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# SUE AND GARY

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2017 ANNUAL UPDATE

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## Interesting Times

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Despite the turbulence of current events, on a personal level, 2017 has been kind and generous. Our relationships with family and friends make the days interesting and exciting. We are grateful and wish for the coming season that all of us may benefit from the pleasures of close family and friends.

## The Right Places

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This past year when it was cold and snowy in Idaho, we were enjoying sunny New Zealand. When the summer temperature was 110F in Boise, we were enjoying a cruise in 70 degree weather in Scandinavia and the Baltic Sea. And during the forest fire caused smoky days of late summer, we were breathing fresh sea air in Newfoundland.

## Volunteering

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We have been very active. Sue spends many hours a week coordinating 265 usher volunteers in support of the activities of the Morrison Center. This center is the major center for the performing arts in Boise

## Seasons Greetings



Visiting a monument to the composer, Jean Sibelius in Finland



Sue and a glass of Moët & Chandon Ice in Stockholm, Sweden



Another of Sue's regular activities is playing Mah Jong. She has a group of friends who twice a week take great pleasure in each others' company providing themselves with support and merriment.

Both Sue and Gary have taken to walking more and exploring some of the trails along the Boise River. This past spring, many of the familiar trails and bicycle routes we relied on were disrupted by flooding and it is only now that most have been restored. Gary remains active with the Foundation for Ada and Canyon Trail Systems. The group is advocating for a bicycle and pedestrian trail along the railroad tracks from Caldwell to Boise and to complete the remaining 32 miles of trail along the Boise River until it meets the Snake River near Oregon.

Gary has been very active with the local amateur radio community and administers 3 sophisticated digital radio repeaters on the mountains above Boise. The new technology essentially removes the background noise from radio transmissions and provides error correction on the fly. Happily, the repeaters have internet access so much of the maintenance occurs remotely from the warmth and comfort of our home in the valley.

We have noticed that age seems less a theoretical construct than it had previously.

Recently Gary's knees decided that 62 years of torque from tennis was enough and he has started to cycle more, use the local gym and and hike the hills. Hopefully cross country skiing will still be a good exercise.

Sue had back surgery the first part of December so we are in the rehabilitation mode that she was familiar with in her profession. The surgery fused the lower disks in her back and it just takes a while to recover. She is doing very well!



Gary in Copenhagen, Denmark

**We wish you a happy and healthy New Year.**

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