



30 Years at Disney

Dear Family and Friends,

2009 has been a relatively quiet year for us—our first full year as empty nesters with Dani away at Northwestern in Chicago for most of the year.

Dani changed to a dual major of pre-med and film, a combination she figures is unusual enough to get the attention of graduate schools. She's been enjoying making films this year, and has posted several on YouTube; search for user phaserblast12. She spent a quiet summer at home getting tutored in French and Calculus. She also had an opportunity to witness two days of surgery in the operating room, including several neurosurgeries, her area of interest.

We took advantage of the real estate slump to buy a condo for Dani and her roommates. The building looks like it was hit with a 70's ugly stick, but it's right across the street from Northwestern and the unit is lovely inside, with an 8th floor view of the campus and Lake Michigan. We had some fun taking a road trip from Orlando to Chicago to deliver furniture and many, many books to outfit the place. It reminded us of setting up our first apartment, except without the shag carpet.

Linda celebrated her 30th year at Disney. She's been incredibly busy, with as many as eight projects going at a time. Her year began with a refresh of Hall of Presidents—she now has the distinction of being the only woman in the country who really knows how President Obama is wired. She also worked on Space Mountain, Haunted Mansion, and is working on Magic Kingdom's new Fantasyland expansion.

Alcorn McBride has had a good year, avoiding the economic slowdown by introducing an assortment of well-received products including new show control, lighting and high definition products. Steve continues to teach writing classes through about 1500 colleges via ed2go.com. And in February he judged his 18th International Wine Competition at the Florida State Fair—about 1800 entries this year!

We spent Thanksgiving in Chicago, where we had a delightful time trying out some notable restaurants, and a challenging time fixing Thanksgiving dinner in the condo's kitchen (it's about 25% of the size of the one at home!). We also saw two musicals in one day, The Addams Family (needs work before going to Broadway) and Young Frankenstein (still just as funny as it was on Broadway).

We hope this finds you and yours enjoying the Holiday Season. Have a great 2010!

Warmest wishes,

Steve, Linda and Dani Alcorn



Mammoth Cave, a road trip stop on the way to Chicago



Ugly building



Dressed for surgery



Nice interior



Dani's roommates



Halloween



Thinking



Thanksgiving