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Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah

We hope that you too had a great year and are enjoying the holiday season and in good health.



This was a great year for travel! We were fortunate to take two wonderful cruises – round-trip from San Diego to Hawaii in Feb, and LA to Miami via the Panama Canal in Nov. We bicycled in the rain around the Kilauea volcano, and took a crocodile river tour in Costa Rica. The ships had great food and entertainment including Jersey Boys and a Beatlemania show on the new Norwegian Bliss

In January Graham, Juliette, Jake and their friends Peace and Savanna had a super vacation trip to Bali and Thailand. Peace has family in Thailand. They visited an Elephant Sanctuary, learned to cook Thai food, and jumped off waterfalls in beautiful Bali.



Jana went camping in Yosemite with the five of them just after the fires. In October, Jake's job took him to Germany so Juliette and Savanna joined him in Munich. They visited beautiful castles in Germany and went skiing and hiking in the Swiss Alps.



Chloe is now 7 and is taking singing and acting lessons and doing well at school. We like taking her to the Zoo and Sea World but she prefers art projects, swimming and baking cookies at our house.

Katelynn and Natalie graduated from college and started jobs in the working world. Garrett will have another year studying at Palomar College and he then plans to transfer and study computer science. Austin is a Junior at San Marcos High School and he continues to focus on programming and computer science (and videogames!).

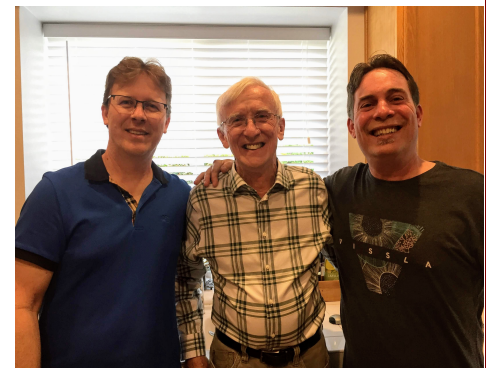


Milt enjoys caring for Jamee at home and has had a good year with full time help. The new caregiver agency is much more stable which enabled us to go on our cruises.



Jana is enjoying her retirement and visits Milt and Jamee about every other day. She loves working in her vegetable garden and is now a certified master composter!

Michael likes to stay current on technology including the latest Virtual Reality experiences. He keeps our apps and web site (computerade.com) and our HOA website (sandypointcardiff.com) running and up to date.



We had a lovely Thanksgiving dinner at Antony & Diana's. Christmas Day will be at our home and we will celebrate New Years Eve at Colin & Rene's.

With love and very best wishes for 2019, from the Birch family:
Jana, Michael, Juliette and Graham.

