

2013
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Our Christmas letter has turned into a New Year's letter but we are still hoping this finds everyone healthy and ready to enjoy 2014!

We continue to love living in Colorado - we didn't get to spend as much time as we would have liked last year on our favorite ski slope - Copper Mountain - but this year with passes we hope to spend more time there. We will also meet our friends from Australia for some ski time in Aspen in February.

Milo has spent the past year working for the Tesla Motor Company who make the all-electric Tesla car. The cars are not available on car lots but rather are ordered ~~on-line through outlet stores such as our local one at the shopping mall.~~ He has enjoyed being an information resource at the store, giving test drives and helping people order cars. Unfortunately they wanted him to work full time so he quit this fall but did leave owning a Tesla himself. It is a wonderful vehicle and we smile every time we drive by a gas station! He is also an active member of our church choir and a men's group called the XYZ singers as well as the Parker Chorale. Oh, yes, in his spare time there is always that "honey do" list!

Sandy continues to work and operate Cottage Veterinary Hospital but has managed a bit more time away this year thanks to the help of another doctor two days a week. Our oldest daughter, Jenn, also works in the practice as a technician and manages our website as part of her practice management duties. She owns a home in Denver and enjoys the outdoor activities in Colorado as well as her numerous rugby buddies. In addition to two roommates her home houses 3 dogs including a blind Labrador who swims, hikes and generally doesn't know she can't see!

Our youngest daughter, Laura, lives in Ft. Collins and has been working at a Learning Rx center where she helps both children and adults with learning disabilities. She will return to school at Colorado State this year to pursue her degree in psychology so that she can work with special-education children.

This summer we spent a number of weekends showing our dressage horses and won a number of year-end awards in the Rocky Mt. Region. Milo makes a wonderful "groom" and keeps Sandy sane at shows as well as tolerating her "addiction" to riding. We also enjoyed a brief visit to Iowa for Milo's high school class 50 year reunion and a chance to spend some time with his sister Mary and husband Lee. In addition to a week in the Bahamas this spring we enjoyed a week in Bar Harbor, Maine, this fall eating lobster and seeing the fall colors. We will spend a week in Hawaii this March and have Ireland or the Galapagos on our long term "bucket list".

This is our first holiday season without Sandy's mom who passed away in May but it has still been a joyous time and we give thanks for health and family.

Milo and Sandy Eckles