

Holiday Greetings to All!

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Another year gone by. It has certainly been a busy year, and for the most part a good year, though it seems we have little in the way of news to account for it. Ahh, the mundane life! Chad is still into computers with the Travis County Tax Office, alternately praising and cussing the latest software and hardware installations. Linda remains with the Texas Attorney General's Child Support Enforcement division, working with the counties to implement the new federally mandated computer systems--not a smooth process when you try to marry state, local and federal interests! There are major changes ahead for Linda as the elections are bringing a new Attorney General and the surprising indications are that he will bring back some "old heads" (and old friends) with whom Linda originally worked under a prior AG (who was defeated in this election--make sense?!). Linda continues to actively develop her second career in estate sales and collectibles and is looking forward to the (near?) future when she can enjoy it full time.

Limited travel. Chad went to his 30th class reunion at the USAF Academy in June (and it snowed!) and truly enjoyed meeting old friends again, many whom he hadn't seen since graduation. He is involved now in planning a 30th reunion for his pilot training class for next year. We also flew to California to a gathering of Chad's siblings, hosted by his twin sister. It was a whirlwind tour of the central coast, wine country, and San Francisco. Whew! It is really great that the siblings gather every few years to renew those family ties (and rivalries :-). Linda's sister and family moved to Texas from the east coast and will be building a home less than a mile from us. All of Linda's family are now in central Texas which makes it easy and nice to keep in touch.

Not much on the home front. Sad to say we lost two of our older cats who had been with us since Arizona, 16 years ago. It was their time, but the loss was still hard.

And finally, we celebrated Linda's 50th in style with lots of friends and lots of nice cards, calls and keepsakes from others who could not attend. And one of her gifts, naturally, was an orange tabby kitten. Linda named him Bartlett, after the tiny central Texas town where she was born. Bart has merged well with the other cat, 3 dogs, and 2 horses.

And with that we bid adios. We are glad to keep in touch with you and wish all a joyous holiday and a bountiful new year.

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