

SEASON'S GREETINGS and HAPPY NY 2011!



Hello family and friends! It's 2011 and the last couple years have been good—and bad. Early in 2009 Ken had to have a couple medical procedures and Susan's mom developed lymphoma cancer. Fortunately, his procedures were very successful and he's doing really well now. Unfortunately, we lost her mom early this year in January. They were pretty close and her loss has hit Susan very hard, some times worse than others! The holidays were hard this year!! Thankfully, the human spirit does heal itself and just needs time, tho it won't be the same! In other news, we just celebrated our 20th anniversary in December!

Ken stays super busy with writing and trying to meet deadline after deadline. He has a number of books in the works now, including two new ones. Unfortunately, he rarely has enough down time anymore, which is sad given that we traded in our van for a much larger RV and we need to find time to do more camping! We also acquired a horse trailer and Susan and Sugar were in three horse shows this past year. We did get to camp at the shows. Now they are getting into trail riding, which truth to tell is probably going better than their show career, LOL! We have been working on more trails here at the house and should be able to host some trail rides in the future.

We've spent a good deal of the summer developing a koi school in the pond. We had about 12-13 in various sizes and then cold weather hit. They stay down low in the water now, but hopefully we will still have a bunch of them in the spring. Should, as they are pretty hardy.



Dallas and Lauren are in South Africa well on their way to finishing a sailing trip around the world. They expect to be back to the U.S. some time in April. No doubt it will be a major transition to get back to a "normal" life. Wes and Tiff are in Houston where he works as an electrical engineer and Tiff does pediatric home care.



Tim and Heather are living in Madison, Wisconsin where Tim took a job promotion at Kraft. They bought a really nice home and the kids are growing so fast; Jackson is 5 and Harper is 3 now. It would be nice to see them more, but not during cold weather. We told them not to expect us to come up over the holidays, LOL! We were able to take a trip up there in June—and it was wet and cold to us even then!!



Roy and Angela moved into a house together and both work at UofA in the library. They've been able to come down several times and we've enjoyed a number of fun activities. Plus, they were a big help around the place!

Lily, Toni, and Sugar are doing well and we do as many things as possible with them.

**Best Wishes for 2011
from
Ken, Susan, Lily,
Toni and Sugar**

