



THE WILSONS



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Merry Christmas To All Our Friends

Christmas 2009 sees the Wilson Family coming to the end of another active and interesting year.

Jill has maintained her interest in her VIEW Club (Voice, Interests and Education for Women) which supports the Smith Family Charity Group. She has been an active member of her book group, even as the proud owner of a new Amazon Kindle. Somehow, she finds time to read along with all of her

other tasks, lunches and coffees with the girls. Her greatest delight is minding our grand daughter Audrey for one day each week. The 'Wilson Kindergarten' is open and in full swing every Thursday.

Jill and Bruce have enjoyed some wonderful travels throughout the year. It was a great delight to visit David in Tokyo in March, and then to travel to many fascinating places in Japan with David joining us for weekends. This trip

even included a short stay with David's Japanese host family in Nara. In September, we travelled to Europe for a two week trip on a river boat from Amsterdam to Budapest on the Rhine and Danube Rivers. Sitting back in luxury while stunning scenery passes by is something to be believed. Following the cruise, we travelled through Croatia and other parts of Eastern Europe and finished the trip travelling through Switzerland by train.



ON THE SUMMIT OF
MT PILATUS, SWITZERLAND



CROSSING THE 80TH PARALLEL
IN THE ARCTIC



ON OUR RHINE RIVER BOAT

THE FAMILY

Bruce wound down his work further towards a more complete retirement during the year, but at the request of a couple of clients, looks to have quite a full workload again in 2010. He has been busy with his interest in photography and has spent a couple of days throughout the year in workshops with professional photographers. One particularly interesting session was with a street photographer in Amsterdam. In July, he used his photographic skills on a trip to the High Arctic on a trip that circumnavigated the Svalbard Archipelago and photographed over 18 polar bears. This took him to a latitude of 80 degrees north - just 1000 kilometres south of the North Pole. He keeps healthy through a regular attendance at Gym and working in his vegetable garden. He has even managed to fit in a bush walk, or two.

David is still working in Tokyo and we are looking forward to him coming home for a few weeks over Christmas. His tenure with his current job will finish next April and he will know early in the New Year about his options from then on. He enjoys the Japanese culture and lifestyle, although he will be happy to finish his assignment in his current work place.

Cathy is continuing her work and associated training as she continues towards her specialty in geriatrics. She has a lot more variety in her work now and spends shorter blocks of time across a wider range of different facilities. She has a very busy life as a working mum! Chris continues to enjoy his legal work. He has had some good success in attracting some large chunks of business to his firm and always seems to get some very interesting cases.

Little Audrey is nearly 2 1/2 years old. She seems to thrive on grandparent care and is developing at a very rapid pace. Her speech and vocabulary seem very advanced and she keeps us all constantly amused with her imaginative play, her little stories and comments on things that happen around her.

We are looking forward to another good year in 2010. With some luck and good management, we will remain in good health and trust the world economy will recover some of our lost superannuation funds that have taken quite a battering with the GFC. However, we are no worse off than anyone else, so we shouldn't grizzle too much.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our friends.



DAVID



CHRIS



CATHY



AUDREY

