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2009 Seasons Greetings from Suzanne and Rod:

There were those who asked over a decade ago whether Rod would be bored without a timeclock to keep him honest. At the end of his 11th year of retirement, perhaps the time has come. In 2009 he finally put Ubuntu, a Linux variant, on his PC and has actually had to recharge a few of his gray cells containing Unix commands. The goal was to not have to deal with the Microsoft OS ever again, but "the best laid plans" ... Suzanne's PC, running XP, got some malware, forcing Rod to work for his "System Administrator" title by reloading the machine with a backup. Suzanne is much more appreciative now of his appropriation of her PC each week to do backups.

A second change on the computing front was to sign up for a couple of vanity URL's. In spite of the increasing variety of potential domain categories, both opted to use the more familiar ".com" appendix, so now both "rodpease.com" and "suzannepease.com" exist as a permanent way to keep track of the two of us. Rod switched his web site from AT&T, but Suzanne still has only a place holder web site, since she still keeps her "ampersandgraphics.com" site for her graphic design business.

In late March, the whole NJ Pease crew took a trip to New Orleans to attend the wedding of David Ducrest(Rod's nephew) and Amanda Rodrigue. Rod and Suzanne drove down, but Kevin flew, relying on his parents to pick him up at the New Orleans airport and serve as taxi service for the first time in many years. The wedding was a big affair, taking place in a pavilion in the botanical garden in the New Orleans City Park. It was held outside and the weather was perfect, actually producing sunburns on the unprotected domes of the NJ contingent. Weddings were apparently in the air, as we also got to see friends from college who were also in the area for another wedding. The NJ trio then continued on to Lake Charles to visit Suzanne's brother for a few days.

The next trip was in early June for Suzanne, when she flew down to lake Charles again for a Carr family reunion, leaving Rod behind to get psyched up for a late June road trip to Chicago for the annual NAWBO convention. On the way to Chicago, we managed to get a bit of hiking in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Rod extended his hiking experience by walking all over downtown Chicago while Suzanne attended her meetings. He even managed a side trip to Oak Park to visit friends from Navy days and pick up a little culture - the Wright stuff.

The big trip of the year was in late September to England, for hiking in the Yorkshire Dales and the Lake Country with Footpath Holidays. We didn't see the sun very much, but didn't actually ever get soaked, so considered the weather fine. Lots of good food and a chance to see a part of England we had not visited before. We also discovered we could still handle more than a single week on foot, even at our advanced age.

Suzanne took off on her own again in october to tennessee to gather with some NAWBO friends from her national board days. When she returned she found her brother Don had arrived for a visit which she had forced by purchasing a great slab of cypress at a swap meet when she was in louisiana in June. having no way to bring it back on the plane, she convinced Don that he could drop it off in NJ on his way back from CA. We know that NJ is not exactly on the way from CA to LA,

but big sisters have influence.

Rod's second career, as investment guru, was officially recognized in the recent media story which stated that the previous decade was the worst ever for stocks. Having read about animals caught in traps gnawing their limbs off to escape, he was willing to try anything to avoid the constantly descending stock prices in early 2009. Fortunately the market rebounded before he lost more than a single tooth in the attempt. Given the limits of retiree dental insurance, the rebound was especially timely, as a dental implant, scheduled for Feb 2010, isn't cheap.

Suzanne continues her graphic design business, but is spending more time now on her beaded jewelry. She is still searching for the optimal venue for turning her completed jewelry back into cash.

We wish you a happy and prosperous 2010.

Suzanne and Rod

web pages:

Rod's home page at www.rodpease.com

Suzanne's personal home page at www.suzannepease.com

Suzanne's business home page at www.ampersandgraphics.com

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