

December 16, 2005

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all of you from Annie.

We had a nice birthday lunch for her in Oakbrook a few weeks ago. A very good friend and previous customer of Annie's joined us for a little celebration. Annie just loved it. Not really sure if she knew who Jean was but she said she did. Regardless, she was so happy to see a new smiling face and happy to have an event away from home.

She had people laughing at the health club last week. Her mother takes her to work out with the same trainer, Kevin, 3 to 4 times a week for roughly half an hour each time. A therapist visiting from Marion Joy was observing Annie's exercise while chatting up both Annie and her mother. She asked Annie's mom how many children she had and Sophie replied that she had four children. Annie piped up and said "Yes, Ma was very busy behind closed doors."

She has an angiogram scheduled for January. It will be an arduous day for Annie. Following the angiogram she must lie flat for 6 hours. Hopefully, following that I will have some new news for all of you.

Almost forgot to mention Annie's trip home to Colorado. Those of you that were able to drive to the mountains to see Annie brought much joy into her life for a day. That truly means a lot to Annie and her family. Amazingly, she could walk from the sofa in her family room to the bathroom without assistance and *remembered* where it was. That is more than she can do in Wheaton.

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