



Dear Friends & Family,

We started off the year helping a friend by staffing a ticket booth at Orlando’s Scottish Games; it was fun and chilly—glad we weren’t wearing kilts! Steve has also been helping friends promote their restaurant, by creating a website for them ([chefstableattheedgewater.com](http://chefstableattheedgewater.com)) and designing a booth for them at Epcot’s United Way Gala. It was exciting when they were named one of America’s top restaurants by both Zagat and OpenTable.

Linda continues to juggle way too many Disney projects; this year’s big challenges included Big Thunder (Blunder?) Mountain Railway, then a Country Bear rush job, and now she’s buried in Splash Mountain redesigns. Epcot celebrated its 30th anniversary, and it seems like Linda has redesigned every show control system there by now (some of them twice)!

Dani turned 21, and celebrated with (of course) a fine wine. She’s in her final year of Pre-Med and Film studies at Northwestern University. This summer she received a grant to conduct psychology research so Steve again went up to Evanston to keep her company. They had a busy summer, filled with condo remodeling, concerts and travel—visiting Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, Bryce, Zion and Las Vegas where Linda connected with them for some dinners and shows.

Dani has become a fan of the newly-revived Roller Derby and took Steve to a couple of games. It’s no longer a cat fight, but an actual sport. Later in the summer Steve and Dani ticked a few more states off their list with a road trip to the incredibly tacky Wisconsin Dells, and then finished out the summer in Chicago where Linda joined them for a spectacular Bordeaux wine tasting.

Alcorn McBride is doing well, with lots of exciting new products created by an amazing staff. Steve lets them handle most everything, and instead keeps busy with four online writing classes offered through 1500 colleges worldwide. He also released a seventh book this year, *How To Fix Your Novel*, and a video lecture series for Udemy.com called *Novel Writing Workshop*. He still judges wines every year at the Florida International Wine Competition.

In the Fall Linda and Steve had a great time in Europe, with five days in London and then a 12-day cruise to France, Spain and Portugal. They were accompanied by some friends from Alcorn McBride, and it was fun showing them the sites.

For Thanksgiving the three of us converged on Los Angeles for a few days of dining and visiting with Linda’s Mom and her cousins. We particularly enjoyed the sashimi omakase at Kiriko in West LA.

Dani is finishing her third screenplay, a romantic comedy, and is looking forward to her first visit home in nine months for Christmas.

Have a wonderful 2013 (assuming of course the Aztecs were wrong), Steve, Linda and Dani Alcorn

