

Merry Christmas!

We hope you are looking forward to a great Christmas celebration with your family and then a Happy 2015. Yes, 2015! Seems like only yesterday it was 2000!

Please forgive us for not sending our usual photo letter. Roger has been traveling in December and just got home. He will be here one day and then we leave for visits with family in Ohio and Wisconsin. This letter has likely been stuffed in the envelope while we are on the road. So we don't have time to do anything fancy and we'll just use the black-and-white laser printer because it is faster. If you still want to see photos, they are posted on the internet at <http://rogerdugan.com/PhotoIndex.html>.

We just returned from spending a week at Kevin and Sarah's in Colorado Springs for Thanksgiving. Greg and Meredith came up from Texas as well. It was good to get at least 6/10 of the family together at one time. Can't seem to make everyone's schedules match to get everyone together anymore. We'll see Roger's Dad and Peggy's Mom as well as most of the rest of our families when we go to Ohio. Then we will be in Wisconsin when Santa arrives. Hope he can find us ☺ He always seems to.

Kevin and Sarah are doing well. He has advanced quite well at his programming job at Comcast in Denver. This has inspired Sarah to study Computer Science also, taking on-line courses. Greg is still on the road a lot with Vocal Trash and plays for some other groups, too. He can be found on the Internet more than Roger now. Just search Youtube for Vocal Trash and you'll probably find hundreds of videos. Meredith is still working at Southwest Airlines where there's been some changes now the Wright Amendment is gone (look it up if you don't understand). You can follow Kathy, Scott, Peyton and Samantha Schumann on Kathy's "Schumama" blog: <http://kathyschumann.blogspot.com/>. Recent big news for them is that Scott's high school girls volleyball team won the Wisconsin state championship!

We still have the same jobs: Roger at the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) and Peggy at Webb School of Knoxville. We've both been busier than we need to be at this point in our lives, but we're mostly keeping up. It just hurts more and one of our good friends is Advil. No plans to retire yet. Roger's computer program (OpenDSS) has become quite popular worldwide for simulating solar PV generation effects on utility power systems and EPRI keeps him busy teaching people how to use it. This year it took him to Montreal, Ft. Worth, L.A., and, just yesterday, Tempe. It is recommended in Brazil for computing losses in power lines. So maybe we'll get there next year?? Looking at least to make it to Lyon.

We remain quite active with the Farragut Church of Christ. Roger took a trip to Pittsburgh in November for a conference at the University of Pittsburgh and worshipped with some of our old (yes, they're old now, too) church friends at Crossroads. That's two years in a row he's made it there.

Roger's father turned 98 about 2 weeks back and shortly thereafter was admitted to the hospital with pneumonia. He was released earlier this week to a nursing facility. He survived the pneumonia, but the report is that he is very weak. We're hoping to see him in a couple days. Roger saw him in November and spent the day with him watching Dad's beloved Buckeyes. How about them Buckeyes! Quite a surprise. We'll be cheering for them to do well on Jan 1.

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