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Happy Holidays to all! Time again for our annual missive that we know you urgently await.

We continued the “excitement” of moving into our new home, adjusting, and settling in. Still one bathroom remodel to do but we are well entrenched and loving it. Come see! (hint).

More than ever we treasure the joys of family and friends, celebrating their achievements, retirements, visits, etc. And we are saddened by their loss - Chad’s dear Aunt Betty, dear friends, and associates. And we are sad to say we lost our elderly dog, Buddy, and cat, Fargo, this year. We still have two cats: 15 yr old Tequila and 10 yr old Hannah and are considering another dog - rescue of course. And we still have the two horses Sunny and Tio, boarded at a nearby ranch.

A notable visit by Linda’s life-long friend Peggy: first Buddy chose that time to leave us - a real downer - followed by Linda falling & breaking a wrist at the boarding ranch and Peggy driving her to the ER. Peggy says she might visit again but I don’t recall her asking us to visit her!

Linda and I traveled to Washington DC in October, first to attend the interment of a good friend at Arlington National Cemetery in a most elegant, professional, and moving ceremony which included the Caisson horse procession. We also took a few days to visit the many memorials around the Cemetery, Pentagon, and Washington mall, many for the first time. They all are very impressive and each evokes strong emotions. It’s a trip every one should experience.

Linda & her sister Judy had a most memorable trip to London in June. They did enjoy the trip but also were present for the London Bridge terror attack. They were never in any immediate danger but were close enough to see much of the events unfold. You know its not good when you get a phone call that starts “I’m OK but . . .”

Our only other trip was to Sequim, WA (Seattle area) in August to visit friends and family, and a side trip to Victoria, BC. A beautiful area. We wish to travel more but life “happens” and things get put off. We have scheduled trips next year to visit good friends in Tucson in February and a River Cruise on the Danube in May (Prague to Budapest). More is possible.

We certainly seem to stay busy in retirement. Linda continues her volunteer work as a Habitat Steward and enjoys getting together with her old work friends (The Lazy Girls), her book club from our former neighborhood, and of course the horses. Chad’s volunteer work with the AARP TaxAide program covers the better part of half the year, VFW (learning new skills as an event parking lot attendant), and golf when he can (still struggling to break 100).

A good year for us, wishing the same for you, and for the New Year.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays to all

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