

# Happy Holidays 2011



**Figure 1** This picture shows us at the Lee Valley party in January

*The Wallace Family continues to be relatively healthy, happy and busy. Tony is still working 4 days a week at Lee Valley Tools and I have 1 toe into retirement. I still am working at the Union office. Last year I was 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, but last spring I chose to be Secretary/Treasurer and work supposedly 7-8 days a month. I am looking forward to that happening soon.*

*As the picture above indicates, we had a major trip this fall – Portugal and Italy for 3 weeks. However, the rest of the year was full as well.*

*One big event was the arrival of Gregory, Andrew and Jenn's 3<sup>rd</sup> child in the summer. This is him just after his birth, but he's a big 5 month old little boy, getting ready to do all those wonderful things like sitting up, standing up and walking.*

*Vanessa, Ayden and Haydon continue to grow and bring us much joy. We just celebrated Vanessa's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday and Haydon's 2<sup>nd</sup>. And Ayden got his first set of eyeglasses. Haydon is going to have a new sibling this June right around my mother's birthday.*



**Figure 2 Vanessa, Ayden, Gregory**



**Figure 3 Haydon in front of the Christmas tree**

*We lost a dear friend in Ottawa this spring to a 17 year fight with cancer. She was the first of our age friends to go and it*

marked a milestone. There was a wonderful memorial service to her and we were able to visit with her husband and children.

Summer marked a couple of mini-vacations for us. I met for a few days with 4 of the "girls" who graduated from Gr. 13 with me in Harrow. This is becoming an annual thing. This year we went up to Bobcagen We had so many laughs with lots of memories. Next year, we are planning Niagara-on-the Lake.

We went fishing for a week with my cousin Ann and her family and friends at a lake near North Bay. A slight correction, Tony fished, I read and swam. Good times.



Figure 4 Tony's fish



Figure 5 - We had lots laughs & games

In October we went to Italy for 3 weeks with our friends the Webbers. We started with a little side trip to Portugal to visit

some friends – Lyn & David Mitchell, the friends I went to see in Scotland last year. If you didn't get to see the picture album we created, here is the link:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/uh/redirect?uname=110654261421881665175&target=ALBUM&id=5674695362337367713&authkey=Gv1sRgCMH6h8vqgYftJw&feat=email>

The highlight of the trip was picking olive trees at the hobby farm of the couple who maintains the apartment we rented.. Here's a little photo of us working.



Figure 6 We're gathering the olives that we've raked into the netting that was under the tree.

We saw the olives we picked pressed and we are planning to buy some of it as the man in the picture above, Tony Colacitti, is importing some to Canada shortly.

Our friends and family as well as church and work keep us busy and hopefully young at heart. We laugh a lot and try our best to enjoy the positive place we have in life's dance right now.

Lots of Love and Wishing a

Wonderful 2012 for all of you...

Tony & Barb