

December 1st,2007

Dear friends,

The season started officially today with the Sparks Christmas Parade. Diether and Jutta carried the banner for the Kiwanis Club. (Jutta has been recruited as a member. This club refurbishes hundreds of bikes to give to children, buys helmets for many more children, fits the helmets, and does traffic education and safety training)

Diether is enjoying his work in Advanced Technology, and his commute of exactly one mile. It has been a year and a half now, that we are renting out the house in Cupertino, and living in an apartment in San Jose in walking distance to shopping and restaurants.

We picked up the tradition of Diether's Birthday Party after the one year lapse. It was great to see you all. We will have another party in 2008.

The kids are well:

Ruth is still working very successfully with the company, who recruited her straight at University.

Ben is pursuing his career, studying Mechanical Engineering, minor Electrical Engineering, and working part time.

All of our parents are well. (they do complain about loosing strength, but just try to keep up for a couple days!) Jutta visited 3 times this year, Diether only made it once.

We enjoy our house in Reno: it is beautifully situated on a bluff above Evan's Canyon. With all the views: City and Sierra. The backyard gate leads to Rancho Rafael Park and BLM or National Forest Land. As for the forest, the only trees growing are along Evans Creek, about 200 feet below us. The walk along the creek and through the park takes about 30 to 45 min to town, Diether walking or me slowing him down. And you got to take the picture taking time into account. We have a guest room waiting for you in the house.

Enjoy this season and have a happy year.

Diether and Jutta