

December 2009

Dear Friends and Family,

Once again David is writing our annual letter, because Sharon is quite busy doing everything else (except cook dinner and play music, which Michael does). She is still building up her FaceBook friends, with over 800 at last count. David is way behind. It really is a convenient way to keep up with people.

The big news from Hollywood is that Phil's company (which means Phil and his partner Adam) is staging a spectacular celebration of Mexico's bicentennial next year, with events throughout the country. It's meant spending much of his time in Mexico, which isn't always easy on the familia, but they did have a nice break all together in Hawaii just after Thanksgiving. They've been up to visit a few times (Halloween was great fun), and Sharon and I went down to LA in mid-November for a joint birthday celebration for the kids (Morgan 7, Santi 3). It's hard for me to realize that Santi is now as old as Morgan was when we first met him. Morgan is doing very well in school, and Santi has now also started school. He thinks it's cool. Sharon and I visited his school in November (pedagogical pandemonium).



Back up north, John is still working as registrar at the GTU and helping Sharon in book preparation. And of course Lexy is still running flat out as debate coach for the College Preparatory School and flying all around the country. It's a good thing there aren't international debate tournaments (*Absit omen!*). Johnny continues to do well in Little League baseball, but the big news is that he graduated from 8th grade at Park Day School and is now a high school student at Orinda Academy, and is really enjoying it. He's doing exceptionally well in art, for which he has a very fine instructor. So Orinda turns out to have been a good choice.

Sharon is still dancing and teaching dance—here in the Bay Area and in San Diego, with occasional forays to Massachusetts and New York. Once again she had a good fortnight in England at the end of June. The second Fall Frolick, a dance weekend she programmed for BACDS, was another great success. And this summer, she was asked to program English Dance Week at Pinewoods for the next two years. That's a

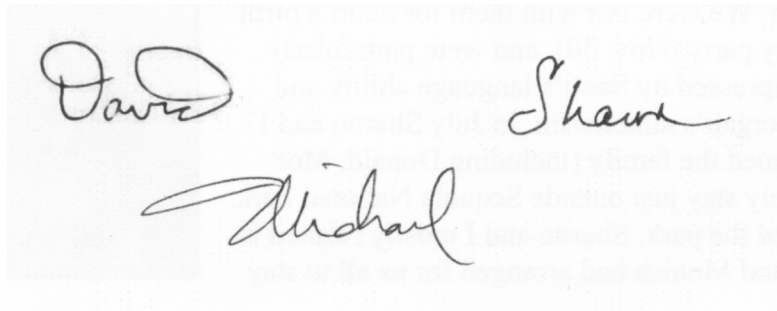
big program to put together! The downside is that it conflicts with Lark Camp, which she has thoroughly enjoyed. My back and knee problems have kept me from going with her on most of her jaunts, but I'm looking forward to being with her at Pinewoods next July and at Fall Frolick in October. You can see her dance schedule on our household Web site (courtesy of Michael) at greenerywest.net.

I am still working on the translation of *Religion Past and Present*, having advanced from M (last year) to P. As always, every new article I work on is an education. Otherwise I enjoy cheering Sharon on from the sidelines and watching grandchildren grow up.

Michael continues to do brilliant home cooking. His meals are a draw for our house dances and the excuse for many dance group committees to meet here. The lime trees are still marginal as to fruit, but the fresh lime leaves are wonderful in Thai dishes, which are a substantial part of our diet. He is also in the process of constructing a new section of dance pages for the Greenery Web site. Once he's done, visitors to the site will be able to download copies of dances written for our household by choreographer friends, as well as directions and sheet music for new dances written by Sharon.

That's pretty much the story of the past year at the Greenery. You can check up on us further on our individual FaceBook entries.

We wish you love and peace in the year to come.



David Sharon
Michael