

HOLIDAY GREETINGS 2005

In February we stayed with Stan and Harriet Joseph in Sun Valley...Don's favorite area in which to ski. Their new home was almost completed and is truly lovely, with an uninterrupted view of Mount Baldy.

In May we vacationed in Italy for two weeks. We spent the first week in Sicily and the second week in Sorrento, from which we visited the Amalfi Coast, Naples, Mount Vesuvius, Pompei, Herculaneum, and the beautiful Isle of Capri.



Agrigento, Sicily



Amalfi Coast



Although we are relatively close to our east coast families (Karen in Massachusetts, Eric and Amy in Connecticut, and Karla in North Carolina) this was the first year Don did not see David, who lives in California.

So Mary flew to California in March while Don was playing bridge in Pittsburg. On the left we see Shelley, Owen, Mary, Kyle, and David. Mary also visited Karla at the end of March while Don played bridge in Orlando.

Don's addiction to bridge means he competes in eight to ten week long bridge tournaments every year. He now has over 2000 master points.

Swimming continues to be Mary's first love.

Here we find her with the "Turtles" who swim across Beebe Pond and back every morning at 7:30 AM.



HISTORY OF HUBBARDTON VERMONT



Donald R Sondergeld

In July we visited Sandy and Steve Earl in their new condo in Cedar Grove, New Jersey. While there, we enjoyed the play about the Algonquin Club at the Algonquin Hotel, and also saw The Jackson County Spelling Bee.

In his spare time Don published a 200 page book, with 200 pictures, on the History of Hubbardton Vermont. The first printing of 100 copies sold out in 10 days in October, so 130 more were printed, of which less than 100 remain. Truly amazing.

In September the Waterville Opera House presented Mary's brother, Dr. John Towne, with a "Lifetime Achievement Award". Also amazing as this was accomplished in less than a lifetime. At that time we also visited John and Connie's lovely new home on the ocean at Muscongus Bay in Bremen, Maine.

We spend three months (January, April, and November) at our condo in Florida. Don's cousins (Doris Burton Bell and Duley Burton Stark) and Mary helped Don survive his 75th birthday in Naples, Florida last month.

Our family is healthy. Our nine grandchildren are now all in school. Ryan, our oldest, just received his driver's license.

We wish you all a wonderful holiday season. We especially look forward to seeing friends and family who come to Vermont to enjoy the wonders of the season and the winter ahead.



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