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Greetings again from Wimberley Texas, hoping this finds you well and enjoying the Christmas and Holiday seasons.

Reviewing our 2018 newsletter, little has changed since then, yet we still experienced many significant events, both high and low.

One unfortunate aspect of the passage of time is the loss of close friends and family. This year was no exception tho notably all were our age or younger and most occurred with minimal forewarning. We have learned to hold friends and family closer and not take time for granted.

Linda's recovery from earlier surgeries on her esophagus and shoulder essentially stalled and even backslided a bit last year, but with new doctors and more surgery, Linda is starting over on the long recovery and we are hopeful. Linda is fine with the normal routine of living but unfortunately is limited in some of her favorite activities including travel, riding her horse and stewarding native habitat restoration (though unable to participate in field work, she continues to research, write and edit for her fellow stewards). We were blessed just last month in that Linda "totaled" our car when another driver ran a stop sign - yet she walked away with no significant injury (& no injuries in other vehicle). From the photos you are amazed that she even survived.



Chad continues with golf (broke 90! - once) and volunteering with Habitat for Humanity and the TaxAide programs. With Linda's blessing (urging) Chad was able to check off a major bucket list item that Linda wanted no part of: a trip to Antarctica! Chad and his brother Gary made the grueling 34 plus hour trip to the tip of South America, catching an expedition ship for a 2-day crossing of the infamous Drake passage and spent 4 fabulous and wondrous days on and around the Antarctic peninsula that more than justified the arduous travel down and back. Ask me about it and I'll "treat" you to a travelogue and about 100 photos!



No change on the critter front: cat Hannah and dog Bruiser still humor and entertain us and we still board horses Sunny Girl and Tio. No more skunk encounters for Bruiser, thankfully, though our back yard game camera nightly verifies a skunk family in residence along with the occasional fox, racoon, et al.

Our goals for the coming year are to travel, home and abroad, and to continue our enjoyment of living here in Wimberley and Central Texas. We hope you can visit and enjoy it with us. Above all we want to stay in touch and "hold close".

And once again, we wish you the Merriest of Christmases, a Joyful Holiday Season, and a most Happy and Healthy New Year!

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