

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus.

Happy Holidays from us to you and yours!

Mary's Miscellany.

The year past brought victory on the playing fields and in politics. Along with record cold temperatures in Boston, January 2004 brought another **New England Patriots** football Super Bowl win.

In September I accompanied David to the 150th Annual Meeting of the **National Textile Association** in Cooperstown, New York. Was it the evil eye I placed on the Babe Ruth Room at the **National Baseball Hall of Fame**? In any event this was the year the **Boston Red Sox** beat the Yankees! We also won, for the first time since 1918, the **World Series Championship**.

The Democratic National Convention in Boston closed North Station; so, with no way to get a train to work that week, I had to close down **Mary for Nails, etc.** But it did give David and me a good excuse to enjoy a full week, instead of our usual five days, of **Provincetown** fun in the sun this past July.

I'm well into my second year of writing my regular **"All That Zazz"** beauty culture column for the English language Italian-American newspaper. Archived columns can be seen on my website (www.mary4nails.com).

This fall we **celebrated our first year of marriage** with **Dora D.** (our friend who was the interpreter at our wedding in Rome) and her husband **Sam** at the Ocean View Inn and Resort in Gloucester.

David's Details.

In 2004 we were radiant with joy, jazz, and juniper as our **Robert Benchley Society** (www.robertbenchley.org) reveled in the Art Deco exhibition at the **Boston Museum of Fine Arts** and at **Dorothy Parker Society** events at the Algonquin Hotel in New York City.

Since March I've been meeting regularly with a few men to read and discuss **Plutarch's Lives of the Noble Greeks and Romans**. A couple of us are attempting to present, for a modern audience, the lessons of Plutarch on a website we're developing (www.bostonleadershipbuilders.com).

This spring I was re-elected chairman of the local **Republican Party**. My political observations still appear regularly in the *Post-Gazette* newspaper. Old columns are archived on my website (www.trumbullofboston.org).

We're still celebrating **President Bush's** reelection and are making plans to attend the January 20th inaugural.

In October I marked ten years of working for the **National Textile Association**.

2004 brought the loss of my godmother, **Alice Wright**, who died January 30th in Michigan, and of former **President Ronald Reagan**, in June.

Alec's Article.

I remember 2004 for the grand times I had together with David and Mary and my friend **Lynn L.** at the **Greek Independence Day Parade**, watching the **130th Kentucky Derby** from Suffolk Downs, hearing jazz great **Arturo Sandoval** at Scullers Jazz Club, and watching the fabulous **Radio City Rockettes** in their first Boston appearance.

Now I'm off with David and Mary, **December 24-30**, to **Miami Beach** where we'll see our great friend **Debbie O.**

Wishing you health, wealth, and happiness in 2005, we remain, your servants,

Alec, Mary, and David

*Adeste fideles,
Laete triumphantes;
Venite, venite
in Bethlehem
Natum videte,
Regem angelorum:
Venite adoremus
Venite adoremus
Venite adoremus, Dominum!*