

Christmas 2014

Dear Friends & Family,

As we embark upon another holiday season, we are so grateful to share our journey with all of you.

We began 2014 with a trip to Arizona for Dave's grand-nephew's wedding and a visit with friends. We traveled to San Francisco, Oakland, Santa Barbara, Fresno, Monterey and hosted visits with family and friends throughout the year.

On the home front, Dave designed and built a [ramp](#) for our aging canine, Jingko, and we had our house painted.

Dave's prolonged sinus condition resulted in the discovery of allergies (dust mites, mold), as well as the removal of his dependence on Enbrel (previously prescribed for his Ankylosing Spondylitis). While visiting his Ear, Nose & Throat specialist, he had his hearing tested and is now realizing the incredible benefits of the latest technology in programmable hearing aids.

We both are involved with the operation and outreach of our United Church of Christ. Dave continues as Moderator, while leading the Pastor Search Committee, and I now oversee the ushers and participate in our TLC program for members. I also led the team that organized and staffed our July hosting of families and single women from the homeless shelter.

Dave joined a collaboration of multiple neighborhoods, writing to our City Council, in protest of a misguided housing project that could have caused considerable traffic issues. It was defeated.

Although my participation was precluded by previous commitments, I contributed to the Memory Book for my 50th Princeton High School reunion and reunited with several classmates via Facebook.

Chris has become a driver for Lyft car service in San Francisco (<https://www.lyft.com/>), a cashless taxicab alternative using smartphone technology. Danielle is now employed full-time as bartender/wine expert at Range, an upscale restaurant in the Mission. In September, Chris and Danielle enjoyed their delayed honeymoon to Kauai, while we took care of grand-dog Lucy.

Brian and David, who live and work in Oakland, spend free time in Stockton with David's family. David has been doing floral design and was selected to participate in the "Haggin in Bloom" where floral exhibits were paired with specific Haggin Museum artworks. Wedding planning is underway for their 2015 celebration.

Dave's mother is now a local celebrity, featured in the "[Fresno Bee](#)" with her tennis partner, both 91.

As we anticipate our family gatherings and celebrations with friends, we wish all of you a joyous Christmas and many blessings in the New Year.



Love, Meg & Dave and Jingko — meg@velcrosworld.com — dave@velcrosworld.com

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