

Christmas 2015

Dear family and friends,

2015 was a year that started out with Snow! Actually the last day of 2014, we awoke to 3 inches of snow. According to the neighbors, it's the first snow here in 30 years. It lasted into 2015 - at least for a day. More photos at:

<http://www.silogic.com/2014%20Snow%20in%20Rainbow.html>



We had the extreme pleasure and experience of visiting 5 countries in SE Asia in May. We didn't realize that this was their "summertime," but we didn't let the heat keep us from having a fantastic adventure of discovering exotic places, participating in different cultures, and learning their histories. The countries were Myanmar (Burma), Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam. Mark has made up a wonderful half hour pictorial and movie travelogue of our trip that you can watch on his website:

<http://www.silogic.com/2015%20SE%20Asia/2015%20SE%20Asia.html>

Sally's daughter Kelly married Steven Staten on July 10th. With Kelly's 3 kids and Steven's 5, they now are a household of 10! It was a beautiful wedding in a park in Layton, UT.



The very next day, July 11th, Grandma Sally took her grandson, Max, on his "10-year-old trip with grandma." They went on a Road Scholar trip to Georgia for a week at a resort called "Callaway Gardens." It included lots of swimming in both pools and a lake along with a circus! The kids and grandparents got to try some of the circus activities.



In October, Sally and Mark drove to AZ to visit Sally's son Kevin and his family and to celebrate Anabella's 4th birthday. She is growing up fast!



We see local daughter, Kim, and her family more often. Most recent was Thanksgiving when Mom, Dad and grandkids, Hailey and Austin, helped Grandpa Mark decorate the Christmas Tree.

Sally is still heavily involved with her volunteer work, co-director of the Fallbrook Literacy Center, tutor of ESL, and teacher of Citizenship at the Fallbrook Library. She has met and helped many hard working people who are great additions to making our community and country a better place.

She is also loving her Zumba classes even if she had to buy earplugs for the "too loud" music - ha! Sally & Mark almost never miss their 4 to 5 mile walk each Friday morning. Mark finds a different neighborhood to walk each Friday, so we have explored much of southwestern Riverside County.

Mark has his Rainbow Community Planning Group meetings every month where they review and vote on building permits and other land planning issues (actually an elected San Diego County position). He drags his telescope to schools and parks around Temecula so people can look at stars and planets. He drags his body up to Palomar Observatory where he talks with visitors as a docent. Bicycle riding keeps his body in shape and his trains keep his mind moving.

Hoping for a rainy winter.

Mark + Sally

Merry Christmas to you
and yours!



(View of sunset from our back porch decorated with Christmas lights)

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