



Dear Friends & Family,

Wow, another year already! Dani continues her Pre-Med and Film studies at Northwestern University (which closed due to a blizzard, for the first time in 32 years!). She's quite active in the psychology department as a research assistant working on some interesting projects, including a study of the personalities of Roller Derby players! In her spare time she's also written a second screenplay.

At a charity auction, Linda bought Dani a walk-on role in the musical *Wicked* (priceless), and Dani had an amazing experience performing and mingling with the cast backstage.

Linda continues to juggle way too many Disney projects; she can't keep track of them all, but the Tiki Room "retro upgrade" and the revamped Star Tours experience were the highlights.

Alcorn McBride celebrated 25 years! A great staff means Steve's main role is organizing where to go for lunch. However, he keeps busy teaching online writing classes through 1500 colleges, and has a fourth class debuting in January: *Writing Young Adult Fiction*. His books are selling well, and he still judges wines every year at the Florida International Wine Competition.

In the spring, Linda and Steve had a great time in Las Vegas with their wine group. We also squeezed in two trips to New York for some theatre and fine dining. We can't claim the theater was fine, but we saw *Spider-Man* before and after its makeover. What a waste of \$80 Million! But *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* was fun.

Steve spent the first part of the summer in Chicago, where Dani was taking a fourth quarter of German. They road-tripped back to Orlando, and then in late summer flew to Australia to visit our friend Pamela in Sydney, check out some wineries, and explore a cave. Then they spent two weeks in New Zealand, where they really enjoyed hopping around the North and South Islands on Tauck's private jet. Tour bus on the tarmac: that's the way to travel!

In October Linda finally pried herself loose from Disney projects and she and Steve went on a cruise, visiting Istanbul (much nicer than we were expecting), Greece (closed for business, except beautiful Santorini), Italy, Monaco, France (a winery in Provence) and Spain (fabulous and delicious Barcelona).

For Thanksgiving the three of us converged on Los Angeles for a brief visit, and a lovely Thanksgiving dinner with Linda's Mom and her cousins. For those of you in the LA area, check out Vibrato, an incredible jazz club at the top of Beverly Glen (pictured at right).

Have a wonderful 2012,

Steve, Linda and Dani Alcorn

