



Christmas 2015

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.

End of an Era

We begin our news with a heavy heart. This summer Julie's mom passed away after a sudden, but brief battle with congestive heart failure. We miss her dearly, but faith assures us that she's reunited with Dave, her college sweetheart and husband. She lived life to the fullest, taught us to see the best in people, and used humor to heal our pain and lift our spirits. The latter is how we'll carry on with our news of 2015, exactly as she would have wanted us to.



Celebrating Mom's 85th Birthday in October, 2014

The Kids

Brock completed his studies in surveying and is now pursuing a degree in construction management at Sam Houston State University. He continues to enjoy his work as a surveyor while attending college, and also spending time with girlfriend Bea, who graduated from Sam Houston State this year. Tony will finish his Master's degree in Accounting at Texas A&M this May and has accepted an offer with a firm in Houston. Katie continues as Managing Edi-

tor of Texas A&M University Press. We're very proud of the kids and enjoy spending time together.



The gang at Bea's graduation from Sam Houston

Misstep

Brian would like to attribute this catastrophe to an error in navigation by Santa. The real story? Earlier this year Brian applied sealer to fix a roof leak. Heavy rains gave him a chance to check his work. The good news is that the attic is dry. The bad news is that we can now check for future leaks from downstairs.



Nope. It wasn't Santa Claus

Who's Short?!

This year we were blessed as Julie was able to travel with Brian on several work trips. We added a day or weekend to take in the local sights. Julie has never been mistaken for the tallest person in the room; however, during a visit to Washington DC, she received an executive tall order from the President. It saved us having to walk the stairs.



Measuring up

Bucket List

Everyone has a few items that they'd like to experience once in a lifetime, and while in Phoenix we had the chance to cross one off our bucket list. We had watched hot air balloon festivals before, but riding in one was thrilling, and included being part of the crew to inflate the balloon.



Basket case

Point of No Return

This spring we spent a relaxing week in Florida with Julie's sister Jill and husband Greg. Among our activities, we hiked the trails of J.N. Ding Darling (that's not a typo) National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island. The wildlife was abundant, but restrooms were not. Luckily, we stumbled upon a location that was clearly marked for the purpose.



Is a caption really required?

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Christmas Lumberjacks

Have a Very Merry Christmas!