

January 1, 2000

Dear Family and Friends,

I bet you thought that you weren't going to hear from us this year. Both of us caught the dreaded "flu" and were sick for the significant days before Christmas. (In fact, we didn't even celebrate until the 26th!) But we're feeling better now, so here we are to share a bit our LAST year with you. We enjoyed hearing from (most of) you. Thank you for your wishes of good cheer and for catching us up on YOUR lives.

Mark and Sally are both doing well. We had a short vacation at the end of tax season in Idyllwild, CA. It's a small mountain town east of Los Angeles. From there we drove down to Palm Springs which is just a little further east. For details, look at <http://home.san.rr.com/divecchio/id/idyll.htm> .

Mark has significant news on the job front, in that after 15 years of being in business for himself, he is now again a full time EMPLOYEE. He began work at AMCC (Applied Micro Circuits Corporation) as an employee in October. (He had been working for them as a consultant on and off for almost 10 years.) He is doing pretty much the same work, designing computer chips, as when a consultant, but now as an integral part of the team. He is enjoying it. (And even PAID DAYS OFF what's that?) Mark's boss is a woman who used to work for him at Silogic Systems - He got her into AMCC on a contract about 7 years ago.

Sally is doing well with her CPA practice, but always dreads the long hours during "tax season."

The summer brought many "blessed" events in Sally's (and Mark's) life. Sally's daughter, Kim, was married in June. She married Mark Rones in a beautiful wedding here in San Diego. For a photo, look at <http://home.san.rr.com/divecchio/family/kimmark.jpg> . In August, Sally's father, who had been suffering with lung cancer for over a year, past away. It was quite an emotional time for the whole family. In September, Sally's first grand child (a girl!) was born to Kelly and Loren Roundy in Ogden, Utah. Sally was there to witness the birth! To see a picture of Alyssa, look at <http://home.san.rr.com/divecchio/family/alyssa.jpg> . Sally spent another 3 weeks babysitting her new granddaughter between Thanksgiving and Christmas (in snow drenched Utah). At Christmas, Sally's daughter, Kim, announced that she is now expecting...the family is growing!

Sally's new toy for the year was a Wurlizer Organ. We bought it from an elderly couple who had it for about 20 years. Here is a letter we wrote them as a thank you note : <http://home.san.rr.com/divecchio/organ/organ.htm> . Sally used to play the organ for Church in her younger years. She is really pretty good at it. Mark just pokes at it with two fingers but he already ordered a copy of the technical schematic manual.....

For two weeks around the 4th of July, we also had the opportunity to go back to Aliquippa, PA and visit with Mark's parents and sister. Mark's parents are both in their eighty's and doing well. We are always happy to see them. Mark's sister let us borrow her empty condo down near

Washington D.C. for a few days, so we had fun exploring our nation's capital. It was Sally's first visit there. Check out <http://home.san.rr.com/divecchio/pgh/pa.htm> .

We both send our wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous new year! So much excitement and so much hope in this new millennium.

Love,
Mark and Sally

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