

Happy Holidays – and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

December 2014

This has been a traveling year for the Parnes'. Daria spent a frigid (-15°!) fortnight in Minnesota in January and February helping Sarah and Andy with their firstborn, Jacob. Jeff, with an excess of frequent flyer miles, and an equal desire to see Jacob, flew up with Daria, flew home, and then flew up again so he could come home with her.



Sarah and Andy brought Jacob to Virginia so we could have a naming ceremony for him at our local temple, where we all gathered and celebrated our newest addition to the Parnes family.

This summer we headed down to Corolla on the Outer Banks of North Carolina for a week of rest and relaxation. This was the year that Jeff and Daria finally decided to see Corolla's famous free-roaming wild horses. Jeff, of course, lost his hat on the excursion.



In July the long-awaited extension of Washington's Metro system reached to within two miles of Adam and Karla's house (with a further extension to Dulles Airport underway even as we write this). Jeff, the transit freak that he is (must be part of his NYC heritage of riding the subways), joined Adam and Isis on a ride the first weekend of its operation.

In the fall Jeff and Daria joined Anne-Marie and Rololphe Ledrich for a week on the island of Corsica. Now Corsica is part of France, but it really is mainly Corsican, which isn't the same as being French. We stayed on the north shore near the city of Calvi, but took a road trip along steep mountain roads over looking deep valleys or the ocean, enroute to a ferry to Italy and Florence where we spent four additional days.



For our 40th anniversary, our children helped sponsor a dinner at local restaurant where we had friends and family join us. Adam and Karla even treated us to a night at the Ritz Carlton so we could stay overnight after the party.

Our last trip was part of an official delegation representing Fairfax County and Chantilly, Virginia, in Chantilly, France, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the start of WWI and Armistice Day. We toured Paris, medieval Senlis and the Chateau in Chantilly on our down time



We wish you and yours the best of the New Year. If your travels take you to our national's capital, be sure to drop us a line at Jeffrey@Parnes.net or Daria@parnes.net, or ring us up at 703.904.0131.