

November 28, 2017

And it is the week after Thanksgiving, the tree is trimmed and Ben and Ruth did a great job. We had a relaxing holiday with Ruth's parents and the "kids".

The year was happy busy:

Early this year winter brought us snow and high waters for the Truckee River as well as for Lake Tahoe. We walked along the river often to enjoy the sounds of the rushing water and visited the Lake several times for short hikes and pleasant walks.

We visited family adjacent to Diether's assignment at the Spring School. We attended the Cyto conference, this year in Boston. Before the conference, we took a couple days vacation walking the beaches north of Boston, and we visited friends in Maine. And since we were across the continent, we continued to Germany, visiting the families and friends. Late fall we traveled to Europe again. Jutta's mother is 97 and living at her home, with live-in help, and help of my cousin, and doing well. Diether's siblings and families are well. It feels good to visit and see friends and family.

During our time at home in the US, we enjoyed a few short vacations:

In summer we went swimming in Payette Lake, staying at a resort in McCall Idaho and went on to Seeley Lake, Montana. We drove through beautiful country, and look forward to do it again next year.

When it was hot in Reno, we went for the Northern California Coast for a couple walks along the Pacific, along some great cliffs.

We drove to nearby trails in the Sierra Nevada for a few hikes, and when the snow started early this fall, we drove to Las Vegas and hiked in Red Rock.

We had the laundry redone. We needed a new washer and dryer, and since they all are bigger now, we had to stack them, the cabinets needed to go, the walls refinished and a new tile for the floor...

And since we missed the time to paint the new window frames late last year, we had it done this year, and it resulted in having the entire outside painted including the deck.

We visited with friends in Fallon, Reno, the Bay Area, Boston and Germany, and some over the phone.

We look forward to hopefully see you all this coming year, and wish you a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Diether & Jutta