

# HOLIDAY GREETINGS 2011



Eagle Rock is across the lake from our house



Our house on Beebe Pond, in center, west of Eagle Rock

We spent a record amount of time at our condo in Naples, Florida: the entire first four months of 2011 and the six weeks before Thanksgiving. This will probably be our schedule for the next 20 years or so. We apparently like the hospital there. (Mary had a pain in her back in January so she was told to take a drug she should not have taken. The result was she spent two separate five days in the hospital with a bleeding ulcer -which was repaired.)

Florida visitors included Amy, David, Eric, Mary's brother John, and Mary's good friends Brita Tate and Rhoda Bannon. Don is cutting way back on bridge tournaments. He did not play at all in May thru September. Don wrote another history book (History of Sudbury, VT) he published in September.

Retirement in Florida



Brita Tate & Mary January 2011



Rita and David March 2011



Friends in April: Stan & Harriet Joseph in center, + Ilse & Alan Stone

We flew to Florida in January but had someone drive one of our cars to Florida so we did not need to rent a car as we normally do.

In May, we took our time and drove from Florida to Vermont. We first visited Savannah with lunch at Paula Deen's restaurant "The Lady and Sons".

We then drove to Charleston, SC and stayed at Middleton Inn. The next morning we toured beautiful Charleston.

The next stop was Richmond, VA where we visited and had lunch at the lovely Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens. We then stayed at one of our favorites: The Jefferson Hotel.

We also toured Winterthur and Longwood Gardens.

We do not see our friends very often, which is why they are still friends.

We drove from Florida to Vermont in May



Amy, Karen, Karla, and Eric in May

In June, we flew to San Francisco to visit son David for a week and attend Owen's High School graduation. (We also spent a few days in Yosemite at the lovely Ahwahnee Lodge.) Owen began his freshman year this fall at the University of BC in Vancouver.

Two of Karen's kids: Ryan graduated in June from the U of Denver and has a job in Boulder, CO. Sara is now a junior at UVM and spent time in Thailand last January.

College Age Grandchildren



Don is 81 with Dulcy & Doris (twin cousins)

We wish you all a wonderful holiday season. We look forward to seeing family and friends who come to Vermont to enjoy the wonders of the holiday season and later to Florida for warm weather.  
Don and Mary Sondergeld