

As Usual.....Here is our “**Christmas E-Mail**” in lieu of an actual “**Christmas card**”!

Merry Christmas to all!



(Here we are on top of the Arc d 'Triumph with the Eiffel Tower in background.)

2016 was a year of enjoyment of both of our retirements accented by some travel; a normal year all-in-all. The social calendar actually increased so Jeremy is wasting away from too much activity while Bron is strengthened by it. She continues attending book clubs, and AAUW (American Association of University Women) which includes advocacy activities supporting women's, family, and children's' issues. She also meets her walking/running buddies at o-dark-30 to hit the trails several days a week. Jeremy remains busy as Treasurer of the Board on our condo Home Owner's Association, bookkeeper, home-flunky, and occasionally helps friends with computer issues although the technology is passing him by at an alarming rate. We traveled, including a trip to France, and several trips to the West Coast for friends and relatives. We shared joy and suffered loss: Notable this year was the recent loss of our dear Uncle Glen and our 'Aunt' Dot as well as our dear friend Marilyn (Tootie) Rich. We feel blessed that we recently spent time with all of them with visits to WA and CA. As well Tootie lived with us for several weeks near the end of her life. We do not take for granted these gifts of presence with family and friends including with all of you who are still with us. Life moves on, not perhaps in a straight line as you foresee it, but always forward! We try to enjoy the ride!

Our 'Big Trip' was a visit to France in April/May. We started in Paris, then did a counter-clockwise tour driving a rental car around the country for five weeks having apartments in 10 locations, seeing much of the country. For more, take this link to our old web site to download the PowerPoint:
<http://www.jeremyg.org/Powerpoints/Powerpoint.htm>

Some other travel events included:

- Travel started out in February with a trip to Santa Cruz for Jeremy's 70th birthday, or perhaps it was just to get out of the inversion smog, seeing as the birthday was spent in Motel-6 in Reno; clearly this was just an excuse for Bron to go to the beach....
- In March we went to Seattle for Uncle Glen's memorial service having passed at just shy of 100.
- In June, we attended the annual 'Roberts Cousins Reunion' at Jay & Judy's house in Seattle.

- In July we joined our friends at their vacation home on Flathead Lake for a few beautiful days and really enjoyed the drive up the East side of Idaho to Montana, totally stunning.
- August found Bron in Victoria, BC with her high-school and college girlfriends for their annual summer get-together. Jeremy finally got a little peace and quiet at home.
- In September we returned to Seattle to join the Jay and Judy and their whole family including the 'East-Coasters' to celebrate Judy's mother Phyllis' 90th Birthday with a terrific party.
- In October Bron joined a few Boise girlfriends for an extended weekend of slurping wine in Walla Walla, WA, again a nice quiet break for Jeremy.
- November found us in California, stopping along the way to spend a night with Cousins Jean & Bob in Sacramento, then Uncle Bob in San Rafael who is now 101 years old, lives independently, and who cooked us dinner and breakfast. After that we spent 6 nights in Santa Cruz.
- Jay, Judy, Jessica and Tim drove over from Seattle to join us and some local friends for a great Thanksgiving Dinner. Jeremy did a Prime Rib cooked 'Sous Vide' style; darned if this isn't the best way to cook a Roast. We had a total of 15 for dinner & the leftovers were totally delicious.



Bron & Jeremy

It finally snowed in Boise



Walkway in Gorges Du Fier near Annecy

Often we wish that we could be in more than one place at a time. Living in Boise (400 miles to anywhere) means that we do not get to see our friends and family outside of the Boise area as often as we wish. Please know that our family and friends both near and far are a part of our being and are very dear and special to us. Also know that we do have a guest-room (small but it works) (two tiny rooms actually) if in your travels you are near Boise! All-in-all, we had another wonderful year sharing time with family and friends, adventures in travel, and ongoing love for each other. We hope the same is true for each of you in your own ways....We want to wish each of you, your family and friends, a most:

Merry Christmas & a Joyous & Healthy New Year in 2017!

Our love.....Bron & Jeremy