

Christmas 2006

Dear Friends and Family,

Time certainly seems to speed up as you get older. It seems as if it has only been a few months since we wrote the 2005 edition of this letter, but since I can hardly remember the details, I guess it has been a year.

Travel was a major activity this year. In February, we helped chaperone 25 high school cheerleaders at a national competition in Atlanta. The kids came home safely and the adults lived through it. Whew!

Our big trip of the year was to Europe. In June, we sailed the Mediterranean Sea for twelve days. We saw Naples, Italy; Dubrovnik, Croatia; Venice, Italy; Messina Sicily; Barcelona, Spain; Nice France; Florence Italy and then spent four extra days in Rome. Each location deserves an entire letter but I will give a three letter summary; WOW!

In few days after returning from Europe, we sent Laura to the UCLA campus in Los Angeles for a People to People Ambassador program with other high school seniors from around the world. She was very apprehensive about going so far away all by herself to a place where she did not know anyone. When she called the first night, she was still worried, but by the second night, she could hardly find time to talk to us because she was busy with her new friends. She now counts these kids from around the world as her best friends and keeps in touch with them.

In July, we had the pleasure of going to Twin Lakes in Iowa to attend the 50th wedding anniversary of Milo's sister, Donna. At church on Sunday, Donna and BJ reaffirmed their vows in a service with many of the wedding party in their original roles. Imagine Milo, a 61 year old candlelighter and still cute. But enough about me.

Laura is completing her senior year of high school and busy doing those college applications. CSU is her top choice, but still considering UNC and CU.

Jenn is still working as an occupational therapy technician in the physical therapy department at The Children's Hospital in Denver. She has decided to become a physician's assistant. She just completed an organic chemistry class. It is used as a litmus test for entry in to most medical fields and a prerequisite for applying to PA school next year.

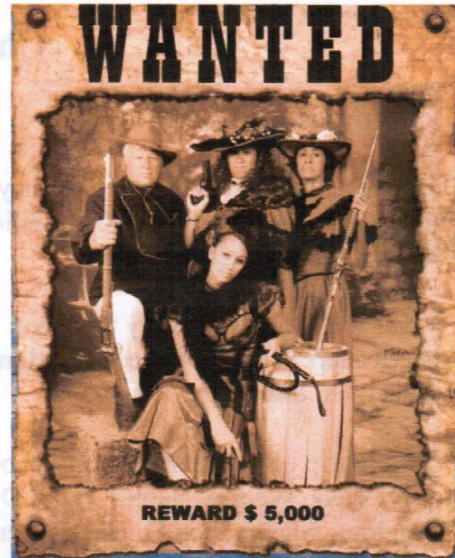
Milo spends a few hours a week doing some consulting for Baer Consulting, Inc. Sandy somehow finds time to see her mom in Denver several times a week. And ride some horses. And work full time at the veterinary office.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas time and a safe and peaceful New Year.

Laura, Jenn, Sandy and Milo



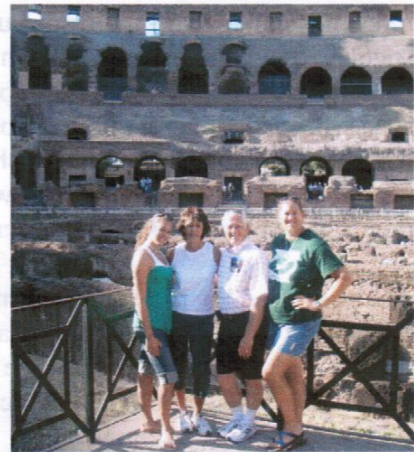
Boarding the ship in Florence, Italy



Some Colorado Desperados on the high seas



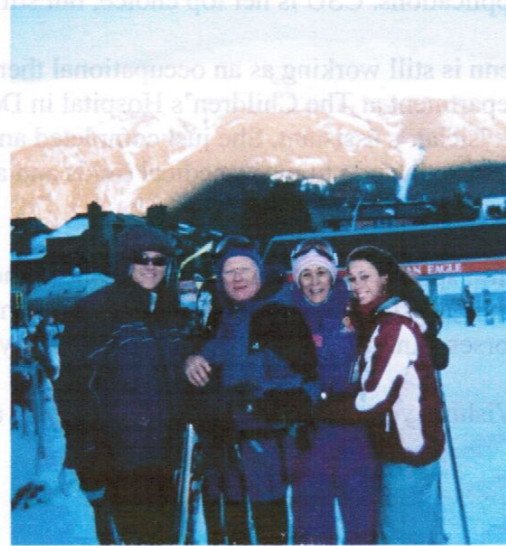
St Mark's square in Venice, Italy



The Roman Coliseum



The Trevi Fountain



Back home in Colorado