

December 2005

Dear Family and Friends,

We are now fully retired, and feeling fine! Martha retired on January 1, and Dianne retired on June 3. Our year has been rich with memorable visits, events and happenings. Let us share some of it with you...

We began our Retirement Life with many trips to and visits from family and friends – just the way we like it! Vacations this year included visiting both Minnesota (Martha's home state) and Texas (Dianne's home state) twice. We spent last Christmas with Dianne's family, staying with Joyce and Bill Mitschke in Spring, just north of Houston; March in St. Paul with Martha's parents; August in St. Paul; and September in Houston. Unfortunately, our last stay in Houston was cut short because of Hurricane Rita! Rather than face the fury of nature head-on, we returned to San Francisco two weeks early. Thankfully, only minimal damage was sustained by friends and family in the Houston area. However, we were deeply saddened by losses suffered by friends in Biloxi MS, and Lake Charles LA. Our hearts go out to all who sustained damage, and re-location.

Martha is delighted to have time for classes at SF City College and Foothill College, where she studies web programming, photography, and economics. Dianne is active in organizing our home and our hobbies. She built new shelves in the basement, and continues to update the inventory of our stamp collection. And we both love spending time with our friends and neighbors of all ages!

We've put together a slideshow of 2005 photos, and invite you to see them at:
<http://www.djnmarti.com/2005>.



Until we see you again, this is
DJ and Marti
wishing you
Merry Christmas,
Happy Holidays, and
a fabulous New Year!

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