For God, Our Family & Friends, & Especially for Sue Schuermann, Senior Library Specialist at the Missouri Journalism School Library, & the Memory of Great-Aunt Rosina Brunner, John H. & Judy Whale, & All the Deceased Members of the Marcou, Muskat, Amarnek, Sim, & Skifton Extended Family.

“If you're lucky, work can truly be a gift.”—Gina Barreca.

“Dear God,/ Why do you allow so much violence in our schools?/ Signed, a concerned student./ Dear Concerned Student,/ I'm not allowed in schools./ God.”—John Riser photo of t-shirt via Gregory Wuensch.

“If you don't believe in miracles, maybe it's because you've forgotten you are one.”—Via Lynn Christina Merrell.

SA60 is DvJM’s 145th book; he is Wisconsin’s most prolific living author.

SA60 researcher-author David Joseph Marcou, La Crosse, WI, 2005 (Photo by Matt A. Marcou).

Cherry blossom tree seen through right window of Metro bus, Washington, DC, ca. 2011 (DvJM).

Great-Aunt Rosina Brunner at about time of her 99th birthday, 2013 (Ctsy Sr. Monica Muskat).


Words & Photos by David Joseph Marcou (DvJM).
Author’s Note 1: I inadvertently omitted mention of John H. & Judy Whale's son, Toby, in the SA58 essay “Christmas time Conjures Precious Memories”. Toby's jobs have included casting director for the British National Theatre. Toby was gracious to me when we first met in Autumn 1981 London, and also recently too, via online communications.—DvJM.

Author’s Note 2: Captions-Credits were omitted for two SA58 photos on interior flap of back-cover: Vernon Biever took the photo (Ctsy Pristine Auctions) of Packers Jerry Kramer & Forrest Gregg carrying Vince Lombardi after SBII win, VL's final game as Packer Head Coach; the photo of Corey Clement, James White, & Mel Gordon, then-Badgers running backs, now NFL stars, was taken by DvJM.
Photographer-Author’s Preface, by David Joseph Marcou.

Over the decades so far, I’ve been very fortunate to have received many physical gifts: starting with my life (my name means “Beloved”) from God and my parents, then later, my son’s life (his name means “Gift from God”), & later still, a partial housing subsidy for a good apartment, plus decent clothing and food. I once even received free-of-charge a used car and a used computer (my first computer, ca. 1998, after the government had bought me a word-processor ca.1991). I’ve never been able to earn more than $14,000 in a year, and that probably only once in my life. Still, I’ve never really hungered long for food or drink, clothing, or shelter.

I’ve also received many intellectual and emotional gifts over the years, via ancestors, parents, siblings, teachers, and peers. Some people, though, may say I’ve no gifts of my own to give back, b/c they believe I’m a poor writer, photographer, editor, and neighbor. But Smithsonian, the Wisconsin and Missouri Historical Societies, British National Portrait Gallery, La Crosse Public Library Archives, Missouri Journalism School Library, et. al., and quite a few good family members & friends might disagree with that “poor” sobriquet. Also, my second wife and I conceived and raised a decent, bright son, whose successes have been many and profound.

In all this, God continues to be good to me and mine, not to mention many millions of human beings continuing to be good to me and mine too. While I haven’t yet made much money or been famous enough to win a Pulitzer, POYi, or Nobel Prize, my name attached to my works has traveled fairly well, for a long-enough time to make it stick decently-enough in key history books. I hope my son and his chosen partner will have children fairly soon as well. I’m very grateful for these things, and for all the good things I’ve been able to do in my life so far.

In authoring and publishing my many books, etc., I’ve been lucky-enough to have worked with many stellar subjects, sponsors, officials, collaborators, designers, printers, binders, teachers, students, scholars, medics, counselors, clergy, religious, employers, technicians, publishers, archivists, sellers, buyers, readers, and, to be sure, many decent and reliable family and friends. I can’t say enough how grateful I am to continuing to be associated with these people and their organizations. But I am very grateful.

Hopefully, my works will continue to positively evolve via my creation and direction many years, and after I pass, my works themselves, including my biological offspring, hopefully, will continue to positively thrive for eons in the worlds people still live in. And it’s hoped we’ll all arrive in Heaven someday, for all time, and with great shared enjoyment for us all.—By DvJM, Feb. 2018.
Almost dawn at the Mileage Station on a snowy day, La Crosse, WI (LaX), 2-3-18 (DvJM).

Snowy sidewalk with footprints, LaX, 2-3-18 (DvJM).

Sue Schuermann, Senior Library Specialist, Missouri U. J-School Library, ca.2017 (Ctsy MU).

Rose & David A. Marcou, 60th Valentine Anniversary, Feb. 2010 (DvJM).

Christians Should Be Known by Grace, Words by Linda Rasibek/Rev.Chas. Robinson, ca.2017 (DvJM).

Air Force One taking off in mist, LaX, 11-1-92 (DvJM).

Mike Leckrone directing UW Marching Band, Camp Randall Mem.Stadium, Madison, 9-9-17 (DvJM).

Youth wearing By Any Means Necessary t-shirt, Lincoln Middle School, LaX, I-21-18 (DvJM).

Sprigibly female walker, Market St., LaX, I-21-18 (DvJM).


Flagpole/Flag by Becker Plaza Patio, LaX, Early 2018 (DvJM).

Kristie & Pup Kneesha’s snow trail, LaX, Feb.2018 (DvJM).

Lady w/ bag walking on snowy day, LaX, Feb. 2018 (DvJM).

Historic Courthouse Bell, Bell Square Development, LaX, Feb. 2018 (DvJM).

Lady walking w/ groceries, Main St., LaX, Feb. 2018 (DvJM).

Constant lady walker, LaX, Fe.2018 (DvJM).

"You’ll Love Our Buns", Fayze’s Restaurant, 4th St., LaX, 2-6-18 (DvJM).

Food Bank truck, 4th St., LaX, 2-6-18 (DvJM).

Man walking on snowy sidewalk, LaX, 2-6-18 (DvJM).

Man & young lady walking in alley, LaX, 2-10-18 (DvJM).

Amish man & youngster in front of Brickhouse Pub, LaX, 2-12-18 (DvJM).


Young woman reading in front of Jules Coffeehop w/ police up the street, LaX, 2-13-18 (DvJM).

Young lady walking in profile by brick building, 3rd St., LaX, 2-13-18 (DvJM).

Amish man & young lady walking by storefront, LaX, 2-15-18 (DvJM).


Irish writers’ poster on wall, Houghton’s Pub, LaX, 2-15-18 (DvJM).


Tall young lady walking by Noelke’s religious goods store, Main St., LaX, 2-15-18 (DvJM).

Young lady walking by w/iPhone, LaX, 2-15-18 (DvJM).

Young lady walking by w/iPhone, LaX, 2-15-18 (DvJM).

Sunburst on car w/ young lady driving, 4th St., LaX, 2-13-18 (DvJM).

Brightness of Goodyear lady, LaX, 2-13-18 (DvJM).

Photographer’s reflection in Goodyear store window, LaX, 2-14-18 (DvJM).

Viterbo U. co-ed walking by, LaX, 2-15-18 (DvJM).

Viterbo U. male & female walking by, LaX, 2-15-18 (DvJM).

Two Viterbo U. co-eds walking by, LaX, 2-15-18 (DvJM).

Drake Hokanson photo of model RR operator in Winona., Viterbo U. show, LaX, 2-15-18 (DvJM).


Irish writers’ poster on wall, Houghton’s Pub, LaX, 2-15-18 (DvJM).


Tom & Matt M. in vestibule of closed Independence Hall, Philadelphia, PA, 6-12-18 (DvJM).

Solo Taiwanese dancer, MU-Columbia performance, ca. 1981 (DvJM).

Great-Aunt Rosina Brunner at about time of her 99th birthday, 2013 (Ctsy Sr. Monica Muskat).


Cherry blossom tree seen through right window of Metro bus, Washington, DC, ca. 2011 (DvJM).

Sunset near 8th St., LaX, 2-9-18 (DvJM).