



Dear Friends and Family,

2002 was that rare year when we've stayed busy with work and travel, but not too busy to enjoy friends and family, too.

Danielle (now Dani – I always get it wrong) has had a great year. She consistently makes Honor Roll at Windermere Prep, and is enjoying even first year Latin, although it's been a lot of work. She has been recognized for her scholarship by Duke University and has been invited (at age 11!) to take the college admittance SAT – just for fun – in January. In June she and her godmother Nicole visited Nicole's father in Michigan and stayed at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

Linda completed the modifications to EPCOT's Imagination ride in early summer. And yes, "Figment's back." She also opened Dinorama at Animal Kingdom. She's also worked on a dozen other things, including the new Space pavilion at Epcot and the Disney Magic cruise ship. Linda was caught by surprise at the 2002 Walt Disney Imagineering Engineering Awards dinner, when she won an award for Outstanding Performance. In the spring she and Dani visited Grandma Marjorie in Los Angeles. Linda prepared Thanksgiving dinner a week early, then we took it with us to Williamsburg over the holiday for a visit with Steve's Dad.

This fall Orlando Mayor Glenda Hood visited Alcorn McBride, which was recognized as one of the fifty fastest growing technology firms in Florida. The company recently purchased a small office building in Paris. Steve continues his writing hobby. In September he helped teach a writing conference in Santa Barbara. Also on the writing front, Steve has completed an online class in Theme Park Engineering, which will be offered at 1400 colleges worldwide (www.themeparkengineering.com). And he taught Lego League Robotics at Windermere Prep,

Steve and Linda chaperoned Dani's class on their 4-day "American Adventure" field trip to Charleston and Savannah. Have you ever tried to keep track of a few dozen fifth and sixth graders for a few days?

Our 18-year-old cat Cinders passed away this year. On a happier note, we adopted a 3-week-old kitten, Tucker. She's the smartest cat we've ever had (although our friend Suzanne says that's not much of a claim). Tucker has completed our training fairly successfully – she gets a pat of butter on command each morning and sleeps on a stuffed polar bear at the head of Dani's bed.

We always enjoy the quarterly meetings of our Wine Syndicate group, where the fourteen of us share food and interesting old wines bought at auction. Dani has also developed an interest in fine dining, and greatly enjoyed a six hour(!) event at the chef's table of Victoria and Albert's in Disney's Grand Floridian Resort.

Our big trip of the year was a remarkable cruise in the Baltic. It took us all through Northern Europe – 7 countries in 14 days – and we actually came back rested! Scandinavia was beautiful, and Russia was one of the most enigmatic countries we have visited. For more pictures go to <http://www.steve.alcorn.com/Travel/Baltic>.

Have a wonderful holiday season and a prosperous 2003,

The Alcorn Family

