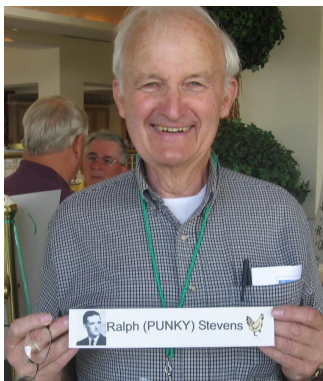


STEVENS FAMILY 2007 NEWSLETTER

Greetings Friends and Family. Sandy and I are still living on Sandy Lane in San Jose, California. Daughter Kelle and her family are only twenty minutes away, but son Scott is in Carlsbad, California about 7 hours from here by car. Fortunately, the distance doesn't keep Scott from visiting us several times a year. My major project (for the last 3 years) was organizing my 55th high school reunion. In early October, 70 people attended the York High School Reunion, Class of 1952, in Elmhurst, Illinois. Finding and contacting classmates, contracting



with York High School for lunch and tour, arranging for the hotel (Hilton Garden Inn-Addison) and dinner venue (Shrine Center), producing the 55th Reunion Book, photo badges, table placards, a City Tour book, and obtaining attendance commitments, was finally accomplished with the gracious help of many people which was greatly appreciated. As is often the case,

not everything went 100% according to plans and extra hours or alternatives were required. Air conditioned buses will be higher on the list for our next reunion. Regardless and in spite of a few errors, most everyone seemed to enjoy the week end.

SCOTT'S 2007 HIGHLIGHTS - Happy New Year. I hope everybody had a healthy and happy 2007. My year was pretty good. Physically, I'm facing some challenges of "low grade tears" to my left rotator cuff (shoulder), otherwise all is well. Gym exercises, swimming and hiking help to keep my 45 year old body in pretty good shape. I'm still working at HP's large facility in Rancho Bernardo, California that barely escaped the raging October fires. Many people and businesses were evacuated and HP closed for several days. I experienced only smoke and ash at my home in Carlsbad, but many homeowners not far away had major problems. The final toll was 2,200 homes



destroyed from north of Los Angeles south to the Mexican Border. There were 800 square miles of charred ground, 10 deaths and

\$2.26 billion in fire related claims.

HP allows employees free access of printing machines for making calendars, posters and pictures and I learned to make several for Christmas gifts and dad's 55th high school reunion efforts.

Fun aspects of 2007 included leasing a Jeep Wrangler Sahara vehicle to go off-roading and a week was spent camping and getting dirty! My high mileage Toyota Prius has been a source of frustration recently as I have had some weird hybrid related issues that are under investigation by Toyota experts. Currently, the strangest and scariest problem is that the car will occasionally accelerate 10 MPH faster *all by itself!*



I've spent a good amount of time with friends and family this year which is always fun. Zachary is continuing to be more active and there is always much to do and play when "Uncle Dottie" is around. My goals for 2008 are to get my shoulder injury corrected, travel more (I'm hoping to get to Australia/New Zealand, but more likely in 2009), take a long multi-city motorcycle road trip (depends on the shoulder thing...lol) and work less (Hah). Have a great New Year and stay healthy and happy!!! Scott



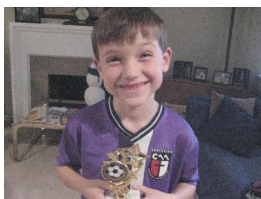
KELLE AND FAMILY - Hello again. Another year has passed and things still aren't slowing down yet. I keep saying "next year" things won't be so crazy, but this has yet to be seen. I'm still working at Quantum Corp as their Compensation Manager (I



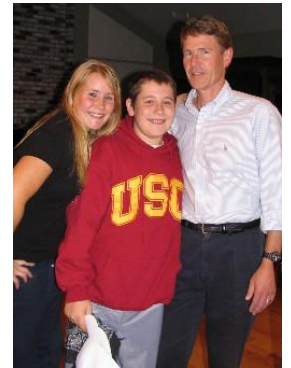
try to make sure everyone is paid appropriately and stays happy!). The "always more than a 40 hr/wk job and travel schedule" does present some challenges with family life, but somehow we all manage to get through. Brian and "Papa and Ahma" are always willing and eager to assist with "Mommy duty" if called upon. I try to go to the gym regularly to relieve some of the stress of this crazy Silicon Valley lifestyle. Zachary is just as wonderful as ever. He's doing great in 2nd grade and really enjoys school and socializing with his "buddies". He is still taking piano lessons and is becoming quite the



pianist. He also completed his second season of soccer and after a very successful multi-goal season, received the "Most Inspirational Player" award at the end of season ceremony (that unfortunately I had to miss due to a business trip to Colorado L) He is now taking classes at an indoor soccer facility so weather is never an issue.



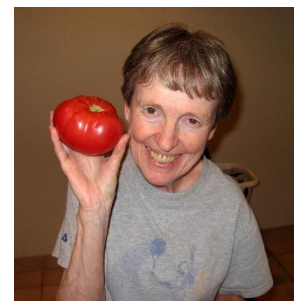
Brian is also as busy as ever. His work as an engineer at Teledyne doesn't end until well into most evenings. He has started up his favorite hobby again- ice hockey- even after having back surgery a few years ago (a mid life crisis maybe??). Brian's daughter, Brianna is a Junior in high school who is driving now (watch out!) and trying to decide where she wants to go to college. She also plays on her high school tennis team. Connor, Brian's son, will be graduating from 8th grade this year. He is goalie on his hockey team, played on his school football team and has recently been selected to participate in a youth fire-training program with the San Jose Fire Department in preparation for his dream of becoming a fire fighter.



Mini-vacations included a trip to visit "Uncle Dottie" (Scott) in Carlsbad, as well as visiting Legoland, Sea World, and Disneyland. Going to San Jose Sharks hockey games is still a favorite activity of ours. Go Sharks!!



SANDY AND I try to have monthly lunches with friends and see several theater events during the year. We attended Sweet Charity and Smokey Joe's Café where I learned about the headsets offered to clarify sound. I understood so much more than usual I purchased a set for listening to TV at home. (There are no loud TV sets in our house anymore.) Our entire family (including 7 year old Zachary) attended Body Worlds 2 where numerous whole body "plastinates" were tactfully displayed. Controversy and picket lines have occurred regarding these displays but we



viewed the exhibit as an effective method of teaching about bodies and human growth. The smoker's lungs vs non-smoker's lungs was very impressive as were the various stages of birth and the degeneration and replacement of many body parts such as the hips and knees. Since Sandy has three hip replacements she is uniquely aware of the problems and repair process of hip joints.

I continue to take computer classes (sponsored by SeniorNet), attend country dance lessons, exercise at two fitness centers and take quick walks. My three lower herniated disks flared up once that put me out of operation for a couple of weeks but other than that, all is well. Sandy uses the wheel chair when much walking is anticipated but normally gets around with only the cane for added stability---along with a firm grip on my hand.

My obsession with organizing my 55th high school reunion resulted in many long days that began about three years ago. On October 5-7, the fruits of my labor were realized and after a 4,548 mile trip in the camper van, I attended the gala 55th reunion in Elmhurst, Illinois. Four scheduled stops were made



during the eastbound trip. While visiting my dad's cousin, Gladys and Jim Snedeker in Columbia, Missouri, I

learned she recently turned 90 and attended her 65th high school reunion (which is my goal also—



correction—"my two goals"). Unfortunately, my stop in Des Moines, Iowa came up empty when strangers opened college-friend Faye Meyer's door and said she had moved. Arriving at all destinations was made possible by the dependable performance of my high-tech Garmin GPS system. Actually, I rarely used a map at any time during the trip. Many of the 46 classmates and 24 partners who attended the reunion spoke of wanting to do it again at our 60th reunion in 2012. A portion of the reunion fund was not spent and I plan to use it to make a 7-10 page album of photos to remember the reunion events and classmates. Several energetic classmates are conducting their own follow-up activities to remember the reunion such as Carroll Knight's courtesy publication of the Book and conducting telephone interviews with over 200 classmates who did not attend the reunion---and a few of us who did. Carroll then sends his audio clips to Bruce Downey and Ken Jones who add photos and music before placing them on the Internet for all to see and hear from anywhere in the world. The various web sites available can be reviewed at

<http://york1952.tripod.com/55th/CarrollsInsideCover.htm>

The telephone interview site is

<http://york1952.tripod.com/55th/WheresCarroll.htm>

Go there and hear what I (and others) had to say on the "spur of the moment" interview, but please remember that you're hearing capsule statements of 55 year old events from a wide eyed teenage boy.



I'm on left side and Scott is in back, fourth from right. More people attended in 2007 and hope to see them again in 2008.

The annual event to sail and hike in Huntington Lake was the most populated that I've attended during my four years. Scott came again and we shared the

convenience of the camper van rather than sleeping on the ground in a tent. There were no bears seen and the sailing, hiking and meals were great (as always). The extremely dry weather caused the forest, lake and streams to be less inviting than normal and sparks flying high from our open pit fire didn't cause any problems----but were concerning. Sandy's favorite activity (as always) is caring for Zachary whenever possible and their imaginations and actions often parallel each other and result in a



wonderful bond between them. Sandy also considered that Kelle's long travel to shuttle Zachary on weekends could be less boring if



she had a good book to listen to. She read *The Zen of Fish* into a digital MP3 sound recorder then I downloaded and placed those recordings onto a dozen CD disks that Kelle listens to in her car. Kelle loves Sushi and the food

preparation activities described in the book are interesting, but Sandy has quietly said "YUCK" more than once.

The Stevens Family wishes everyone a happy, healthy and eventful 2008. Please keep in touch by regular mail, phone calls or Email and stopping by our home for a visit is the best of all options. Sincere best wishes,

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Home publication of the 46 page 55th Reunion "Addendum" Book was a labor intensive project that challenged several classmates as well as my two Epson printers. It compliments the 50th book by adding 46 color photos and new biographies. Other home publications were the 8-Pager - "Narrated City Tour" book, and 1952 photo name badges and photo table placards (Tent Names) with meal selection graphics.

