



**2019**

**Happy, Happy Holidays to you all!**

**From Peggy & Jim Dixon**

**in Alexandria, IN.**

We feel very fortunate to be able to be with our family a couple times each year so far and fortunate that our oldest son, Daniel, has been able to travel to be with all of us from Seattle too. We were all together last Christmas in Brazil and just had a wonderful time.

In April, Jim and I took a short trip to Florida where we visited with longtime friends, Linda and Ken Ramey in their new lovely home there, and then took a three-day cruise to Key West and Cozumel. We even got to meet Patrick for a nice, unexpected breakfast in Miami, since he happened to be there at the same time for an Air Force conference in his job coordinating projects between the U.S. Air Force and the Brazilian Air Force.

Then, in June, we drove to the Poconos to again all be together for a few days in a rustic rented home. We also spent two very fun days in the second largest indoor water park in the U.S., which was simply a very fun wet blast.

We again traveled to Brazil for Thanksgiving week and spent several days at the Belmond Hotel at the Iguazu Falls on the south border of Brazil and Argentina. Fabulous hotel, pool and scrumptious food.

Jim still plays tennis and runs. I always try to do some walking on my breaks at Ball State, but have finally had to schedule a hip replacement surgery in the new year, so will be off work for about a month. Hopefully, I can get back to walking and moving without so much discomfort soon.

The sad news for this year is that we lost our sweet, sweet dog, Brigit, in September to cancer. She was 13 years old and we had her since the day she was born. Brigit was the sweetest dog ever, as she made friends with every cat or other critter I rescued. She was simply amazing and we miss her and think about her every day. Right now, I am juggling 6 cats and hope to find a home in the near future for at least two friendly cats, a handsome grey neutered male I named Fog and a beautiful golden one named Sunshine.

Following are a several photos of our family you may enjoy seeing.

Photos: Our Family together in Brazil last Christmas and this Thanksgiving at the Iguazu Falls in Brazil and Argentina.



Dan is still living in Seattle (He bought the home he was renting.) and is still successfully improving and selling his game, Universe Sandbox, and enjoying his friends and life in Seattle. Photos below: Dan at a conference, with Claire in Brazil, with friends at a Halloween party and on a hike in the Northwest.





Patrick travels often to the U.S. for various conferences and projects out of the U.S. Embassy in Brasilia, Brazil. Brittney juggles all her own projects beautifully and those of our soccer loving grandson, Will (age 8) and budding ballerina/astronaut, Claire (age 4.5). All are almost fluent in Portuguese and thriving. Photos: Brittney and Patrick at the Marine Ball at the U.S. Embassy in Brasilia and the whole family at the Halloween Party at the U.S. Embassy. Can you tell what they went as? And the family hiking in S. America.



Our hope for you all is a wonderful holiday and health, happiness and prosperity in the coming New Year 2020.

