



We are grateful for our church (pillars club banquet next month), the opera, stage plays, friends, and pets, of course, all add to life's joy. Bethany is still with us (mainly, going to school and trying to find a job). She's planning to learn dog grooming at Petco and see if that



may provide a new career path for her.



We still attend the SDSU Retirement activities -- love them all but especially the Kentucky Derby Day (mint juleps, Popeye's chicken, and great conversation with friends).

Emi Hayashi stayed with us while recuperating from surgery. We enjoyed her company and conversation -- the house seemed empty after she left.





Mavis, my cousin from Australia, stayed with my nephew while they showed her San Diego. We did some sightseeing with her as well including a three day stay in Los Angeles -- Hollywood, the stars!

Pat loves everything Swedish so she is an active member of the House of Sweden in Balboa Park -- does their website and is treasurer. December nights kept her very busy.



Maggie made beautiful aprons for all to wear at the event.



Pat is continuing her Swedish lessons.

Sandy still loves buttons and does the San Diego Button Club newsletter and website. She entered a Harry Potter tray at state this year and won 1st place. Now, she's working on a display for the SD airport.

Last year, we spent 10 days on Oahu with Carl and Ingrid. This year we all went to Kona to attend the *Kona Coffee Cultural Festival*. We stayed for two weeks, learned to weave, tried the hula, ate



great food, tasted coffee, saw traditional art, took a tour around the island with local friend, Cindy Whitehawk, to see Akaka Falls, the

volcano, and beautiful countryside, played ukuleles (Pat got to play with the Mele Ohana Ukulele group), great fun!

We are in the process of replacing our kitchen and the house is a mess! We packed up everything and boxes are everywhere. With two fridges in the dining room, we can hardly wiggle. Hopefully, lots of stuff will not go back into the kitchen.



Our sincere apologies for the delay in wishing you all the joys of the season and a very Happy New year, too.