

Diether & Jutta 2014

It was a busy year again.

Since Diether has retired from BD, we travel often. Most of the trips are around assignments for Diether, and when they take us to Europe, we visit Ben and Ruth, and our mothers and family.

Ben got his assignment extended another year, and Ruth started working for a scientific company not far from where they live in England.

Both our mothers are getting up in age, and are pretty well, except that Jutta's mother had a pneumonia in spring. We happened to be in Europe at the time, and Jutta could be there within the same day. Petra drove there right away, too; and Jutta and her got mother hospitalized. Her doctors were quite proud to pull her through, and after several weeks of rehab, mom moved back into her house. During this visit, Ben and Ruth had planned to visit and did fly over to see us and the grandmothers and family.

During our travels in June, Ben and Ruth took us to Wales. We spent the weekend of summer solstice together and it was fantastic. We hiked several short trails through fairyland like landscapes with waterfalls and lakes.

And just a couple of weeks ago, we were in Ireland. Ruth and Ben met us in Dublin. Ben had rented a car and is comfortable to drive on the left. Ruth had booked a lovely B&B on the Dingle Peninsula. We got to enjoy visiting with our children and see the Irish country side.

This year's Cyto Conference was in Florida and we enjoyed the tropics, in mild weather meeting friends and colleagues.

We enjoyed the Howe Awards in New York again. We flew in on Monday, had a relaxing Tuesday morning walking along the river and then the award ceremony. We flew back to Reno Wednesday. We saw so many old friends and colleagues, it was well worth the trip.

We drove to the Bay Area several times, and visited relatives and friends. We try to spend time with our friends in Reno, and we had several lovely visits.

On a trip to Quebec, we took a day to drive through the hills and had a lovely time with friends in their chalet. Jutta had a day to explore Quebec City.

We spend a most relaxing Saturday with Diether's nephew in Lippstadt, visiting his rented studio, walking his schoolground, and the old city, enjoying the city parks and the gardens of our hotel.

We took a vacation, just the two of us, driving to Idaho, visiting the Old Faithful, hiking and swimming.

We spend time in Fallon, where we watched 3 Horned Owl chicks being raised in the tree just outside of our kitchen window. We visited Lake Tahoe several times and did a few hikes in the Sierra's.

We had to buy a new car, the Buick's engine died, we think due to a pack-rat chewing through a cylinder cable and us driving the car back to Reno on 5 cylinders. The new Malibu gets 40 miles to the gallon, has comfortable seats, and handles fine.

We wish all of you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Diether & Jutta,
Reno, December 12, 2014