

## Seasons Greetings!

We hope that this past year has been good to you and your family. We have had some interesting things happen along the way.

Jeffrey was just about to get onboard with a company for which he was contracting when, unexpectedly, another company contacted him for an interview based upon his resume that he sent out in the Fall when he was unemployed. The company was writing up a contract to submit to the FAA for the Surveillance and Broadcast Services system and wanted Jeffrey to help with quality and other aspects. It was an "what if" situation where there were no guarantees of getting the contract especially since the other competitors were large corporations. Well, ITT got the contract and now Jeff is working nonstop. It has been a rollercoaster of excitement!

Daria had 5 months of physical therapy for her hip replacement surgery last fall. Everything was going well when she tore her meniscus in her left knee. That coupled with some arthritis set her back a bit. She was quite upset that this would keep her from her Sumer trip. Now, she is in physical therapy again, this time for her knee and things are progressing slowly. It seems when you tighten up one part of the old body, another one goes....

Daria is still branch manager at Kings Park Library in Burke. She loves the community and the staff. This year she is moving the collection around and enjoying the challenge of doing so without spending a lot of County money!

We joined our French friends in Australia for three weeks in August!! (This is why Daria was upset with the knee setback.) We traveled to Queensland in the north, visiting the Atherton tablelands, Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef. When Jeff dropped his video camera in the Daintree River the crocodile staring back at him dissuaded him from reaching in and grabbing it. Then we headed to the outback



(Northern Territory) to see Uluru (Ayers Rock), Kjata Tjuta, King's Canyon and Alice Springs. Last, we visited Sydney in New South Wales, even climbing the harbor bridge. It was quite an adventure! On

the way home, we stopped in Hawaii at Waikiki Beach for two days to help with the time zone adjustment and just to lie out in the sun.

Adam and Karla almost moved to Phoenix. Adam updated his resume on Monster, noting his Masters degree he received in May from George Mason University in communications. The company was Petsmart. He was offered and accepted the position until his new (since May this past spring) house was appraised. They would have lost a lot of money with the housing market in the slump right now. So, they are staying put for a while and continue to fix up their 25-year-old house. Parents on both sides were sad that they did not get what they wanted but glad that they will still be nearby.

Sarah and Andy are both working very hard in their medical fields. Sarah is in her third year in medical school and rotating through the various fields of medicine. She works LONG hours along with Andy who is a resident in emergency medicine. They live in Pewaukee, Wisconsin. Andy works in Milwaukee and Sarah goes to school in Madison. This past summer they went to China to cheer on Andy's sister, Marnie, in the Special Olympics. Marnie bowled for the US team!

Well, those are the highlights! Have a happy and healthy New Year!

Daria and Jeff