

Dear Family and Friends,

Linda has continued on her bizarre career path of updating WDW Disney show control systems that were installed in her youth (several of them personally). She has most recently tackled Splash Mountain, Pirates, Muppets, Dinosaur and Tree of Life. She loves her job and is so very grateful for her technical support team who mostly shield the "old lady" from the insane late hours and for all the other uber talented folks who make her job a joy!

Steve was a judge at the Florida State Fair International Wine Competition in February, his 22nd year. Everyone dressed in biker garb for the judge's dinner, and he wore some pretty convincing fake tattoos. His coworkers talked him into getting a Tesla, and he can't say he's sorry. He says it's like driving an iPhone. He hasn't talked Linda into driving it yet. In the spring he participated in the corporate 5K run/walk in downtown Orlando, although he reports it was lonely at the back.

In the spring Linda and Steve embarked on a one month cruise with their dear friend from Australia, Pamela. They started in Lima Peru (a great place for ceviche lovers) and cruised through the Panama Canal. Along the way they stopped at many somewhat similar Caribbean islands and enjoyed cooking classes onboard the ship. They ended up in New York, where Dani joined them for a week of dining and theatre.

Steve spent the summer in Evanston with Dani, and they went to many concerts at the lovely Ravinia festival. It's Dani's chance to see all the old rock acts before they die. While in Evanston Steve took some sculpture classes and an oil painting class. He finds sculpture a lot easier.

The summer also provided some time for Dani to record a screenwriting class which is doing very well on udemy.com. She and Steve earlier did two other classes together, and Steve added a new college level Writing for Children class, so that brings his total online courses to 13! Alcorn McBride has many new products that were well received at IAAPA, and is expecting a busy year, especially in China.

Dani has had quite a year. She was invited to do presentations at two psychology conferences, graduated from Northwestern Summa Cum Laude with a double major in film and psychology, and has found the perfect job to combine her interests: writing screenplays about medicine! She's working full time as a writer in Chicago for an exciting healthcare communications company, Emmi Solutions, and is loving it.

For Thanksgiving week we all met up in Los Angeles for a visit with Linda's Mom and Thanksgiving dinner with her cousins. It was really fun to visit some of our old haunts like Solvang (much less seedy since our last visit) and Los Olivos for some wine tasting. And of course we had to squeeze in Smokehouse garlic bread (mercifully there was a gym in our hotel).

Have a heathy and happy 2014!

Warmest Regards,

Steve, Linda and Dani

