

The Goughs' Christmas Times

December 2000

Oregon Year Eleven

Pictures on the reverse. Details follow...

Dick and Diana

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temps in the 80s (mostly). We traveled both by ourselves and with Tauck Tours whom we highly recommend. On the reverse there's a shot of Diana with her Koala friend and one of Dick (wearing a yellow shirt) talking to our tour director, Gideon. The Tauck portion lasted two weeks and included a four-day cruise of the Great Barrier Reef where we most enjoyed snorkeling and exploring small islands such as Cook's Island. At Ayers Rock, the driest spot on the driest continent in the world, Oregon magic prevailed—it rained daily. So much for our motto!

To get another sun break, we rented a house for the month of April in Summerlin, Nevada near Las Vegas. From there we're able to go to a variety of places in the southwest. We visited Grand Canyon (by helicopter), Sedona, AZ, and Death Valley, CA. On the reverse there's a shot of Diana (in a coral sweatshirt) at Zabrisky Point in Death Valley, and one of our helicopter shadow as we ascended out of the Grand Canyon.

The summer months are spent volunteering, gardening and entertaining visitors. This year we shared our summer with Marty & Buzz Rower from San Diego, Kay & Don Heise

from Charlevoix, Yoshi Minegishi from the Seattle area and Patt & Dick Napp from Thousand Oaks, CA. We enjoy these visits and hope you keep coming. On the reverse the dinner shot at the top shows the Heises, Yoshi, Chris, Corey and his girlfriend, Li. In the lower right corner the Rowers are enjoying a picnic and wine tasting at Erath Winery in the Willamette Valley—Oregon's premier wine growing area.

Diana continues to be active in Oregon Master Gardeners and desktop publishing. Dick is webmaster for his book group and for the Wine & Food Society of Oregon.

In between the travel and company, we did some home maintenance, finally biting the bullet and replacing our LP siding with cedar. We also had to re-do our chimney to correct a design deficiency. Lots of hammering and sawing, but it turned out well and we're quite pleased.

The Boys

Chris and Corey continue to live in the city of Portland and work as software engineers for Intel in Hillsboro. They stay physically active with a basketball league and gym memberships. This summer Corey hit the quarter century mark; there's a birthday shot of he and Li along with Chris and Diana. The birthday loot is in the middle. Chris took the plunge and bought a condo in the Pearl District of downtown Portland. He's very pleased with his life as a landowner.

Merry Christmas and Happy 2001

Well, that's a quick overview. We hope everything's well with you and wish you a Merry Christmas and the best of New Years. The "real" millennium begins in January...