

Natum videte, Regem angelorum

Merry Christmas 2006!

The past year was packed with fun, frivolity, and fabulous times with old and new friends. Extensive family and friend holiday celebrations mean we are late in getting this year's letter out. Oh well, Christmas does run for all twelve days through January fifth, so we're not *really* late.

In 2006 we continued some familiar and favorite activities -- writing the *All That Zazz* and *Res Publica* columns for the *Post-Gazette*; literary evenings at home with friends; and our customary first week in August in Provincetown, Mass. Mary's dad continues to socialize in his neighborhood in Methuen with friends and relatives.

Rum

Other 2006 festivities followed a familiar pattern. Mary continues to lead the culinary group at the **Boston Athenaeum**, where she gets some of the outstanding chefs and provisioners in Boston to come speak to the group. David even took a turn as guest lecturer --the topic, naturally, was classic cocktails.

The convivial cornerstone of the year was our **Annual Robert Benchley Society Humor Award Ceremony**, in Hollywood, California, in November. This year's winner, W. Bruce Cameron, may be familiar to you as the author of *Eight Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter*. His winning essay, *Golf for the First Time* is available on our website --www.robertbenchley.org. While in Hollywood we saw Mary's cousins Phil and Kristen, production designer and set designer. They gave us a private, behind-the-scenes tour of the set of *Ocean's Thirteen*, which will be in the cinemas in 2007. Of course, we were absolutely stereotypical tourists -- even rented a red convertible, went to Grauman's Chinese Theatre, and visited Marilyn Monroe's grave.

Romanism

We are no longer a mixed marriage. This spring David made his First Holy Communion as a Roman Catholic. We attend the Latin Mass at **Holy Trinity Church** in Boston's South End. Allan and Patrick were David's sponsors, and Alec DiZazzo read the charge to the confirmand. Pictures and remembrances of the event our on our website www.trumublllofboston.org.

Rebellion

The November election put the period to sixteen years of Republican governors here in Massachusetts, as nationally the voters repudiated the Republican 109th Congress. And, after serving in various capacities on both the Boston and the Cambridge Republican City Committees since 1992, David took a much-needed break from Republican politics, in 2006. He is focusing instead on adult education classes he has been teaching with colleague Chris and the leadership book he is writing with Patrick. It's a radical project, attempting to reintroduce first century Greek philosopher/biographer **Plutarch** to the twenty-first century. The project is outlined on our website www.bostonleadershipbuilders.com.

Goodbye to 2006

The year ended on a sad note with the death of Wayne "Rusty" Drugan, a good friend, wise counselor, and loyal Cambridge Republican.

Now we are off on the train to a fabulous Big Apple Christmas in New York City. The highlight will be seeing the Radio City Rockettes on Christmas Day.

Wishing you all health, wealth, and happiness in 2007, we remain, your servants,

David and Mary Trumbull