

2023 Yearletter, Diether & Jutta

This year went by fast; when I complained at the pool, that we had such a short summer, the lady there just said we are old and the time seems shorter. So there I am still contemplating these words of wisdom...

Healthwise I would say, Diether's left leg, and my right are not much worse than last year and so we limp together during frequent walks locally and during travels, and enjoy life.

But after a rocky start with Covid we had a good time. Jutta picked it up on our way to Saint George where we planned a Christmas vacation with Ben and Ruth. We did spend one lovely day with them in Snow Canyon, and drove back to Reno on Christmas Day. Ben and Ruth went back early also, which was a good call. We all caught it.

In March we went to the Spring-school in Ettal, Diether's 18th time. We saw many friends considering the short trip. Thank you all for making the trip to Ettal or the airport to see us.

In March there was a short trip for a professional meeting to the Bay area, and again we saw friends and on our way back we met with Ben and Ruth for breakfast; it is always great to see them.

In April Ben and Ruth came to visit in Reno, so Ben could meet a friend from when they were little. Benjamin and family were visiting Katharina's exchange parents and we got to see them and their kids several times.

And in May Jutta's cousin Petra came to visit. And since we did not want to go to the SF Bay area, Ben and Ruth came to visit to see her in Reno. We traveled a bit through the Southwest. Green River UT was great, the Goblins, Saint George, Torrey, we just love it there.

And early July we drove to Green River again. This time to pick up Johannes and Jasmin who were taking the train from Denver. We again had a great time to show off a few of the spots we love, while driving to Reno together, stopping for photos at a Great Salt Lake rest stop.

In August we had a visit from an old friend and her daughter, whom we have only seen on their year letters. It was such a treat to meet her in person, now full grown and lovely. Of course it was great to reconnect with her mother.

And in September for our wedding anniversary we went back to McCall like several years before. We walked in the woods in the mornings, Jutta swam in the lake in the afternoons, we enjoyed the jacuzzis, savored the excellent dinners in the resort's restaurant, and chatted with other guests at the after dinner wood fire with smores. We are booked for next year again.

In October we took a very short excursion to Dyer NV, and stayed at an airbnb in the desert on a creek. We had a nice walk, a hot spring soak and a conversation with the owner. A friend from the Seattle area came to visit for a short 2 days, and we visited Tahoe and Virginia City together.

And early November we drove to San Diego to see a friend after her conference and then we attended another small conference in LaJolla. We saw many friends at the conference and met a local friend - now also retired – and his wife. We were introduced to their horse and finally met their dog. Diether is quite impressed with this intelligent dog. For Thanksgiving we joined Ruth's family for the feast and were happy to see them all.

During the summer we spent little time in Fallon, due to mosquitoes. They are thriving, due to a wet winter with lots of snow and rain and no pilot to perform the aerial mosquito control. Now that we had a few cold nights, we are spending more time out there in Stillwater again.

We wish all of you a merry Christmas and a prosperous, happy New Year in good health. We hope to see you in 2024.

Jutta & Diether

