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## Merry Christmas 2007.

We wish you all the blessings of this sacred season as we reflect back on the joys of 2007.

Boston continues to delight with so many offerings of art and entertainment. Mary is finishing up her third year as leader of the Culinary Discussion Group at the **BOSTON ATHENAEUM**, getting monthly speakers from among some of Boston's best and most celebrated victualers and provisioners.

As we have since 2001, we continue to enjoy getting together with a few friends for **LITERARY EVENINGS**, the record of which is now available on our website [www.readingaloud.org](http://www.readingaloud.org).

David sometimes jokes that we are a mixed-marriage, as he loves the **BALLET** and Mary loves the **OPERA**; after years of subscribing to both each has won the other over and we are enjoying both plus much of the other theatre that Boston offers.

The lazy days of summer were even more of a delight this year with our membership at the **CHARLES RIVER PARK SWIM CLUB** with its outdoor pool—some several thousand square feet of paradise in the heart of the city behind the “If you lived here you'd be home now” sign. Every sunny day we could we were there, except for our customary week on Cape Cod in **PROVINCETOWN**.

The fall, and October, brought travel. We started in New York City for the **ROBERT BENCHLEY SOCIETY** 2007 Annual Gathering held jointly with the **DOROTHY PARKER SOCIETY** and our Humor Award Ceremony at Pete's Tavern with our winner Daniel Montville. The following week David spoke on “Robert Benchley at the Crossroads of Comedy.” at the “Divine Providence” biennial meeting of **THE WODEHOUSE SOCIETY** in Providence, R.I.

The next weekend we were off to the Grandover Resort in Greensboro, N.C. for the 153rd Annual Meeting of the **NATIONAL TEXTILE ASSOCIATION**.

David's work on behalf of the domestic U.S. textile industry got a boost in November when U.S. Secretary of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez and U.S. Trade Representative Susan C. Schwab appointed David to serve on the Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Textiles and Clothing (ITAC 13), saying "Your industry expertise is critical to the Secretary of Commerce and the United States Trade Representative in pursuing trade objectives that reflect the concerns and interests of the private sector. We look forward to working with you in developing and implementing trade policies that serve your industry and the national interest."

This past fall also brought the publication of *An Evolutionary Psychology of Leader-Follower Relations* (Nova Publishers) by Patrick McNamara and David Trumbull. Mary also continues to enjoy writing her **ALL THAT ZAZZ** beauty culture column for the **POST-GAZETTE** newspaper. To read her articles go to [www.mary4nails.com](http://www.mary4nails.com).

The autumnal season was rounded out with the **DIZAZZO FAMILY REUNION** in September which reconnected Mary's dad with his Stoneham, Mass. cousins he hadn't seen since the 1930s. The DiZazzo families who came to America from Rocca d'Evandro, Caserta, Italy, in the early twentieth century now have their own website [www.dizazzo.org](http://www.dizazzo.org). Most amazing is **GIUSEPPE GIOVINI** the webmaster of [www.roccadevandro.net](http://www.roccadevandro.net) who was so taken by the story of the Rocca d'Evandresi who emigrated to Massachusetts that he has even gone to the town hall there in Italy for further research on Mary's forefathers.

Alec, Mary's Dad, still maintains his home and social life in Methuen, Mass. Always remembering the love for his country as a decorated World War Two veteran he'll be great at 88 on January 5th, 2008.

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

**David and Mary Trumbull**

**And ther's a hand, my trusty friend,  
And gie's a hand o' thine;  
We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet,  
For auld lang syne.**