

December 1990

Dear friends and relatives:

Merry Christmas and Joyous Seasons Greetings to All of You

This was a fabulous, swell year for Bob and Sandy.

In February, we received an offer out of the blue on our house. Seeing green flash before our eyes, we decided to sell before we turned yellow. Bob was afraid that Sandy might turn red at the prospect of moving, but when she thought of moving day, everything just went black. Bob whitewashed the situation as usual, we moved the end of May, and now everything is in the pink. Our new address is:

R & S Bainbridge
4190 Oxford Court
Shoreview, Minnesota 55126

We are presently renting a townhome with 3 bedrooms and a family room which Bob uses for his office. We enjoy it here and particularly like not having much yard work to do. Bob misses his garden somewhat, but the backyard faces a wildlife area with a pond which is full of ducks and birds. It's really quite serene.

Bob decided that there was not enough room in our townhome so he built a pole building at the lake "to store the extra things we have". Well now we have more building than things, so he is threatening to fill it up. Somehow Sandy missed out on this transaction.

In June, Bob's mother found out she had cancer. She had to have a kidney removed. She is in her mid-80's and the operation was quite traumatic. She is recovering slowly. The doctor said that the cancer had not spread so she was spared the ordeal of post cancer therapy. We are all thankful that it turned out as well as it has so far.

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Last year Sandy was boasting that her braces would be removed soon. Well, the orthodontist needed to put another kid through college so she had to keep them. And then, his friend the oral surgeon needed a new car so they decided to break her jaw. If that sounds preposterous, then the truth that she voluntarily had her jaw broken is equally preposterous. Actually, the jaw had to be realigned in order for the teeth to fit right and complete the orthodontia work. The surgery, done in August, was fairly easy -- the doctor enjoyed the money, Sandy enjoyed baby food and Bob enjoyed the silence since her jaw was wired shut. While eating liquids through a straw is challenging, it is also very boring. However, it was also most frustrating to not be able to lick a stamp, lick your lips, or stick out your tongue when people make smart remarks. Eight weeks and minus 15 pounds later, the wires finally came off. So quoting from last year's letter, Sandy hopes to get her braces off in 1991!

We took our vacation in October a week after Sandy was unwired. We decided to see the Seattle and Vancouver area. We flew out and rented a car and drove around Puget Sound where we saw lots of trees, lumber and ocean. We then took a ferry to Vancouver Island and saw the British city of Victoria. Then we drove around Vancouver Island and saw lots of trees, lumber, totem poles and ocean. We ferried back to mainland British Columbia and drove around and saw fog, trees, lumber and ocean. The city of Vancouver, located on the mainland, is a very international city -- it is a melting pot of Asians, Europeans, French, and Canadians. The views are stunning since the city is set between the ocean and the mountains. Very pleasant and fairly expensive. Weary of the fog and drizzle, we drove back to the states, east over the Cascade mountains and on to the Grand Coulee Dam. On the way back to Seattle, we drove through an area of (former) petrified forests and picked up a fair amount of petrified wood. In downtown Seattle, with two hours before the flight, we stopped to buy some fresh salmon and had a flat tire and got lost. Bob got excited. Aside from those last two hours, we had a great time!!!

In November, Sandy's folks came for a visit for the week of Thanksgiving. Sandy and her folks were able to shop till they dropped and had a wonderful visit together.

In early December, ATEJ announced that they were interested in acquiring NCR Corporation which is the company that Bob works for. No one knows yet if the deal will go through or when, and of course, no one knows what that could mean in terms of future employment opportunities. Stay tuned!!!

Sandy is still working at Norwest Banks. After a heavy West Coast travel schedule early in the year the travel dropped off somewhat. Needless to say she is pleased.

Well, so much for 1990. We hope this letter finds you in good health and surrounded by family and friends during the holiday season. Have a very merry Christmas, and a blessed new year.

Bob and Sandy.