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Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2017!

**On March 16, 2016 we bought a new townhouse in Woburn.
(It's about five miles north up the old Middlesex Canal from our Winchester home of 39 years)
On June 8, 2016 we moved the last of our stuff into the new home!**



**We got the key of the door!
Photo taken at the closing.**



**Mike's photo of old Middlesex Canal painting, near
our new home; an 8 foot print is on our wall!**



**Woburn Gothic
in front of #23!**

Our grandchildren continue to grow, learn and mature, nicely!

Annika Nosal 21 Sarah Nosal 18; Ean Goreham 17; Max Goreham 14; Oliver Nosal 14



Annika is a Senior at Wheaton; Sarah (in prom dress) has just entered NY University; Ean is an expert drummer in the famous King Philip Marching Band; Max now plays football for King Philip; his team reached the finals at the NE Patriots Stadium; Oliver is a trumpet and occasional French horn player in his school band (and can skim stones)!

2016 had its medical challenges! After completing a year of hormone and radiation treatment for prostate cancer, John had his right hip replaced on March 30th. Soon after we moved to Woburn, Frances developed a femoral hernia, which she had patched August 11th. In late November, Frances was in hospital for two days with Atrial fibrillation. Most unfair that somebody who never tells a lie has Afib! 😊

We believe it's now controlled, and are lucky that our new house needs less work than the old one! The medical stuff and the buying and selling of homes limited our vacations this year, but we were able to get away for short holidays to Vermont, Maine, DC and New York. We enjoyed getting to know our new home and finding new local walks and restaurants. We were happy to invite old friends here, have our grandchildren sleep over and John's sister Linda and husband David stayed with us. (Photo next page).

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Back: David, Linda, Clare, John, Frances and Max. (At Lucy's house for the get together.)

Front: Pete, Lucy, Oliver and Annika. (This photo, the canal photo and some others by Mike Nosal)



Below, more 2016 photos of family and friends!



Lots of Love and Best Wishes for 2017: May good things happen! We are looking forward to Christmas and to seeing in the New Year in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic with our family and grandchildren! Love, John and Frances

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