

Happy Holidays from the Grandgeorges!

Jenni said we'd be doing a Christmas letter this year. It's nice to have strong direction in life... since we last wrote one in the last decade.

Life is good at our house. We are both gainfully employed, surrounded by great family and friends.

We lost Jenni's grandmother Ellen Dunaway in November. Ellen was 94 years old, lived a full life and had a wonderful extended family assembled around her. Having Jenni's brother Brad home, along with all the family, would have been something Ellen would have liked.

There have have births close to our hearts. Wyatt (Jenny and Matt), James August (Erik and Nat), Mic (Nancy and Ray) and Lloyd (Nick and Camille) - these are lucky kids, because they all ended up with wonderful parents. We look forward to watching them grow up.

Pete continued to get out on the water, mostly sailboating this warm summer. Another summer of drought and there won't be much water left to float on in central Iowa. The summer weather was beautiful to take in a few drive-in movies in Newton. We wrapped up the summer with a disaster drill at the airport. Jenni played a plane crash survivor while Pete was locked up in a command trailer. The fun part was the thunderstorm and 60mph winds that had us all huddling together in hanger while Mother Nature banged away.

We got down to Arizona in April for a few days of relaxation. It was 102 degrees when we left Phoenix and 40 degrees when we got off the plane in Des Moines. Other than that, we did a little travel separately - Pete and his Dad Monte went to Shiloh Church, Tennessee in April for sesquicentennial of the tragic Civil War battle. Jenni and friend Carey celebrated life when they returned to Arizona in September for a few days.

We also got up to the Historic Park Inn in Mason City in October for the Praire School architecture tours. Beautiful lodging and beautiful homes. This is Jenni standing on the Meredith Wilson footbridge - how beautiful!, even if the fall colors were mighty muted this year.

We hope 2012 has been a wonderful year for you and we hope to see you again soon.



Jenni and Pete Grandgeorge