



Merry Christmas 2002 &  
Happy New Year 2003  
from  
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—science



2002 has been a good year for us, and we hope that it was good for all of our many friends and family who we do not see as often as we'd like.

Mary Beth continues to be a stay-at-home Mom with lots to keep her busy—especially when Richard is away a lot. From January to June, she volunteered in the classroom two mornings a week. Since September, she decided to stay home to catch up on many things around the house.

Richard has now been with National TeleConsultants for 19 years, and current projects keep him busy flying frequently to the East Coast. This has allowed him to see his Dad, (who will be turning 87 in January) several times this year. He and his wife, Jay, continue to be healthy, but sadly he lost both his brother, Don, and brother-in-law, Gerry, this year.

Mary Beth's brother, John, visited in early April while Richard was at the National Association of Broadcasters convention in Las Vegas. Since that coincided with Spring Break for the boys, they were able to play tourist and visit many interesting local sites, including

Descanso Gardens and Hollywood. Richard returned in time to join them at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium and the La Brea Tar Pits.

John will be here from December 22 to December 28, and we're all looking forward to his arrival!

Mary Beth and Richard managed to sneak in a few nights out this year without the boys. We celebrated our 19th wedding anniversary at the local English Pub, the Tam-O-Shanter Inn. We also saw our singer friends Cindy Mangsen and Steve Gillette at Caltech and Anne Hills and Tom Paxton at a local church.

We traveled to Cambria for the two long weekends bracketing the summer—Memorial Day and Labor Day. We still find this a most relaxing and enjoyable getaway.

We had the opportunity to see a pristine 70mm print of Lawrence of Arabia on the 40th anniversary of its release. As Richard's parents took him to see it during its initial run, we took the boys to see it and they enjoyed it. We hope to share more events with the boys as they mature.

Our major trip this summer was to Carman, Manitoba (near Winnipeg) for a McIntyre family reunion. We drove via the Golden Spike and Waterton-Glacier Parks and across to Carman. We even took a side trip to see the Frank Slide. It was wonderful seeing so many of Mary Beth's relatives. Robert McIntyre of Carman should be congratulated for all the work he and many others put into the gathering. Our return was via Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons. We even managed to see Old Faithful blow!

Richard has also spent a lot of time gathering up used audio equipment to transfer old reel and cassette tapes to CD and other digital formats. He's turning down work as he does not want to be overloaded with this. As we're writing this, we're about to release a fourth Marie-Lynn Hammond CD on Richard's record label. Details about this and other interests can be found on our web site:

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We wish you all our love and hope that 2003 is the best year yet for all of you!