



Greetings again to all our family and friends, hoping you had a good 2024 and will have a great 2025.

The past year has had its ups and downs for us. Most sadly, we lost our dog Bruiser and with him another small part of our hearts. We still have dog Vinnie and cats Archie and Lily to cheer and aggravate us. As always, they are a big part our lives. And we still have the horses, Tio and Sunny Girl tho we don't ride anymore and don't get the time with them we'd like to have.

As in past years, a great deal of our time is spent in our separate volunteer programs. We undoubtedly spend too much time with them but enjoy the comraderie and are rewarded by the results of our efforts. Maybe we'll cut back some next year.

In February Linda fell over Archie, our 15 pound cat, as he was making a mad dash in front of her on the way to his food bowl. She broke her hip (femur) which required surgery and extended in-patient (Impatient!) therapy. But she recovered sufficiently for our 2 week cruise in May around the British Isles, with daily port calls: London, Dover, Dublin, Liverpool, Belfast, Edinburgh, et.al., ending in Bergen Norway. A great trip enhanced by the fact we traveled with Chad's brother and Linda's sister and spouses. It was a wish fulfilled for Linda to see the White Cliffs of Dover in person. Wish we could have spent more time at each of our port calls.

We viewed the total solar eclipse out our front door on April 24. It did get dark for the few minutes of totality, but most dramatic was how quiet it was - the birds actually do stop singing.

More trips - Linda's recurring summer trip with high school friends to Gulf Shores, AL; a long August weekend in Sycamore, IL for Chad's 60th high school reunion and family gathering; and a fun golf trip in September for Chad with brother Gary to St George, UT (fabulous scenery).

On the golf trip Chad experienced some nerve related leg pains, which, following two months of pills and therapy, required spinal surgery at the end of Nov. Recovery is going very well and looking forward to golf again in January. Linda meantime has learned the femur break and a kneecap break from two years ago both are not healing properly. More tests are needed but it is possible both will need corrective surgery and someone is not a happy camper about that!

Another great loss - Oak Wilt is claiming all our Live Oak trees. We've already cut down 10 trees and will take down the remaining 5 in January. It's a major scourge. We knew it might eventually get to us but were surprised how quickly it spread thru the neighborhood, most likely acerbated by extended drought and unusually severe freezes over the past few years.

Overall a good year with a few rough spots, but we are upbeat, on the mend, and looking forward to a Happy and Healthy New year. And we wish the same for all of you. Take care, be kind. Love to all.



Chad & Linda Swedberg
110 Augusta Lane
Woodcreek TX 78676-2502

Linda: lintex@austin.rr.com
512-461-2920
Chad: swedtex@austin.rr.com
512-461-0349