

Dear friends and relatives.

This year was quite relaxing, at least we feel that way.



Zion National Park

The calendar seems not to agree, Jutta had many physical therapy sessions, swam all summer and went on short hikes with Diether, who finds trails, Jutta can manage.

The project of the year was relocation: We planned to move further east, to Wyoming; then we looked in Utah, because Jutta loves the Provo Mountains.

So we drove to Cody WY twice. We like Cody, tucked away in the mountains, arid climate, lots of sun shine. For the first trip we went via Bozemann MT and visited friends, checked out Sheridan on the way.

Sheridan we enjoyed, but the air connections are minimal. During the second trip we checked out Caspers, but somehow did not feel comfortable there.



And then later in the year we looked at properties in Provo and in several communities to the south. We made two trips, even made an offer, but the due diligence raised serious concerns.



So we are still in Reno and enjoy the city, the Lake and our country retreat about 80 miles to the east. We meet friends, when visiting Lake Tahoe, or just go for a hike.

A major Lake event was Curtis' and Rachel's wedding, friends of Ben and Ruth's. We spent the entire weekend with them in the mountains.

And this year we attended the Cyto conference, the major conference in Diether's field. Jutta enjoyed Vancouver, Canada. Diether was pretty busy with the conference.

We traveled to Europe twice: first in March for the Spring School in Ettal, and visited with family and friends in Munich, in Ettal, and close to our home towns, the palatine, where we hiked, and in Cologne.

Diether's sister hosted a family reunion, Ben and Ruth happened to be in Germany at the time, and most of the cousins, the brothers and sister were at the house.

And in September we went again, visiting with relatives, added a couple days in the palatinate, with Jutta's cousin and family, and vacationed on Lake Constance. We hiked every day and Jutta even swam in the lake. The drive through the Black Forrest was like a dream. The weather was clear and the views and the trees.... And we got to see our sister in law, who is back from Australia.



We celebrated Thanksgiving in Reno, Ben and Ruth visited and we had a quiet time together. It is good to have the kids around. OK we had a couple of parties.

They decorated the Christmas Tree, but we are not going to spend Christmas together this year.

Last year, we did a new thing for Christmas: we went to Lake Las Vegas and spent the holidays in a resort, going hiking (well hiking with Jutta is more like going on short strolls) in the Valley of Fire, a spectacular Park a short 30 min from the resort.

And so we are looking forward to a new year, resuming our search for a property, and adding an occasional trip just for fun, Johannes and Jasmine may visit and Jutta has a list of places to show them.

We now wish you happy holidays, a merry Christmas, and all the best for the New Year.



Jutta & Diether

