

# Christmas 2014



It took a family vacation to California to get a group picture with everyone in it!



We continue to enjoy retired life.

More time at our beach home & another year of travel. The highlight of our year, for me, was this vacation...all 3 kids, spouses, and grandchildren to Coronado Beach, CA (across the bay from San Diego). We did the trip over Thanksgiving week and it was great fun including not cooking the big feast. Bob might disagree because he took a solo trip to Russia in August while I had a girls weekend in Amelia Island with the friends I grew up with (Lia, Pat, Anna, and my sister Jane). Jane and I also took a trip to Denver in March to visit Aunt Jane and enjoy the wonderful hospitality of Julie and Art. Bob and I made two New York trips for weddings of friends children with stay overs in NYC to see Broadway shows.



We enjoy the beach life...walking in the surf, biking, feet in the sand with a good book and the great restaurants. I spend too much time playing bridge and now mahjong. Our 2 daughters and families joined us in Amelia Island for spring break. Allison & Alvin & twins for Easter. In the summer, Allison and Ashley plus 4 kids. Even some visitors to our home when we are away...Meg with 3 friends and 9 kids, Liz with 3 friends and 5 kids, and, of course, overflow housing when Jane has everyone visiting her.

Our children are all doing well. Josh, Liz & Elle have moved to Marietta so Josh can be closer to his 30 Subways and so that Elle can attend Lovett (a private school). Elle has become a tournament golfer and the sport keeps the whole family busy. Liz is doing less photography but still very busy as a prosecutor for several cities.

Dave & Kris are busy with their children's many activities. Ally is a soccer player and school record holding runner. Andrew spends almost the entire year playing ice hockey. Both kids have a lot of time on the road playing games in distant cities. Dave continues to work at FiServ and his ice hockey team won the Atlanta area championship. Kris keeps their 'circus' on track including the basement construction.

Megan still teaches 8<sup>th</sup> grade in Buford. Dean, Kiera and Grady also attend Buford (5<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> and daycare). Brian juggles his 7 Subways with lots of daddy duty. Dean is a very accomplished tennis player. And they all adore their new puppy Miles.

This might be our last newsletter. I think Facebook and email covers it all and Bob says not true. Let me know during 2015 if I should continue. In any event, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love Elaine & Bob

