

SEASONS GREETINGS

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Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year
...or Seasons Greetings
from Chris, Gretchen,
Ryann and Kimber

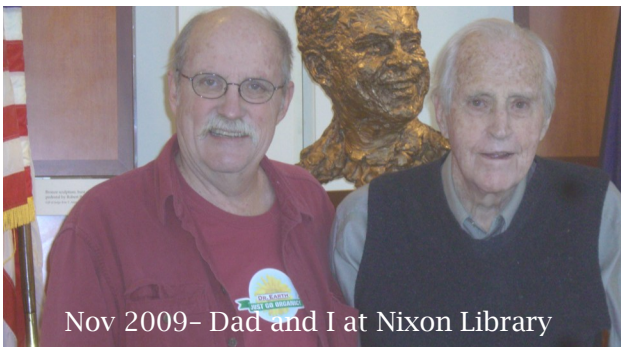
Two years have passed since our last bi-annual Christmas newsletter. There have been quite a few changes in our household.

2009-July Oregon County Fair-Kimber, Chris, Kevin, Tamara, Ryann, Makaila, Gretchen and Zoe in stroller



First I (**Chris**) am now retired. I returned to school in 2008 and graduated with a degree in Digital Forensics. Unfortunately, with the state of the economy, little money is being budgeted for digital forensics- so any practical use of my education is minimal.

Gretchen started a new job with the **Dr. Earth Company** as VP of Sales and Marketing. Although she will travel more



Nov 2009- Dad and I at Nixon Library

Our personal webpage,
www.GradyGroup.com

has been updated-over 1000 pictures added. Go to the webpage, scroll down by the GradyweatherTicker that displays current and historical weather from a wireless home weather station, then past the live GradyCam displaying live video of the Puget Sound and Elliot Bay from our house, to the calendar that makes it easy to find photos.



Gretchen and I at Port Townsend in December 2008 - our 30th Wedding Anniversary



2008- Christmas Snow

than before, she will have the opportunity, and responsibility, of taking a growing company nationwide. **Kevin** lives a hour south of Chicago with his family [Tamara, Makaila (6) and Zoe (2)]. He is vice-president of Marketing for the **Four Winds Casino**. He reports that he is challenged by a smaller budget- and a greater need to attract





Zoe having a wonderful time at Field Museum!

customers. **Ryann** continues to work as an Area Coordinator of the Washington Restaurant Association. She keeps very busy with friends, showing her Samoyed, Maker, and travel (Thailand). **Kimber** lives in Portland where she holds two jobs- one as a surgical assistant of ophthalmologists-the other on staff at REI on weekends.

TWO YEARS Highlight by Month

We had our annual Academy Awards dinner both years at the [Nicholsons](#) In [February](#). [April](#) 2008 was [Erna's 91st birthday](#), [June](#) both years went to Ryann's annual [Fremont Parade](#) pre- and post party at her house as well as famous [Greenwood](#) car show, and [July](#) both years we met family at the Oregon Country Fair in Eugene ([2008](#)- great weather- [2009](#) horrible rain- both days). Gretchen's granddaughter, Ashley and her friend Valerie, visited us for a week in [September 2009](#)- I attended my first [rock concert](#) ever, Dave Matthews at the Gorge on the Columbia River. I visited Kevin, Tamara and granddaughters Makaila and Zoe both years in [October](#). In 2008 I took a side trip to Detroit and went through the [Ford factory](#) as well as the [Ford Mansion](#). In 2009 we visited the [Museum in Chicago](#)- and Kevin and I attended the Notre Dame-Washington Husky game in South Bend- FUN, but wet. [December](#) 2008 Gretchen and I travelled to a bed and breakfast in Port Townsend to celebrate [30 years](#) of marriage!



Kerry Nicholson takes me to my first, EVER concert- Dave Matthews at The Gorge

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The "Boys" at Erna's 91st birthday: Robert, one of twins, Erna, other twin, Nathan, Ken, Chris, John



The "Girls" at Erna's 91st birthday: Ryann, Gretchen, Deborah, Marianne, Donna, Erna, Gloria, Fatima, and Anum on floor



Kevin and Chris at Notre Dame Stadium, South Bend IN



Gretchen, Chris, Ryann and nephew Kyle Covell

2009 Thanksgiving Dinner with Nicholsons and Ryann's friends

