



Dear Family and Friends,

We have so much to be thankful for as we limp into our 70's next year!

We spend a majority of our time in Vancouver these days (see the winter view of Stanley Park from our apartment to the left). We are blessed to be close to our daughter Dani and her wife Trish and to see them often! This is a time of transition for us all. We are trying to achieve Canadian permanent residency but regulations are ever changing. Our lives in Vancouver are quite different and, well, quiet. We don't have a car but are able to easily explore the breadth of West Vancouver on foot. We are surrounded by literally hundreds of family owned ethnic restaurants—a wonderful continuing adventure except for their version of Mexican food—it is universally just awful.



We still have our family home in Orlando. Our former housekeeper, Chastity, and her daughter, Lizzy, live there now and lovingly care for our 4 footed friends during our absences. Among them are our 2 huge Maine Coons (pictured). Sylvester (in Linda's arms) is not fat but tips the scales at 22 lb.. Sophie (below) is not a fan of our travel plans.



Sadly, as we age we need to say goodbye to more and more friends. This year most notably Martin Chaney left us; he was the closest that Steve ever had to a brother. Martin worked with Steve for ages starting with EPCOT and on through many years with Alcorn McBride. He will be remembered for his innovative designs, bottomless wine collection, and his tireless pursuit of the "best deal" ever. We hope he has a high speed internet connection in heaven!

In July we took a great road trip to the Okanagan Valley wine country, about four hours east of Vancouver. We were very impressed with the quality of wines being produced there. It reminded us of our time in Southern California when the Central Coast Wine area was establishing itself as a world class wine region.



We took advantage of the Canadians boycotting American businesses and got a great deal on a September Princess cruise sailing from Vancouver down the west coast and back again. It was so relaxing not to feel obligated to take shore excursions and just to be able to kick back and enjoy the ship. The final bonus - our apartment is only a mile from the cruise port; it literally was just 20 minutes from finishing breakfast on the ship, collecting our bags and walking in our front door!

In mid October, we attended a fantastic WDI Luau reunion (250+) at the WDI campus in Glendale - what a wonderful event organized by Debbie DelMar! It was great to see so many old friends!



Steve is retired from Alcorn McBride, which will celebrate its 40th anniversary in March. He still teaches classes through his WritingAcademy.com and continues to publish both fiction and non-fiction. He has 27 books in print, his latest being an autobiography, Curious by Design.

Wishing you a happy and prosperous 2026!
Linda and Steve Alcorn