



Merry Christmas 2010



Dear Family and Friends

My, the years go so fast...2010 is almost gone. Do you remember when the year 2000 was a long way away? We certainly do...and George Orwell when he wrote 1984...seems like that today with instant communications and spy cams everywhere.

As we reflect back on 2010, we remember two and one half months of sharing our lives with Diane's mother Phyllis as she recuperated from a broken shoulder/arm. The recovery was not fun, but the time shared was wonderful. Phyllis was a regular playing Bingo at the Casino & I think Diane is catching that bug. She is working more at the hospital since they now have 7 day dietitian coverage and volunteers most of her free time at the food bank for St. Vincent de Paul, Mogollon Health Alliance, Xeriscape Council, Church, and PAWS...oh yes we still had time to travel, have fun, and enjoy some fine dinners and wine.

We also were called out on a consulting job in New Mexico...seems the food service had some significant challenges. Gary left after a call on a Sunday night and Diane joined him the next week, three weeks total for Gary. Needless to say, we feel we made a significant contribution. They have a new director and everything seem to be on track.

It was great to have family and friends visit us this year. Diane's cousin Carol, Karen and James, Margaret and Bob and sister Donna shared time with us in February. Sr. Peg Bishop squeezed us into travel plans in May. Diane's brother Dave and his wife Laurie made a quick overnight stop before heading out with Phyllis to Las Vegas and then the trip back to Ohio.

Mostly Gary fished this year... AZ White Mountains twice, San Juan River twice, Alaska, Hawaii, and yes here in Payson. One of the White Mountain trips was a fly fishing tournament at X-Diamond Ranch, our team took second place. In between, we did a fund raising gourmet dinner for Ed Blair for his re-election to Town Council. We also did a number of "First Friday" fund raisers for the Humane Society. Grilling "Charlies" (our local sausage maker) brats and dogs raised well over \$1000 to help feed the animals.



We prepared taxes again for AARP Foundation - January through April tax time. Diane took on a little more responsibility and transmitted Thursday's computerized returns to the IRS. Gary had enough to do just to keep up with the changes in the tax law.

April took us to Reno for the IFSEA Convention and trade show for the Military. We followed this with a stop in Redding to visit with Gary's cousin John Thode and dinner with his daughter Kathy and husband Ron. We would like to get back there - beautiful mountains and good fishing. We then visited with Cousin Audrey and Husband Bob in Red Bluff, then on to the San Francisco Bay Area for a couple of days with son Jay & Nancy Bedsworth. Jay was interim General Manager of the Olympic Club for 10 months during a search for a new GM and remains as the head of the down town club. Nancy has started her own counseling business and it is growing rapidly. Before leaving town we

visited with my Uncle Al Evans and had lunch with niece Charlotte. She is working towards Angel status after taking care of my sister who passed on two years ago and Al for the last 8 years.

We hiked Capitol Reef, Arches and Canyonlands National Parks in Utah in September and stayed at Red Cliffs Lodge on the banks of the Colorado River. It was wonderful!

Diane went to Chicago for the annual ServiceMaster gathering in November. It was fun to catch up with everyone and not to bring LC Nut back to AZ. Karen and James were great hosts and we had a wonderful day hiking in southern Illinois.

This year we ventured to Wichita to share Thanksgiving with Diane's sister Donna, Bernardo and Lauren. It was a cooking extravaganza as Bernardo enhanced his cooking skills with some tips from Gary and Diane showed Lauren and Donna some baking secrets. Phyllis was the primo "peeler". We celebrated Bernardo's and Diane's birthday too!

Gary's daughter Pam is working as a Media Specialist and is a coach for the Science Olympiad besides taking care of the family! Rachel was Assistant Stage Director for a play at her school. She and Colin participated in a Science Olympiad...their school came in 1st! Aidan may be a future rock artist with his drums. Pat stills cheers on The Vikings!

Gary was selected with WO5 Tommie Walker as an evaluator for the Edward F. Ney Award, awarded to the top food service in the Navy. It was a great adventure evaluating two ships in Norfolk and two in Pearl Harbor The bonus this year was a 7 day trip to Hawaii. Diane joined Gary and we had a great military oriented time. We arrived December 7th the day of dedication of the new Arizona Memorial Museum. It's great. Don't miss it if you go to Oahu. We also highly recommend the "Home of the Brave" tour.



Love,

Gary & Diane

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