

# Christmas 2019



We are celebrating another amazing year in the life of grandson Grey Golden, now 3 ½, who this year graduated from diapers and began preschool at San Luis Obispo Classical Academy. Our other prodigy, [SLO Village](#), celebrated 3 years and expanded geographically while transitioning into a new phase with our first staff member. In August, we adopted a new family member, a 3-year-old tuxedo cat, Dinah. The major change in our life this year was having younger son Brian living with us from January through September.



We celebrated Grey's third birthday on May 8 at our home with Grey, Chris & Danielle, pets Lucy & Milou, Grandparents Roger & Judy Golden, and Uncle Brian. Grey had his first birthday party May 19 with 30 attendees at a local park, where there were plenty of mud puddles to



test his new red rubber boots. We enjoyed the opportunity in June and October to have Grey overnight when Chris & Danielle spent weekends in Palm Springs. His first overnight at our house was when both parents worked events in November. In October, Grey's school invited us to Grand Days, where we were treated to lunch and spent time in Grey's classroom with 9 kids and 2 teachers. His curiosity, vocabulary and imaginative play are such a delight for us to witness first-hand.



Travel included Village conferences at Newport Beach in May, when we celebrated Dave's birthday, and then September in Chicago when we celebrated my birthday. We met friends Kathy & Ed in Dana Point in February, in August celebrated Dave's mother's 96<sup>th</sup> birthday in Fresno, then stayed with friends Sally & Gene at Lake Tahoe. In September we attended our 24<sup>th</sup> Monterey Jazz Festival.



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Dave completed his third year as Board President for SLO Village and has been invited to become a Board member for the first Board of Directors of Village Movement California in 2020. This will be an exciting opportunity, as Governor Gavin Newsom's Master Plan for Aging includes participation by [Village Movement California](#), representing 50 Villages in the state. This year, I termed out from the Board, but continued as Volunteer Coordinator, ushering in 21 new volunteers through-out the year.

The difficult challenge this year has been seeking treatment for Brian's bipolar condition. We are most grateful for Transitions Mental Health Association, a local non-profit, that provides support to families and loved ones suffering from mental illness. We are hopeful for a new start for Brian as he navigates available local resources to attain well-being and independence.

As we gather for holiday celebrations with family and friends, we also eagerly anticipate reconnecting with all of you beyond SLO, if only through your holiday greetings. Wishing you a joyous Christmas and many blessings in the New Year.

Love,

Meg & Dave

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