer hunting the 1st. 2 days and sat there all day seeing little or nothing the 3rd day I couldn't even go out and have been sick ever since, needless to say no deer this year.

this weather is like riding a roller coaster all fall, about a week ago we got hit by a blizzard and couldn't even see the road out front - lost our power for about 7 hrs., I'm glad we got a generator when we came up here, after about 3 hrs. it was getting pretty cold in the house so I bundled up and went out and fired it up and strung wire to the house and got this boiler going, it sure felt good, we got about 12 ins of snow.

Today was just a beautiful day, in the upper 40's and sunny so Betty and

I got down to the K-rost and finished up doing Santa's work, shopping is one job I hate and feeling the way I do made it all the better.

We were supposed to go down to Pontiac on the 3rd of this month for Doc's appointment, but that had to be cancelled because I was just not up to the trip and we would not have went anyway because the storm hit at day break that morning, so we are going the 19th. and at this point it looks like we will be spending X-mas down there - I can't remember the last time that we did not have X-mas at home, as it looks right now none of the kids will be able to get up because of work and the way it falls in the wk. this year so what can we do? it just wouldn't be Christmas with no little ones around.

Two of the boys David and Richard left Monday for Mo. they are going down there to help a friend of theirs on his beef ranch, they grew up together and has about 150 head of beef and needs some help right now

they are going to be putting up some pole barns for him and clearing more land for pasture, he has some heavy equipment for that - and seeding it etc., they had been working together on lawn maintenance and that just wrapped up so it worked out pretty good for them,

Rare is planning on coming back the middle of Jan. as he don't want to be away from his daughter longer than that.

We got a call from Wayne this morning he got hurt at work again, he was pinned up against a cement wall by a dozer bucket, the guy wasn't supposed to be in where he was doing electrical work with the dozer and when Wayne seen him backing toward him he jumped to get out of the way and yelled but the guy didn't see him in time, he very easily could have been killed, the E.M.S. people cut his clothes off right there they stuck him with an I.V. and took him to the hospital - with x-rays and what have you they couldn't find anything broken so far - what a miracle some of these guys

have so many things to be thankful for that they can't count them, I only hope that one day they will see the hand writing on the wall and our prayers will be answered and they will get closer to their God before something serious does happen, he is at home in bed right now but is awful sore, he is madder about them cutting up his new corhart jacket than anything else, hope nothing worse turns up on this, Mike and Herin are working every day.

Betty's dad is in az. as of the day before deer season, he was getting so crippled up when this cold weather set in that he could not walk down the road to check his house - that was his project 1 or 2 times a day so he thought that he might get better out in the sun - hope so although he thought that we should go out with him and spend the winter, sounds nice hey but we don't feel that we can go off and just leave both of these houses unattended that long, sounds like he is doing pretty well but is not happy down there, Mary is trying to keep him

with them for the winter.

I don't know if any of you heard that Ted Michaud passed away.

Was glad to see those of you that got up this way since our last writing, Jan & Jean hope you can break away one of these days we visited you last remember and Elaine we are sorry that we did not see you this summer but will try our best to take care of that next, John I was glad to see you out and about in deer season hope you continue that way.

Well guess I have scratched on long enough so from Betty & I heads hoping that you will have or have had a very nice Christmas and that you all have a wonderful and healthy new year so until next time the very best wishes

All our love and prayers

Frank & Betty

P.S. over

Now this birth certificate has got
me scratching my head, is this our
grand ma Dumont?