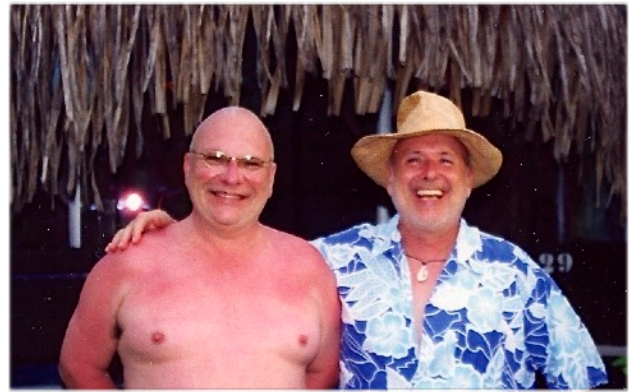

2019 Seasons Greetings

SUE AND GARY

A year of Joint Replacement

This year, we replaced several outdated body parts. Gary has a new knee and Sue has both a new knee and a new hip. We did very well following the surgeries and physical therapies. It seems that health issues have replaced previous conversations among our peers of mountains climbed and rivers run.



David and Gary in Tahiti 2010

Brother David Dies

Sadly, my brother David died in March. He had been confined to bed the past year, but he moved to Idaho 6 years earlier and Sue and I were lucky to have spent time with him. David was a delightful fellow, a fantastic chef and he enjoyed traveling with us. One of our favorite activities was playing guitar together and many will lament that our version of 'The Ballad of Smokey the Bear' will no longer be performed.

The Mediterranean

What with all the surgeries, we did not see as much of the world as usual. Our major trip this year was a Mediterranean Cruise. It is striking that in April, we were in Venice having coffee in St Mark's Square and recently learned that the square was submerged under 3 feet of water. Global warming is not a theoretical concept as we had previously thought.

We enjoyed hiking in Croatia, cycling in Corfu, and touring many locations in Italy, France and Spain.

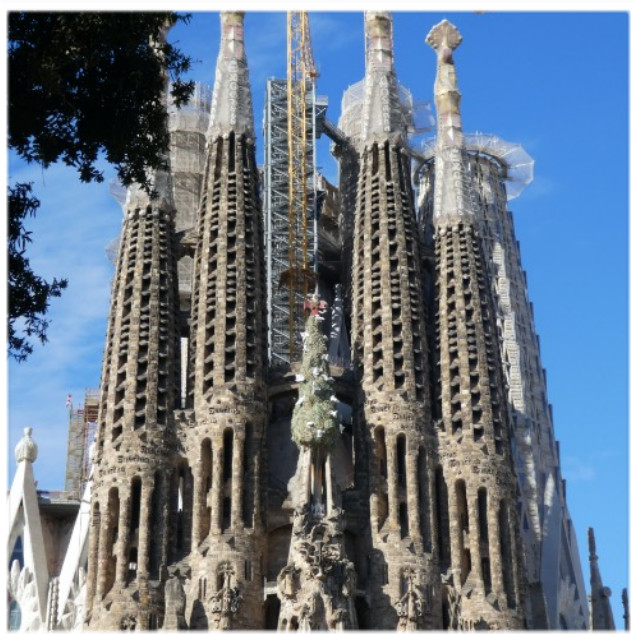


Sue in St Marks Square before 3 Feet of Water Arrived





The Lovely Leaning Tower in Pisa, Italy



Basílica de la Sagrada Família in Barcelona



Gary Enjoying Paella in Barcelona



Sue on the Harbor in Dubrovnik

On the Home Front:

We obviously spent more time in Boise this year and really enjoyed a mild summer with only a few days above 100 degrees. Sue was busy volunteering at the Morrison Center and with her friends in the Mah Jong group. Similarly, Gary has his advocacy for bicycle trails and amateur radio projects. This year, on account of a late planting and cooler weather, the tomatoes from our garden, which are usually a source of pride, were puny. However, our carrot crop was bountiful and unusually sweet. Perhaps there is a lesson here?

**We Wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year.
Merry Christmas!**

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