

## Greetings for 2011

It's been over a year since we lost Jeremy, and we still think about him often. Thankfully, we have our family and friends and our jobs, all of which keep us busy and engaged. Louis is working with a long freeway commute to Seal Beach. He plays softball with the team at work and volleyball on the beach. Chris spends long hours on the job where she also plays volleyball and softball. She has joined the fishing club at work and brings home lots of fish from her trips. The freezer has been stocked with fish all year and we keep trying to serve fish whenever feasible. We regularly join friends at our local board game groups, one hosted by our friend Tony and another by our friend Bill. Our cats Tiger and Forte keep us company. The orange grove had a record crop.

Katy and Anarion live in Carmel with Seanna (now 9) and Kaiden (almost 6). We had a joint camping trip near Morro Bay at Cerro Alto Park, a beautiful campground in the foothills. The enclosed picture is at the campground on top of the picnic table. We signed up for a day of fishing on a charter boat, but the waves were so high that the boat turned around after less than an hour. We later went on a kayak trip on the bay but this time it was quite windy, so we went in a different direction, toward Morro Rock. They all came down for the Thanksgiving weekend and visited Universal Studios, the local parks, played miniature golf, and went shopping. Katy and Anarion also joined Chris on a fishing trip.

Andy is working with an American company providing support for the naval base near Yokohama. After the earthquake/tsunami, he went to Singapore for a week to avoid potential radiation fallout, but that was inconsequential. He likes climbing various peaks in Japan. For the holidays, he is going to Cebu in the Philippines.

Emily found a job managing the Institute of the Environment at Tufts University. She signed up for some engineering classes there. She gets around on the public transportation system and also with her bicycle. She is planning a trip with us to Brazil over the holidays. She came to visit for a week before Labor Day and we took her on a boat trip to Santa Cruz Island, golfing at Camarillo Springs, and to Leo Carrillo State Beach.

Joyce moved back in with us at the start of the year and has finally graduated from California State University Northridge. She is looking for a job or graduate school in Psychology. She went back to visit Malaysia for her sister's wedding in March. The couple lives in Kuala Lumpur and just had a baby boy. Joyce visits her relatives and friends in the Los Angeles area and comes with us on various activities.

Chris' sister, JoAnna, is living in Rancho Cucamonga. She joined us for the Morro Bay trip and also for a river rafting trip down the Kings River during high-water. She and husband James come to our family gatherings.

We visited Lou's cousin Judi Patton and her family, and they gave us a copy of a DVD with some wonderful home movies from the 1920s (black/white) and 1950s (color). That was the first time that Louis had seen his grandfather Louis (his first name) and his cousin George (his middle name) in a movie.

We visited the Air, Art, Desert, Pioneer, and Native American museums in Palm Springs with our friends Bob, Linda, and Tony. There was also a very rough Hummer trip up a canyon into Joshua Tree National Park. The group also visited several museums in San Diego as well as the aircraft carrier Midway. We saw a beautiful sunset during the trip back on the Amtrak Coast Surfliner. We went skiing again for Lou's birthday in March, this time with the Edelweiss Ski Club. The weather at Mammoth was blustery, but the trip was fun. Other adventures included the annual camping trip with the Yuengers. This year it was to Red Rock Canyon State Park in April. In May, it was the 45<sup>th</sup> reunion of the CalTech class of 1966 at the Alumni Seminar Weekend. During the summer, we went to the Campo Railroad Museum and the Mt. Wilson Observatory.

In October, we went to New Orleans with Dennis and Tricia where we took aquarium, steam-boat, swamp-boat, and air-boat tours. We then embarked on the Norwegian Cruise Line Spirit for a 7 day trip to Costa Maya, Roatan Island (great snorkeling), Belize, and Cozumel. We do not recommend Norwegian, since they gave us a double down-grade to the room that we paid for. There are several extra-cost dining rooms on board that we did not patronize. Shore excursions were over-priced, so we negotiated our own, including a rainforest cave-tubing adventure in Belize. After returning to New Orleans, we stayed in the French Quarter where we sampled Cajun cuisine. (Chris thought "Yummy!"; Louis thought "Too Spicy!") We then flew to Milwaukee and visited Chris' mom and her sister/brother-in-law Marilyn and Ron in Wisconsin. Our next stop was the 40<sup>th</sup> reunion of our Northwestern University class of 1971, along with the football game and band concert.

The house on Schoolcraft needed some fixing up so Tony Sugar came down from Lincoln/Sacramento for a week to help with the fix-up, clean-up, and paint-up activities. We took him to some interesting places to eat in the vicinity. Subsequently, we cleaned and repaired the carpets, installed new vertical blinds in the family room, and completed various repair activities. We are now looking for someone to rent the house.

**We hope 2012 brings you joy, luck, and prosperity. Please keep in touch.  
Happy New Year!**