

## Holiday Greetings 2003

Here's hoping that this holiday season finds you in good health and spirits. We appreciate this opportunity to stay in touch and let you know of our comings and goings, joys and sorrows. In January of 2003 we lost our good friend LaNore Love. She had been helping us for 19 years, first taking care of the kids (since Emily was born) and then helping take care of the household and pets. We will miss her; she was 85.

In March, I closed escrow on a property in Carmel / Big Sur. Katy and Anarion found it for sale and decided it would be the perfect place for little Seanna to grow up. It is a beautiful, mountaintop 5 acres with a small house near the end of a steep dirt road. Katy and Anarion have had their hands full with their jobs, Seanna, and working on many things needed to make the place into a home. Seanna turned 1 on October 5 and is now a cute, curious little toddler.

Andy graduated from Cal Poly Pomona in June with a degree in Computer Information Systems. He then took off for a trip to Japan with several friends. They traveled, climbed Mt. Fuji, and had a good time experiencing the Japanese culture and lifestyle. He subsequently interviewed for and accepted a job with ECC Foreign Language Institute teaching English in Japan. He leaves in April and will be based in Osaka for a year. He is spending Christmas with a friend in Jordan. Emily is in her 2<sup>nd</sup> year at UC Berkeley dividing her time between the Asian Pacific Theme program and Environmental Science and Policy Management courses. She spent a summer semester in Korea at Yonsei University in Seoul. She enjoys cooking Asian dishes. Jeremy is a Junior at Calabasas High School. He still likes video games, martial arts training, watching TV, and pick-up sports (not the organized kind).

Although Emily was already in college, Lou and I took the Girl Scout Troop on one last canoe trip down the Black Canyon of the Colorado in April. It was very windy this year, so there were a couple of capsized canoes, including ours as we were trying to rescue a group that had pulled out at the wrong spot. Otherwise it was a good trip as usual, with hikes to hot springs and beautiful canyon scenery. We also took a trip in August with our friend Bob Ray to the "Indian Country" of Colorado and New Mexico. We had rides on the Durango & Silverton and Cumbres & Toltec scenic steam railroads and also visited Santa Fe and the old copper mining town of Jerome. Andy and I spent a couple of end-of-Summer weeks with Marilyn and Ron at their island in Canada.

When my Silicon Gyro project was cancelled at Northrop Grumman, I shifted my focus and became an Engineering Manager. It's a different type of challenge than I have been used to but interesting nevertheless. I received another Patent and two Trade Secret awards this year. Lou is still working for SAIC as a contractor to Northrop Grumman/Azusa.

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