

December 2005

Dear All,

Of course:

the main event of this year was Ben and Ruth's wedding.

The families from Israel all made the journey, so we got to meet Navah's parents, her brother and his wife, and Meir's sister and her husband. The other siblings we had met on previous visits. Diether's sister and all her family and Moni with the entire family made the trip. Marie was able to stay for the wedding. Yuri and Carolyn joined us from Michigan and it felt good to have family celebrating with us.

Ruth had planned the wedding well, and it was a most elegant affair. There were so many friends and family members with us for the wedding and they will stand by us and the young couple in the future.

By the way pictures are at <http://photos.yahoo.com/nufan125>.

Jutta went to Europe 3 times this year, visiting with Diether in March to go back in April for her mother's 85th birthday and party. The party had to be postponed because of an acute gall bladder infection and operation. Jutta also visited her business partner in Goettingen and participated in the Laser Munich in June. Jutta's mom accommodated the dates and had her Big Birthday Party the week-end following the show.

Jutta did start the company in Nevada for sales and distribution for the company in Goettingen. The IP transfers are still going and are looking quite interesting, the companies are taking shape.

Jutta is still involved with the Reno-Tahoe local chapter of the Optical Society of America, (<http://www.renotahoephotonics.com>), and volunteering for Sustainable Living Consortium. Jutta is as conservative as ever.

And we celebrated another official start of summer, as one of our friends calls Diether's Birthday Party. We hope you all enjoy the party as much as we do. Please note: the pictures are on the web <http://home.att.net/~Diether> and read next years invitation carefully, we may be changing venue.

The summer was great; Marie spent several weeks with us and we both enjoyed Marie's companionship. She is a great sport, hiking, camping, off-roading: Marie took it all in stride.

Friends from Europe visited in Reno in summer to go off-roading and other friends in fall. Jutta went to Yosemite twice this year, visited Lake Tahoe several times, vacationed with Diether at favorite Nevada lakes and is still impressed by the beauty of the scenery and the joy of sharing the excitement with others.

Diether loves the High Mountains and the desert, Reno is the perfect little city for him. He loves his assignment at work, Advanced Technology. No way could we go into his travels and endeavors, we want to fit the letter on one page and it would be company confidential anyway.

Yes, we are busy, working hard and enjoying life, and mourning friends. We lost a cousin to MS, one friend to cancer, (both ladies fought their battle strong and long), and one to heart attack, leaving her no chance to fight.

Very close friends got married, a couple babies were born and several more are expected. (not by Ruth and Ben) Ben is going back to school to study EE and already has several letters of acceptance.

We enjoyed Thanksgiving with the in-laws, now officially family. We shall be in Cupertino for Christmas and in Reno for New Years. We have a friend living with us for now, so if he picks up the phone, when you call, he mostly knows where we are and will be able to reach us with a message.

We wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.

Jutta and Diether

