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Merry Christmas! Sorry we missed you last year but we were in transition and Christmas came and went before we realized we never got our letter written or cards sent out. So now you're going to get 2 years worth of updates.

When we left you before, Bruce was back to school, Carolyn was the "Sugar Mama", and Josh was looking for work. Today, Bruce is doing the practical part of training for his new career, Carolyn is still the "Sugar Mama", and Josh is looking for work again. Doesn't sound like much has changed, but a lot has happened in these past two years.

As the 2010 year started Bruce was in school at the Professional Culinary Institute working on getting a degree in hospitality management. Since it was a very accelerated program, he pretty much spent all his time either in class or at home doing homework. Besides the classroom experience, he also enjoyed 2 months of culinary training that he enjoyed very much – he has enjoyed practicing his new skills for Carolyn and friends during the past year.

In February 2010 we were able to spend a week in Puerto Vallarta with our friends Doug and Adrienne. It was a great time to just relax and enjoy some really good tequila.

The next milestone came in September when Carolyn joined the "Big 5-0" club. Bruce planned a great party for her at the Santa Clara Biltmore Hotel. She was thankful to be able to celebrate it with all her family and friends – especially those who travelled to celebrate it with her.

At the end of October, Bruce graduated with his Occupational Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management degree. After all the hard work he put in, he was very proud to graduate with honors and win the Hotel and Restaurant Management Merit Award.

In November, we took a short break, with our second trip of the year to Napa Valley, where we stayed in a house at the Dutch Henry Winery with some friends. We always enjoy going up there and plan on retiring up there someday.

Also in November, Bruce received a job at Mayfield Bakery and Cafe in Palo Alto. Since he had no restaurant experience, they agreed to take him on to learn all the various positions of a restaurant - he is considering this his practical schooling. So far he has worked as host, busser, runner, expeditor, bar back, and bartender. He has learned a lot and has enjoyed it very much despite the change in working hours that he was use to.

The next big change came in December. We became empty nesters when we moved Josh into his own studio apartment about 3 miles away in Sunnyvale. Just before he moved he also got a job as a "line cook" at Red Robin.

So 2010 ended with a lot of changes and adjustments that we were dealing with. So Christmas just seemed to sneak up on us and before we knew it, it was 2011.

In 2011 Josh's job also disappeared when he decided he couldn't work for his tyrannical manager and decided to quit. Since then he has stayed among the ranks of the unemployed.

Sometime in the previous year we both developed a love for hockey and the San Jose Sharks. So, through the rest of the winter and spring we enjoyed going to their games or getting together with friends to watch and cheer them on through the playoffs.

In July Carolyn ventured out on her own to Texas to see our god-children and their parents, Doug and Adrienne. She had missed them last year and just couldn't go another year without seeing them.

It's now a new Sharks season and we're going to more games than ever. GO SHARKS!!

So plenty of changes and adjustments – but we are learning to work through them together. Still don't know what the future holds but at least we get to enjoy it together along with all our friends and family.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

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