

Happy New Year!

By the time you read this 2016 will be upon us all and we'll be reflecting on 2015, which is what this newsletter is all about. Last year had its moments, both high and low.

For Bruce and Eileen the big highlight of the year was traveling to California to tour Sonoma wine country, a trip which almost didn't happen (keep reading). We spent the first three days in San Francisco in a very plush hotel. We were tourists by day and found wonderful eateries all over town. We walked...a LOT, but also took advantage of local buses to get around. Next we picked up a rental car and drove north to Sonoma, where we spent five days and nights celebrating Eileen's birthday and touring 11 wineries. While in Sonoma we enjoyed dinner at the renowned restaurants Botega and Fig Café, and



Eileen enjoying the Pacific Coast

Eileen discovered the calamari steak sandwich, her new favorite. We also exercised restraint and joined only two wine clubs (this time). So much wine, so little time.

After five days in Sonoma and a lot of wine tasting, we stopped in Santa Rosa and had breakfast with one of Bruce's high school friends, who suggested a scenic route to get to the Pacific Coast Highway. What gorgeous country! We drove Rt. 1 in our red Camaro convertible with the top down, checking another box on our bucket lists. We made our way south toward San Francisco as far as we could, then on to San Jose (spoiler alert!) to visit with David.

Eileen

Eileen continues to take on more and more responsibility at AFPM as their Manager of Regional Safety Networks. In 2015 she traveled even more than in 2014 for a total of about 24 trips. Bruce continues to join her for a long weekend now and then. In 2015 her destinations included Austin, Houston, and Dallas TX, Salt Lake City UT, Memphis TN, Paulsboro NJ, Oklahoma City OK, New Orleans and Lake Charles LA, St. Louis MO, Billings MT, Denver CO, San Antonio TX, Pascagoula and Vicksburg MS, and a stop in Arkansas. Our friends, Deb and Charles, rendezvoused with Eileen in Vicksburg.

In the spring Eileen took up a new hobby, knitting, another bucket list item. As a young girl her grandmother

taught her to crochet but, being left-handed, had trouble learning to knit. Years later, with the help of a patient friend & YouTube, Eileen has been passing hours during Metro commutes & airport delays knitting almost non-stop producing many beautiful scarves and face cloths.

Bruce

In February Bruce's employer, Orbital Sciences, merged with Allied Techsystems, Inc. (ATK) to form Orbital ATK. Bruce continues to work on ISS cargo deliveries with NASA, which resumed in early December using an Atlas V rocket since the company's Antares rocket was not quite ready and NASA needed more cargo than it can lift. The "return-to-flight" Cygnus mission was a huge success.

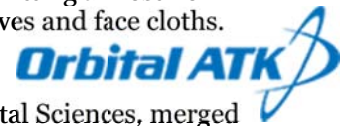
Bruce made his annual trek to Ohio and Indiana to visit friends and family at the end of June, but due to inclement weather he did not take the motorcycle. The trip included stops in Troy, Fort Wayne, Connersville, & Indianapolis, but did not include Marietta for a visit to his half-brother, Dave, who had just moved to Nashville a week prior. To make up for not having done his trip by motorcycle, Bruce rode to the Cincinnati area in late August to meet up with his childhood friend, Gary, and take advantage of late season short lines at the King's Island thrill park. That would be the final long ride for Bruce.

Sunday, Labor Day weekend, Bruce was out riding his motorcycle with some friends and was involved in an accident with one of them, totally demolishing both bikes and leaving Bruce with three broken ribs and some nasty contusions ☹. That was enough for Bruce to call it quits with motorcycles ☹☹, but not enough to cancel the trip to Sonoma that was five days away. Driving in California ended up being more a curse than a blessing, a Camaro being low to the ground and difficult for Bruce to get into and out of. But it was a "grin and bear it" situation, and he managed to "suffer" through the week.

Within a couple weeks after their return from California, Bruce decided to trade-in the 2012 Hyundai Tucson for a 2016 Santa Fe Sport. He calls it his "new motorcycle".



Bruce's new motorcycle



Cygnus' first flight aboard a ULA Atlas V

David



David changed employers in April, shortly after we started planning our trip to Sonoma, and now works as a data engineer in Palo Alto for a company named AppLovin. We think his job has something to do with artificial intelligence, but we're not entirely sure. This change required him to move to California. He and his girlfriend, Gloria, share an apartment in downtown San Jose.



David's LinkedIn mug shot

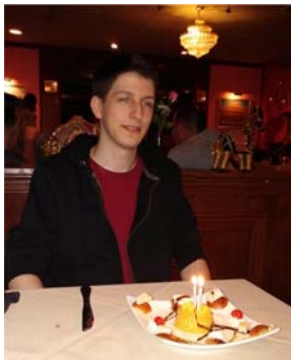
They are a stone's throw from Santa Clara, where the San Francisco 49ers play for the NFL and where Super Bowl 50 will be played.

Bruce and Eileen visited David and Gloria during their California trip in September. It was fun spending some time with them and getting to see the area, and was a bonus added to the Sonoma trip.



David and Gloria

Andrew



Andrew celebrating his 22nd birthday

In early May, Andrew left his job at Ledo pizzeria and began working as temp for Oberthur, a company that manufactures credit cards and ID badges. His job involves vault operations and he deals with a large amount of inventory. He went full-time with them in November. After some soul-searching he decided not to become an electrician and now plans to

go back to college to study electrical engineering. We believe this plan suits him and he is excited about it.

Rachel

Rachel is now 24 years old and thriving at the Albergo House at St. Mary's Home for Disabled Children. She's thankfully had a fairly uneventful year, though there was one trip to the ER when she lacerated her forehead during a seizure and required several stitches. Rachel continues to defy the odds and keeps amazing everyone.

We made several trips to Norfolk to visit Rachel with Andrew joining us a few times. He really enjoys the visits to see his



big sister and vice versa.

We're still working on making Rachel's tablet computer be something besides a TV and jukebox. Although she enjoys watching movies and listening to music we'd like to see her interact more with the device. So we'll continue to develop a way to make that possible.

So, Until Next Year...

Here's to a great year to come in 2016. Don't forget to VOTE in November. Your vote does matter!



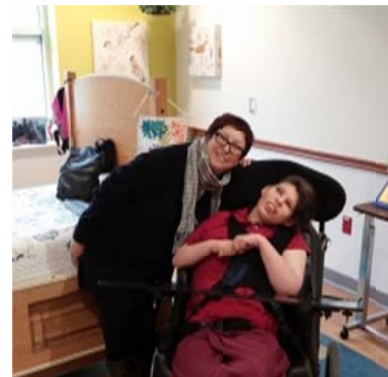
Also, don't forget to visit our family website at <http://scherzinger.org> where you can read all our past newsletters and see more photos. The site never got its upgrade in 2015, so there's nothing new this year. But there's still a lot to see.



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Eileen with Rachel in her room at Albergo House