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Round Robin c/o David G. Piepgras, M.D. Mayo Clinic Department of Neurological Surgery 200 First St. SW Rochester, MN 55905

Dear Academy Friends:

I am very tardy! But, alas, the Mayor of St. Louis is determined to fix our schools. As you all know, that task will keep us all <u>very</u>, <u>very</u> busy so friendly letters get sidetracked to my regret.

We are having a beautiful Fall in St. Louis and have also been enjoying a full house of visitors and temporary residents, including musicians, students and even a couple painters (house, not art). Our family has all been home over the Summer and Fall. We love that very much.

Our trip to the SUN meeting in Australia last March was a real highlight. We stayed with our dear Oxford friends, Phillippa and Peter Petty, and enjoyed the tremendous meeting hosted by the Kayes and the Hodges. We included some vacation time to Tasmania and New Zealand to round off our first visit "down under"

We're sorry to miss the Academy meeting due to plans we had made for the International Congress Business Meeting in Lahore, Pakistan. We had also arranged medical and recreational visits to Lebanon, Israel, Jordan and Egypt. So, in spite of the Pakistan cancellation, we are maintaining our plans to visit the Middle East since, again, it will be a new experience and, I'm sure, a wonderful one.

We send our fond hellos to you all and hope to see you next year. Enclosed are pictures of two of Patricia's paintings. The self-portrait is her Master's thesis work for the New York Academy of Fine Art. The boxer was her first commercial sale. She has come a long way since the works that some of you saw in Chicago in 1996.

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