

It's true; as we get older the years pass more quickly. In the blink of an eye life goes on.

In July 2004 Jeff and I went to Seville, Spain, with our French friends Anne-Marie and Rodolphe. They switched houses and invited us on their adventures! We traveled via London, which we proceeded to "see" in 36 hours via bus, subway (be still Jeff's heart) and walking. Daria's pocket was picked on the bus, but due to the nature of her purse, nothing was taken.

Seville was hot (50C ~ 120F). When we deplaned the heat hit us like a wall. Sweating and hydrating were essential parts of our days as we walked throughout downtown Seville seeing the Real Alcázar, bull fights and wonderful ceramics.

Each morning and evening, Rodolphe and Jeff helped the mother of the Spaniards at whose house we stayed open and close the awnings over the inner courtyard. It was funny to see her directing Jeff (English) and Rodolphe (French) in Spanish. Yet, all seemed to be understood.



We went on a road trip through Andalusia to Italica, the ruins of a Roman town, Rhonda, in the mountains where olive trees grew en masse, through the white villages established by the Moors, down to Gibraltar, ferried to Morocco, and then up the eastern coast of Spain via Cadiz and Juarez. In Tangiers we walked through the ancient town and marketplace. What an amazing experience!

We learned to siesta during the hot afternoons and sampled tapas. We had a wonderful time.



Meanwhile Sarah completed medical school prerequisites she was missing, and then applied for, and was accepted into, the University of Wisconsin medical school. She begins her course work in August. Last summer she and Andy, her boy friend and 3<sup>rd</sup>-year medical student, traveled to Peru to hike the Andes and explore the Inca ruins. They so like to travel and explore.



Adam and Karla announced their engagement and are thinking about getting married on a cruise. There are no definite plans as of yet. They move at their own pace.



They are fixing their townhouse (Jeff gets pleasure out of helping them with repairs he's done at our house at theirs) to update it and reflect their own tastes. The townhouse and graduate school (they're both going to different schools) keep them very busy. They also managed a trip to South America, but theirs was to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where the beaches at Ipanema and clubs at Copacabana were places of interest.

Daria and Jeff continue to work at their perspective careers. Daria is tilting at windmills righting personnel injustices and Jeff is juggling multiple tasks, learning some on the fly.

We attended an Alpha Phi Omega reunion in the fall in Syracuse. It was good to see "old" friends again and hear about their lives. The reunion prompted the APO alums to gather up as many alumni as possible via email and reconnect our group. What a trip down memory lane!

We wish you peace, health and happiness for 2005!