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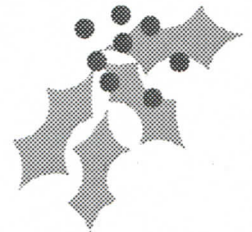
Seasons Greetings from the Peases:

1997 has been a year of few changes for the New Jersey branch of the Pease household. We are in the same house (all 3 of us), same cars, same jobs, and almost the same computers. Yes, Suzanne bought another one - this time another laptop. Rod believes its somewhat like buying extra TV remote controls - with enough of them you never have to get up when you feel the urge to compute. The latest member of the family spends much of its time next to the chair with the best view of the TV when its not on the road with her. Suzanne uses it while listening to TV and usually manages to avoid typing her favorite sitcom jokes into her client proposals. Another addition is her digital camera, which is providing you with a peek at the real changes the years have brought to the Peases.

Kevin has turned a temporary job in New York City into a full time one at Hoashi Communications on Madison Avenue. He likes the work - graphic design with web development components - but not the commute. He leaves Harbor Road for the Matawan train station at 7:30 am and seldom returns before 7:30 pm. By the time he eats dinner and attends to his email, there are few hours before that 6 am wakeup to start all over again. It does make his father grateful for his commute (20 minutes) and his mother for hers (20 feet).



Rod is still working on the same project at AT&T, in the same office. It makes for an easier time filling out ones annual performance evaluation forms - if he procrastinates sufficiently his boss will accept last year's with only the date changed. The negative side is that although AT&T is not selling the software externally, it has somehow got to become a critical piece in the future plans for provisioning inside the company. This means that several internal departments think they are responsible for providing requirements for future development, leading to lots of "if customer = ..." statements in the code. Rod will need the planned new buildings at the Middletown location for extra room for all the different versions of requirements. As you can see, he's wearing more hats now as his hair is not doing its fair share of keeping his head warm.

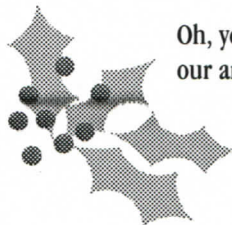


Suzanne is still active in the women business owners arena - just now on a national level as a director for NAWBO (National Association of Women Business Owners). The main difference for Rod is that she now flies to meetings instead of driving. AT&T is even happier about the phone bills (the whole US is bigger than just NJ - lots more people to call). Rod did get one benefit of her national meetings - a trip to Phoenix in February. He met her after the meeting and they drove up to Sedona for a couple of days hiking. The experience was sufficiently positive to leave Phoenix on the list of possible retirement spots. Rod is always looking for something warmer in the way of climate, but he probably will have to make sure all visits skip summer time if he wants to convince Suzanne.

In addition to the Phoenix trip, we also spent a week in LA visiting the relatives and checking up on the growth of south LA. While plans were made for several short camping trips, only one got completed. Rod has finally figured out that the reason that people build houses is that they are far more comfortable when it is raining than sitting in a tent. As a result, he has turned into a "fair weather camper" - preferring to watch it rain through the front room picture window instead of an unzipped tent fly. He and Suzanne did manage a couple of days in the Catskills after Labor Day. For those who are interested, this is an excellent time to get a tent site in a campground - even one as popular as North-South Lake. The negative side is that many of the restaurants close down after summer and before ski season and you may have to cook your own food. Luckily it was only one meal. How "camping" has changed from the Boy Scout days.

Best wishes for a happy 1998!

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Oh, yes the phone number has changed this year, they split our area code again. It is now 732-591-1926.