

Among Our Family and Friends

- **Mary Ellen Giess** and **Matthew Cressler** are pleased to announce the arrival of baby Jane, born Sept 14. She is welcomed by sisters Ellie, 4 years old and, Moira 2 years. Congratulations to the entire Cressler Giess family!
- The 4th grandchild of **John** and **Diane Narkunas** has arrived! She is Metea Rose Narkunas - born in late August and named after two great-grandmothers. More congratulations!
- **Karen and Dave Ruef** recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. Our best wishes to Karen and Dave!
- **John Jamrogowicz** and family are pleased that their 80-year-old Mom has finally received relief from long term back pain. She is being treated with an innovative therapy of electrical leads implanted in her spine. John says she is again a reasonably active and happy 80-year-old .
- A couple of weeks ago, **Kris Rife** was featured in the *Post and Courier* in a story about fetal alcohol syndrome. In summary, an amazing (and controversial) statistic is that reportedly an infant may be affected when only one drink is consumed after conception. This may be especially significant considering that half of all US pregnancies are unplanned.
- Recently **Sue Hartry** began a new, most interesting, part-time job. She is working with Sharing Hope South Carolina. This is an organization which orchestrates the recovery and placement of organ and tissue transplants in SC and in the nation. She is most enthusiastic about her work; I can understand why.
- And **Marc Kruza** tells us of the recent death of his younger cousin, Brian Seaman. You may remember that Marc lost another cousin a few months ago - Ross Weaver, age 32. And it turns out that in these few months he also lost an uncle, the father of one of these young men. While Marc has been able to be connected with family during all this, I think we can all appreciate that he is having a tough time right now. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.