



Christmas 2014

# Duelm Family Newsletter

## Merry Christmas!

We hope this festive season finds you healthy and happy, and looking forward to the year ahead. We also hope you enjoy our family tradition of pictures and stories from the past twelve months.

## Accounting, Aggie Style

Tony and Katie settled into married life in College Station, Texas. Katie continues as Managing Editor of Texas A&M University Press. Tony returned to school to pursue a Master's degree in Accounting, which along with his math background will allow him to calculate the velocity at which their bank account is depleted. Actually, he also works part-time as a financial assistant for the university. And, this summer they had a wonderful opportunity to explore Italy with Katie's parents who live in Naples.



Tony and Katie, Una Bella Estate, Italy

## Touchdown!

Brock continues to work days and attend college at night. All work and no play make him a very dull boy, that is except for spending his available time with girlfriend Bea. She has already adapted our warped sense of humor. While introducing her to the game of baseball with the Houston Astros, Tony proceeded to advise her (incorrectly I might add) about the term used for

a hit over the outfield wall. Sensing his deception, at the moment of the next home run, she stood and screamed "Yea Touch-down!" Priceless.



Bea and Brock - Birthday(s) Celebration

## Recovering Cat Addict

After Tiger left for his walkabout last year, never to return, we restored our catastrophic home with two adoptions. One is a long-hair black beauty with a bushy tail, christened Foxy Lady. Then, this fall as Julie was driving home from Buda, Texas, she couldn't pass up one kitten left in a box outside a gas station. His name? Buda of course. The two felines became great play buddies after Buda stopped attempting to nurse on Foxy. In a related story, we've since learned that Buda's claws and Julie's blood thinner don't mix, as any time her arms are exposed, we observe folks questioning if the countless marks are tracks of an addict. If only we could make the scratching post resemble a body part.



Foxy - Resting After Catching the Red Dot

## Tell Me My Future

Julie reprised her role as the mysterious fortune teller for the local fall festival. Armed with Tarot cards and her gift of bull\_\_\_, hundreds of children (and adults) will now have the most amazing futures.



Madame Julie, the Fortune Teller

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Big Brother is Watching!



Cabrillo Tide Pools, San Diego

*Have a Very Merry Christmas!*



There's an App for That

## It's All Greek to Me

We finally made good on our "consolation prize" for downsizing and escaped to Greece. It was the trip of a lifetime, though we were almost deported. Just as Brian took a picture of Julie standing next to the guard for the tomb of the unknown soldier, she saluted. Immediately the captain ran over to Brian and demanded he delete the picture. The always irreverent Julie later confided she almost gave the Hitler salute, in which case the picture wouldn't be only the thing deleted from Greece.



Our Contractor Built This, With Similar Results

## Walk This Way

Brian has settled into his role at McKesson Specialty Health, supporting The US Oncology Network with leadership training programs for physicians and their staff. After being consumers of healthcare for years, we have a new perspective and appreciation for the business side of healthcare. Plus, as part of our benefits, we get credit for steps walked, which is to Julie's advantage since she already walks three to five miles per day for therapy after last year's back surgery. Brian (nicknamed "the wimp") has decided he will need back surgery just to keep up.

