
SUE AND GARU

2020 Seasons Greetings

On the Home Front:

As we all know, this year was unusual. With the exception of two events, we traveled less and spent most of our time in Boise. Despite our normal vim and vigor, we took seriously that we were old enough to be vulnerable to the virus and worked hard to reduce our risk. Unfortunately when you start to think of yourself as vulnerable, you begin to feel that way.

Sue's volunteer activities at the Morrison Center stopped in March with all shows cancelled until June 2021. We now spend almost all of our time together; which is a significant change from our customary levels of independent activity. As time has gone on with reduced activities, we now welcome novelty in our daily routine. If the usual day has an activity like grocery shopping, trips to the recycling center or getting fresh eggs from a rural friend we count ourselves fortunate. We welcome our walks in the hills and parks or cycling along the greenbelt trail in Boise.

I have not filled my car with gas more than 5 times in the past 9 months. We have done a lot of cooking (trying new recipes) and paid greater attention to our garden with delicious results.

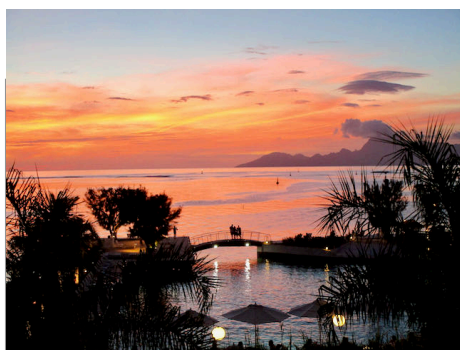
Tahiti in February

Before Covid-19 shutdown international travel, we were in Tahiti at the start of 2020. We returned home just in time for the virus to make its presence known. We have been to Tahiti 5 times since 1983. We are attracted to the beauty of the island, the mix of French and Polynesian culture, the snorkeling in clear waters, and the openness and kindness of the residents. The climate is a definite improvement over the weather in Idaho in February. We always enjoy Tahiti but if we had known what was to come, we would have savored it even more!

Visits with Brother Randy and Family

On a bright note, we have enjoyed getting together with my brother, Randy and his family on two occasions. In June, Randy and Joan and their son, Morgan, stopped by on their way to Butte, Montana where two of their grown children have relocated. In September, Sue and I traveled to Oak Harbor to see all of their children who came home as we put my brother, David's, ashes to rest in the place where my parents remains were placed.





Tahitian Sunset in March



Traveling the Lagoon



Gary, Randy & Nephew, Morgan



Bounty of the Garden



The Queen of the Greenbelt



Sister-in-law, Joan and Sue



With Randy and Joan and Sons, Avery and Family Dogs



Replacing the Kitchen Windows

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

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