

Two thousand and Nine ...  
oh my! ... what a year!  
now it is holiday time, so here is  
our traditional ... good cheer!

At Thanksgiving and Christmas ....  
there is a bit to say,  
about "blessings" and "tidings"  
to those who are near, or far, far way.

So let's stop long enough  
to suspend the hustle and bustle...  
and tell about this year ...  
both the smooth ... and the tussle.

Cindy Elia here from Arkansas  
her Georgia family to see,  
March, we went to her beach house  
ready for rental ... as it could be!

Daughter Cindi ... a big plan  
for her church ... do a "ladies day"  
she got us all involved, the crafts were  
fantastic ... we do humbly say!

All going along fairly smoothly  
as the end of April arrived,  
but fate ... and the carpeted steps  
... gave Mae a bad dive!

There she sat ... ankle twisted ...  
no way to get her from the stairs,  
but her sister stopped the recycle truck  
and the neighbors must have stared!

"Sure" the trash men said ...  
"we will give you a hand",  
going to be the first "recycled wife"  
... in this whole mixed up, land?

We got her to emergency  
and what we expected was true,  
both bones of her right ankle ...  
fractured ... through and through!

Surgery and steel screws, healing was  
slow, and didn't do so well,  
swelling still shows up and two months  
on a sofa ... t'was a sad sad tale.

Mae missed a big event  
which arrived second week in May,  
Colin graduated from Lipscomb ...  
it was a happy celebration day.



Did you hear I could not find Poppa?  
lost in the crowd... t'was bit of a scare!  
located before announced that our 4  
generations of graduates were there!

Cindy Elia, ever the gracious host,  
invited Russ & Cindi to the beach,  
so it was their family vacation, but Mae  
& I stayed home within "therapy reach"

The pictures showed so much fun!  
good food, beach frolic you know ,  
little dog Macy, loves sand n' water  
and with a crab she ... put on a show.

Then calls to Valdosta, caused some  
concern for Suggie ... Mae's mom,  
some "spells" in her home ... alone,  
... so it was hard to stay calm.

After consulting with Joyce and Jimmy,  
and thinking about alternate plans,  
she came home with us to Kennesaw  
to try ... our helping hands.

While Cindy Elia was here to help  
I took a solo trip up to Nashville,  
my dad ... at 96 ... sure likes company  
and that request ... I was glad to fulfill.

We ended the summer with changes,  
Suggie setteled in with a routine,  
we found some new doctors to see her  
and they all think she is ... "keen".

Her "spells" ... have subsided,  
she enjoys visits and calls from home,  
we help her walk up new yard steps  
and she stays short periods alone.

Cindy left for Arkansas  
with plans for real estate sales,  
she wants to move here, but moving is  
complicated .... with all it entails.

Daughter Cindi helps us,  
making food to give us a break;  
and then at Suggie's bath time ....  
she is helpful ... in fact ... great!

Grandson Brent has transferred,  
now at Kennesaw U,  
plus his job at Sherwin Williams  
means two more years till he's thru.

He took a little break in November  
to see Stephanie ... his "steady"!  
Helping domestically in Ohio cause,  
it was a lung transplant for her daddy.

Ryan, the high school senior,  
has reached a "mile marker" too;  
driving now to his singing gigs,  
and he will play his guitar for you!

Colin, off to Texas for more schooling  
where they teach specific jewelry trade  
Russ n' Janet think he is learning lots  
... so a good decision was made.

He is a long way from here but got a  
flight home ... for Thanksgiving Day,  
Easier than his mom and dad riding  
a Goldwing cycle ... all that way!

We are not sure what Christmas will  
bring ... or what's coming our way;  
seems we are living in times when  
looking at the future... no one can say!

So as James advises, we will leave  
that up to the one who ... is in control!  
And ask His blessings on you all,  
as the future does unfold.

Remember that we are thinking of you  
as this crazy year comes to an end,  
and we wish you Merry Christmas,  
and a Happy Two Thousand and Ten!



Keith, Cindy, Cindi, Mae, Brent, Ryan, Colin, Russ, Janet, John



Suggie



Macy

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!