

Season's Greetings, once again!

2014 has been somewhat uneventful. And for those of us who work in medicine, in the words of Martha Stewart, that is a good thing.

Dachywan still works at Oracle, and golfs on weekends. In the spring, he visited his parents and siblings in Taiwan, who are all doing fine. Obamacare has not been good for Elizabeth's practice but she has been able to see more patients to compensate. Stephen is at home and taking courses to pursue his dreams. He's been a great help with the household and chauffeuring duties, so it's been WONDERFUL having him at home. Alyssa is in her 3<sup>rd</sup> year at UC Irvine, still majoring Economics and Environmental Science but now also learning Japanese at UCI, on track to graduate in 1.5 more years. She moved to a new apartment with friends this fall, a living situation that is MUCH improved over last year. And Conrad LOVES 5th grade, with a male teacher for the first time who has been wonderful! His major after-school activity remains fencing, which still involves a lot of traveling. Most of the tournaments were held in the same locations as last year, but Nashville and Seattle were new, allowing him to visit Elvis Presley's Graceland (gaudy!) and Boeing's Museum of Flight (awesome!). He also continues with his piano, art and golf lessons.

As planned, our family vacation last year was in New York City over Christmas. We thoroughly enjoyed the time together enjoying the holiday decorations and festivities. We saw the Christmas show @ Radio City Music Hall and were impressed by the Rockette's version of the Nutcracker. We fought the crowds to see and get pictures of the giant Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center. We gazed at the holiday window decorations along 5th Avenue as we walked to the Empire State Building, where we looked at the evening/nighttime view of NYC from the top. We visited the FAO Schwartz toy store, and the Apple store in front of it. We spent a few hours at the Metropolitan Museum but could easily have spent more. We enjoyed lunch at Ralph's with its OVERWHELMING Christmas decorations, and an afternoon at the Central Park Zoo. And we fell in love with New York Bagels and Cheesecake. The California versions just can't compare!

This year, our family plans to vacation at Mt. Shasta after Christmas. This will be our first visit to what is described as the most beautiful mountain, at least in California. The plan is to visit the caverns nearby, go dog sledding (another first!), perhaps some snowmobiling and/or skiing/snowboarding if we get enough snow or some hiking if we don't. And hopefully there will be enough snow for at least some sledding. We'll let you know what happens next year!

Hope you have also had a good 2014, and may 2015 be even better!

Merry Christmas!

The Wu Family

