



Dear Friends and Family,

Linda continues to enjoy her Disney retirement and Steve continues to enjoy not having to endure her middle of the night alarm clocks anymore!

We are delighted to announce that our daughter Dani and her partner Trish Lawlis will be joined in marriage in early October! They are an awesome couple and we look forward to Trish joining our dysfunctional family!

Linda's 91 year old mom is thriving in her intimate West Hollywood memory care facility - she is blessed to have so many loving caregivers. Linda travels to LA every month but is so thankful to her neighbor, Denny, and cousin, Adele, for keeping an eye on her mom when she cannot be there. Straightening out her estate has been and continues to be a very lawyer intensive proposition; please do your kids a favor and get your planning in place now - so much simpler for you to do it than to leave them to deal with the courts. :-)

To quote Al Stewart, 2018 was "the year of the cat." In the spring we were doing maintenance on Linda's mom's LA home when we heard plaintive crying from inside the lathe and plaster walls. We finally cut open the wall to discover a four-week-old kitten (working title: Wally). Dani flew him home to Chicago (new name: Agent Thunderpuff). Two weeks after finding Wally, another kitten turned up in the attic (working title: Atticus) and was adopted by Linda's friend, Suzanne (new name: Attie, since he was a she). When we got back to Orlando one of the neighborhood feral cats deposited a three-week-old kitten on our doorstep. We kidded ourselves through three weeks of bottle feeding that this one was another foster. Yeah right. Her name is Chessie.

We made two visits to NYC with Dani and Trish, The first to see Sara Bareilles in Waitress (she's as good an actress as a singer) and the second over July 4th to see the new Harry Potter play. And since Dani spent Thanksgiving with Trish's parents, we spent a very un-Thanksgiving in Las Vegas.

Steve continues to judge wines and organize daily lunches at Alcorn McBride. The staff had an amazing year, and is excited to move into the new building they purchased, which brings office and warehouse under one roof with four times as much space.

After nearly five years as a medical screenwriter, Dani quit her job to take over as Chief Operating Officer of Writing Academy and is working to grow the online education provider in exciting new ways.

Warmest holiday wishes,
Linda & Steve

