



Christmas 2016

Duelm Family Newsletter

Merry Christmas!

We hope this festive season finds you healthy, 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.

The Kids

Tony graduated with his Masters of Accounting and began his career with MaloneBailey in Houston. Katie continues as Managing Editor at Texas A&M University Press. Brock received his Associate of Applied Science in Land Surveying and continues at Sam Houston State pursuing a degree in a Construction Management.



Our favorite Germans - Tony, Katie, Brock
Oktoberfest at the Texas Renaissance Festival

Falling Short

Last Christmas Julie's present to Brock and Brian was a skydiving session. Brian immediately called his life insurance agent to ask about recent changes to the policy. Julie then informed them this event would take place at the local indoor skydiving facility. Brian still asked for a parachute.



The sky may not be the limit, but the ceiling...

Volcanic Diversion

Our dream vacation to Costa Rica almost went up in smoke. Near the end of our flight the captain announced "We will not be landing in San Jose. A volcano just erupted near the airport." That gives new meaning to our dislike of turbulence. Fortunately, we landed on the other side of the country (only four hours away) and continued our adventure. The next morning our rental car was covered in ash. "Wash me!"



Arenal volcano, thankfully inactive

Some Like It Hot

Costa Rica is rich with natural beauty and wonderful people. While there we had the chance to experience a half-mile zip line over the forest canopy, as well as hot springs fed by Arenal volcano. We were reminded of being in the rainforest when one evening, as we soaked in the warm water, the heavens opened with a torrential rain storm. It was a surreal experience.



Tabacón Hot Springs fed by Arenal

Waxing Nostalgic

This summer we stopped by an ice cream store for gelato after a show. In the corner sat a still-life figure, a sculpture you'd expect to find in a Madame Tussauds wax museum. It was so realistic that Julie moved in for a closer look, that is until he shocked her by playing his accordion. (The brown spot on Julie's jeans isn't ice cream.) Together they sang "My Funny Valentine," her parents favorite song. He was charming, and it was heart-warming.



A sentimental duet

Elk This Way

After a two-year hiatus, Julie returned to her career as a crosstitute. If you're unaware, or possibly appalled at the thought, be not dismayed. Julie is a school crossing guard, and she practices safe intersections. Unfortunately, her skills failed us during a trip to Colorado when we were delayed by a herd of elk crossing the highway for nearly by 45 minutes.



Elk versus Car. Elk win!

Alphanumeric Entertainment

A new favorite diversion for the gang is bingo. While the promise of a second income has not materialized, there's no better people watching on the planet. By the way, those who bring their entire collection of stuffed animals don't have any better luck than those who wear a tuxedo.



Old fashioned eye-hand coordination

The Rest of the Story

Brian continues to work for McKesson, managing training programs for The US Oncology Network. He has a front row view of the impact that new programs and regulations in healthcare are having on patients and physicians. It's very different being on the business side of medical care.

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Christmas tradition at the tree farm



Have a Very Merry Christmas!