

MEMORIES IN THE MAKING



2001

Johnstonian



Johnstons

IN SICKNESS AND IN health

We started 2001 out the usual way, with sickness. Glen went to our Dr. here as ordered by the Dr. in the Riverside ER but he did nothing but make an appointment with a specialist 3 weeks away. Glen's condition worsened over the weekend and by New Years Day was so bad I called the ambulance. I was too sick to go with him or even go see him for several days after he was admitted to the hospital and diagnosed with congestive heart failure. He was blessed to have an excellent cardiologist assigned, Dr. Korrelle. After several tests it was determined that his heart was only pumping 25% each time it beat and the normal heart pumps 75%. He is to be on a no salt, low fat diet and not lift. Glen had lots of visitors besides long distance calls from kids. He came home Jan. 5 with 5 new prescriptions and feeling he wasn't going to live long and as worthless because he couldn't work. Then to complicate matters he got gout and went to a urologist about his prostate so more new medicines. He was still dizzy every day.

I got good news that I didn't have diabetes after a second blood test. I continued to be on antibiotics. We were both tired and went back to bed after breakfast often. When Glen saw Dr. Korelle in March she was pleased with his progress and said regular exercise would help him a lot. I wasn't able to do my usual walking as my foot was giving me problems and Glen didn't like to walk alone. I was still sick in May and Dr. Kintz gave me 4 new medicines that cost \$300. Said my COPD (my lung disease) was serious. It seemed like we were competing to see which one of us was the worst. Glen had his eye lasered where he had his cataract removed.

July 5 Glen decided he wasn't getting enough attention at the Family Reunion so was sick all night and the ambulance took him to Newport ER and then to Sacred Heart in Eugene as they thought it was a heart problem. After tests it was discovered it was a gall bladder attack. He came home July 7 PM.

July 15th Glen was referred to Dr. Ruff, surgeon. He convinced us that it was better to have elective surgery when his heart Dr. would be there, then he set up a surgery date when she was on vacation. Glen insisted they reschedule and the Dr. was not happy. Glen stood toe to toe with him, pointing his finger at him and said "Look Buster, you're the one that said it would be better to have elective surgery so my heart Dr would be here" I was hoping the surgeon wouldn't get even with him in the operating room. He had his surgery Sept. 28 and came home the same day which was great as Dr. Korelle told him there was a 20% chance of a heart attack or death. He only had a couple of days of discomfort. A relief after so many hours trying to decide what to do. He got lots of phone calls from the kids again.

Glen went to see Dr. Korrelle and gave her a desk clock he had made. She was very pleased.

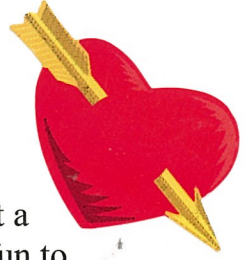
We did pretty well after that. Both of us had bad colds the last of November and I was pretty sick the first part of December and was on antibiotics twice but we both felt extra good for Christmas and the holidays which was a pleasant change.



BEST IN THE WEST



NON-MEDICAL ACTIVITIES



Evelyn Arneson and I gave the sisters we visit teach and the Relief Society President a belated Christmas luncheon as we did last year. It was near Valentines Day so was fun to decorate for.

Var and Louise Kempton came to see us from Salem several times. When we were too sick to go out to eat they would bring food or we would buy Kentucky fried and eat at home. They are such good loyal friends we have known since 1955.

Steve flew from Maryland to visit March 5-12th. He did yard work, trimmed hedge and pruned apple tree. He painted the little bathroom and laid the linoleum in it. We went to the coast for a day and we spent hours, with him doing most of the leg work, looking for a place to hold our family reunion. His persistence paid off and we found The Sand Castle. A perfect place right on the beach and plenty of room. It only cost \$320 per night for the first 12 people and \$15 per day for each one over that. We tried to reward Steve for all his efforts by feeding him his favorite foods. We took him to Taco Time, made Chinese noodles, T bone steak. Shrimp cocktail, milk noodle soup, BBQ ribs and of course, spaghetti. Glen also took him to his favorite place to shop, Jerrys.

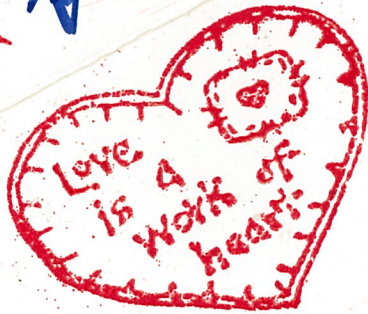
March 24th Glenda came and stayed until April 10th. We both had a cold and I ended up on antibiotics but we still had a good busy time. Glenda had warned Glen to get busy on the pump organ and he had done some work. When she got here she spent many hours in the shop, fabric stores, and library just trying to get it to play. They finally got a peep out of it as she was leaving to catch her plane. Glen caught the spirit and got excited about finishing it. He worked long hours all spring and had it done by the first of July. In her spare time Glenda also worked on the Johnstonian, helped me with my part, scrap booked more of Glen's history and decorated for Easter. The night before she left she insisted we go to bed early so she could clean the house and when we got up the next morning I had a beautiful dining room and kitchen. She had bought curtains, place mats, tablecloth, towels and rugs to match. Besides the house was spic and span.

I especially enjoyed Mothers Day as it was the first time I had been to Sacrament meeting for a long time. I got lots of attention for my birthday and Mothers Day. I was blessed to be able to go to the Regional Conference at the fair grounds on May 30th. President Faust, Neal Maxwell, John Madsen and Steve Pond were the visitors and speakers.

June 24th we invited our "gang" to a 'pump organ' housewarming. Everyone was very impressed. Don Ainge came to visit one day and told Glen it was the best thing he had ever done. There were several visitors during the year that admired Glens' work and the organs' beauty.

Place card for
Valentine Luncheon

NEDA





Christmas
Valentine
Luncheon



Porch
Basket



Not
nicely
trimmed
hedge



At the
Coast
finding
a
reunion
spot



Steve's
Visit
to
Oregon



Working on
Family Book

Painting and laying
tiles

and Dad's history



DETAILS OF THE RESTORATION

(Or things you are glad you didn't have to do)

Glenn T did a good job of getting the organ down to basics, all the old finish off and into the smallest pieces possible. The good news is that he saved every little piece.

He had attempted to cover the bellows but admitted to Glen that he didn't have the right material. The big question in Glen and Glenda's mind was if the organ would play at all. It took a long time to figure out how the bellows worked, finally going to the library. They found the exact organ in a book there and found out it was made in 1896 and how the bellows worked. They were able to get a little squeek out with the old bellows but decided to have the bellows professionally done..cost \$200. I should enter in here that Glenda was involved because she was inheriting it and had spent some vacations working on it.

There was also leather to be found and cut for tiny gaskets as well as narrow long ones. There were some broken parts to be repaired or replaced. Notice the front panel in the Grace picture that is two cut outs with a board behind it. It had originally had scrolls in it so Glen replaced the whole board and cut the decorations in it. Then we found some red velvet to be in back of all the scrolled parts.

Notice the foot pedals in the Grace picture. Mother had put pink carpeting on them then 2 pictures past that you can see what they looked like underneath. The metal was rusted and no carpeting. I remembered an old tapestry that I had kept for sentimental reasons. It had a big dog in the center and fringe on the ends. The dog was pretty well worn off the picture as Grandpa used it for a rug by his bed. There was enough material at each end with roses on it to put on the pedals so Grandpas' feet have been on the pedals.

The paint on the panel that had the name on it was cracked and peeling. Glen tried to save the lettering but it came off in trying to paint the rest so it was all taken off, Glen found a place that did gold lettering and it looks great.

The rest was hours and hours of work by Glen, taking all the keys apart and cleaning out the June grass, bobby pins and etc., sanding, painting, staining and varnishing. It plays as good as it has in the last 50 years I imagine. I know Mother is smiling and can quit giving Glenn a hard time about taking it apart.



(Sherry LEAVING (now art)
Green) GRACE
FOR SALT LAKE



Stops &
Keyboard



Pesky
Bellows

cutting leather for valves



Skeleton

WOW!

Key
Board
Reeds
Valves
seals





Stained Skeleton

Wishful Thinking



little peep



Scrollie panels including the new one



Bottom Finished (check out those pedals)



Finishing The Top



Craftsman
and
finished
project



Where's the mirror?



3rd & 4th generation owners



IN ALL
ITS
GLORY

Genius is
one percent
inspiration
and
ninety-nine percent
perspiration.

Thomas Edison



It really
plays!

Grandpa ~

I hope you're feeling better and will be back at home carving more beautiful wood in no time. I know the hospital isn't much fun but you'll be out in no time. Best wishes and thank you so much for the sandcastle clock... it's beautiful! - Heather ♡

This reunion has been one of the best experiences of my life. It has been fun to share this time together with each other. Thank you very much and I hope you are feeling better.
Love, Drew

'Sacrifice brings forth the blessings of Heaven'. You and Maxine have been the exemplars of this 'theme', though unwritten, of the reunion. What a fitting legacy for the Wain family who have had such memorable family experiences at the Oregon coast.
Gary, Thanks Dad and Mom

I have really enjoyed everything we've done at this reunion. It was neat that we all got to spend time together, finally! I hope you are feeling better, and I'm thankful for the time you spent preparing for this reunion and for the gifts you made for us. I love spending time with you and I look forward to more of it!
I.M.D. CAPASSA

I was really glad to come to the reunion! It has been a lot of fun - especially being with family that I haven't seen for a while. I'm sorry that you're not feeling well and hope you feel better soon. Thanks so much for doing the driving! I really like it!

Love, Mr. D

I've been to a couple reunions, but nothing like this! This was awesome! I also have never had an opportunity to be at the beach for such a long time! I was able to help make really awesome sand creations. The sand candles were so much fun! That was really cool! Thank you for an awesome week and reunion (not to mention the fine plaques!) Thank you again!

Love, Nathan

Thanks so much! I had a lot of fun. We did a lot today this week. It was nice to see the family and to visit Oregon since I haven't been here for several years. I hope you feel better soon.

♥, Ashley

Thanks for organizing the Johnston family reunion and providing such a nice place for us to gather. We enjoyed visiting with you and hope that will be other opportunities to visit Oregon. You are welcome anytime to visit us in California. We hope you will have a quick recovery.

Wmiller

Dear Dad -

Wish you'd been here to see your treasures distributed and appreciated... you did a great job of making the clock and plaques, as well as just making arrangements for the whole reunion. There couldn't have been a nicer place and I think everyone has had a favorite activity sometime this week. It's been a great opportunity to be together and share important memories.

Love,
Kathie

Dear Glen,

We've all had so much fun at the reunion. I'm so glad we could be here so that our children could learn more about the Johnston traditions, and get to know their cousins and relatives. What a great group of people! Thank you for your generosity that made this reunion possible.

Love,
Wendy

Thanks, Thanks, Thanks ~ we have so much to be thankful for. I'm so thankful for the sacrifices you've both made to make this reunion possible. This has been the most incredible place to have a reunion, so thanks for your generosity in finding it & paying for it. The plaques will always be a treasured keepsake that will remind us of all the fun we've had & memories we've made. There is just no substitute for time together. I just wish you'd been able to spend every minute with us, but thanks for insisting that we continue on with our plans. That is a very unselfish thing to do. Our love & prayers are with you, now & always. See you soon.

Tons of Love, Glendy Sue

Grandpa,

Thanks for the fantastic vacation! I have enjoyed the whole trip! This is my first trip to the Oregon coast for more than a day and the first vacation with all our relatives that I can remember. Thanks for the host and the vacation and the time and everything. It's wonderful having grandparents that care so much about their family. You can thank me for keeping the numbers within a reasonable range by not getting married. I'll do my best to keep up the fight against overpopulation. I love you! Get better soon. Thanks.

Grandpa,

I want to thank you so very much for being so good to me. I have always felt very much ~~important~~ apart of this family and have felt comfortable calling you grandpa. I really enjoyed this reunion and I am so glad that we were able to come. Thank you so much for our reunion keepsakes. I know you spent a lot of time & put alot of love into them, I guess that is why I love getting your work whenever possible. Thanks so much for everything, I love you dearly. Love Heidi

Regan Winn

Grandpa Johnston - sure hope you're feeling better, you know I woke up last night feeling like I wanted to throw up too - I should've hopped in that ambulance too - of course I don't know that they would've been able to do much for my symptoms - heh, heh! 🤪

We thought about you alot today in our activities and our thought and prayers ~~were~~ ^{are} still with you and for you. Thank You for the beautiful plaque to help us remember this trip by, you've done so many things to make this a reunion to remember and I really appreciate that! I'm so glad to be a member of this wonderful family and am already looking forward to the next meeting for whatever reason - Wow, this fat pen is really hard to write with, - that Gary! Love you and a speedy recovery,

Becky

Well I'm sure you know how much I enjoy being with you - and I wish we could take another trip to Bend or Burns, those were the days! Thanks for being so supportive and for putting up with my antics. Sometimes it seems like you're the only one who understands my twisted humor. Thanks for the memories and I pray for your quick recovery and hope that soon you will be joking with me again. Love, Drayson

GRANDPA —

IT'S BEEN WONDERFUL TO BE ABLE TO COME VISIT
YOU AND GRANDMA. IT HAS BEEN WAY TOO LONG. I'M
GLAD YOU AND GRANDMA SET THIS AN UP. IT WAS A GREAT
IDEA EVEN IF YOU WERE SICK. WE LOOK FORWARD
TO HAVING OUR REUNION REMINDER PLAQUE IN
OUR NEW HOUSE. TAKE CARE AND GET LOTS OF REST.
HOPEFULLY, WE'LL BE ABLE TO VISIT AGAIN SOON.

LOVE,

Laurel

July 7 Broughs left at 6:30 AM, Steve & Wendy at 8:30 and Heidi and Garrett at 10. The house was feeling more lonesome every hour. Glenda , Genessa and I went to the hospital to see Glen and Genessa unwrapped her graduation clock there. Glen came home that afternoon. Glenda was so thrilled to see 'her' pump organ. She even had to play a song or two. Garry and Grayson did some yard work too which helped.

Sunday, July 8, Glenda, Garry, Grayson, Becky and Aura Lee left to drive to Portland and catch their plane. Thank goodness Genessa stayed so the house wasn't completely empty. It's true everyone else was gone but the loving family spirit was still strong. How blessed we are.



A light, a compass, a beacon true-
My life is richly blessed by you.

Grandma & Grandpa -

I wanted to thank you for the graduation card and money you gave me, and of course the wonderfully-crafted clock (which will be in my dorm)! Thanks for all your support. And for putting up with me this summer. Love ya -

Genessa



Genessa stayed after the reunion and while she was here she picked raspberries, and ate a few, went swimming with the Newell twins and Kimberly Bevans, walked part way around the block so she could walk in the crunchies, played Rummicube, ate at Home Buffet and watched old family videos. It seemed too soon to have her leave Thursday but her mother was glad to get her back, especially since she took fresh raspberries to her.

We managed to get one other visit to the coast. The last of July we spent a few days at Yachats with the Kemptons. Glen felt well enough to get a little yard work done and bought a swing so we could sit outside and enjoy his work. We had the apple tree, Magoo Pine and our huge Blue Spruce cut down. We hated to lose them, especially the beautiful Blue Spruce but they were getting too big for the area.

We had a delicious year of fruits and vegetables. Our neighbor gave us pounds of sugar peas, beans, corn and cucumbers. We bought many flats of strawberries, picked our own raspberries. Plums from another neighbor and we bought 250 pounds of tomatoes over the season. We canned sweet pickles, pickled green beans, pickle relish, chili sauce, pickle chips and 52 qts tomato juice. Also froze raspberries, strawberries and peaches. We feel blessed to be so near to country produce stands. I felt blessed to feel well enough to do the canning.

Along with the rest of the Country we were devastated at the September 11 attacks and were sad to think that it is necessary to again send our young men into battle in Afghanistan on Oct. 7th.

I watched October Conference on my computer for the first time. Felt like a real computer pro.

The Newells brought their grandchildren over for us to see their Halloween costumes. Brings back lots of memories.

I had a fun experience after following a Relief Society Sisters' testimony. She said she was trying to be more peaceful and telemarketers always made her angry so she started to tell them that she wasn't interested in their product but that she was a Mormon and would like to tell them about the Book of Mormon. They would usually just tell her they weren't interested or just say OK and hang up. She felt like she was being a missionary and felt more peaceful. I tried it and he said, 'What is different about being a Mormon?' I wasn't really prepared for that but managed to mumble my way through a reasonable conversation. I at least gave him some food for thought. The bad part is that we had signed up earlier to have our name put on the no call list and I never got to try it again.

Food for thought. A Priest on Oprah's program said he had been with many people who were dying and the most universal thought was.. "Am I loved and did I love well?"



Ready for work
and play



The source of good works



Maquoo Pine replacement



The mighty Spruce
falls.



New swing Old folks

The Source



of



Ready for work and play



Note new cupboards



creative

works



Dust creator & collector

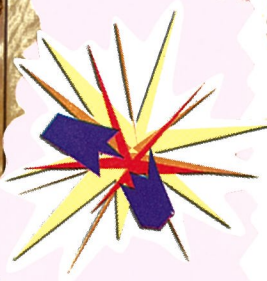


This is the good life!



Special friends
Vot + house Kempton

New sunny
Old folks



Creative
works
of
art





Poor Apple tree



The mighty Blue Spruce is no match for the chain saw



Magoo Pine and Replacement

You won't believe what we saw!

Back yard beaty spot

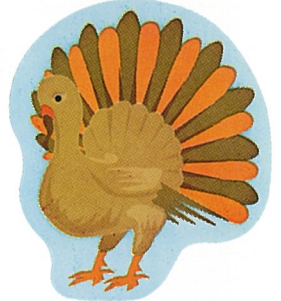




November 14th I gave a presentation on the use of wheat at a food storage program. I made Kathie's recipe of wheat chili and cracked some wheat for them to taste. Got to tell them about Hamburger Gravel. It turned out well and it was nice to be well enough to do it. I couldn't have done it without Glen's help. We won a red lantern and a pump for our water barrel.

November 21 Kathie, Winslow and Nathan brought their friends Bob and Janet Nyeholm and their two sons to our house for Thanksgiving. It was so much fun to have a new audience for our collections and hobbies. Bob said it was their first time that they had gone 'Over the River and through the Woods to Grandmothers House'. Bob and Janet insisted on staying in a motel but we enjoyed them the rest of the time. We loved having Kathie, Winslow and Nathan here as we always do. Families are precious.

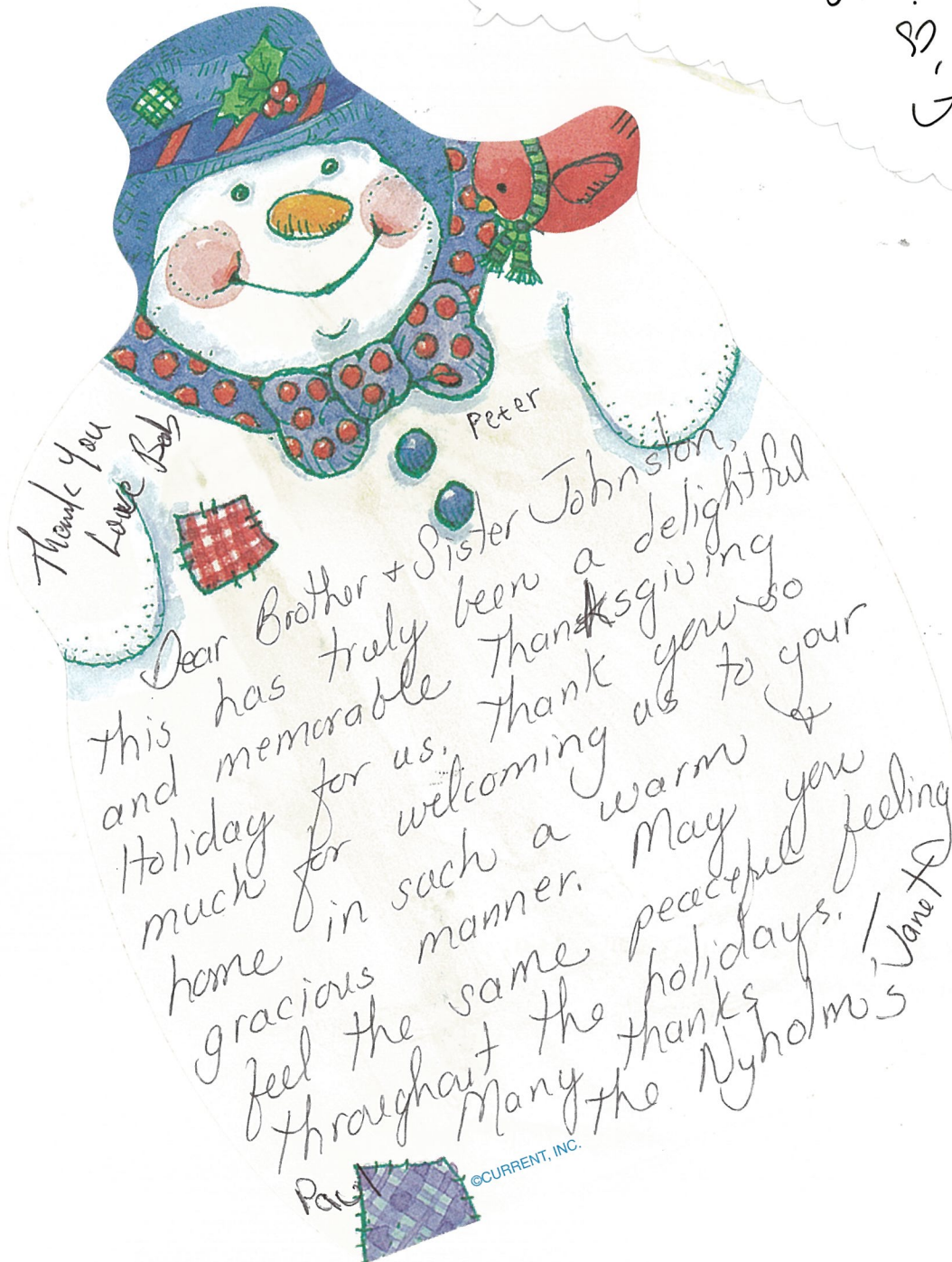
We had a big traditional Thanksgiving dinner with Kathie and Janet both helping a lot. After dinner we each shared what we were thankful for and Janet said there had been several 'picture perfect moments' We all agreed with that. It was rainy outside but lots of sunshine inside. The next day was shopping, starting with Winslow and Kathie getting an early start before breakfast. It was a fun day with everyone going in all different directions which included a visit to Current Outlet and Jerry's. And then an enjoyable evening. I even had the boys cracking walnuts. They all left Saturday morning at 10:30 and the house seemed very silent. We had hoped the 4 Cactus plants would be in full bloom while they were here as they were covered with buds but they waited a few days before breaking forth in their glory and they have just kept blooming, sometimes only one or two blossoms. It is very unusual.



Dear Grandma & Grandpa Johnston,
Thank you so much for the
check for my birthday. I had
a lot of fun going shopping with
it.

It was really fun to see you
when we had our family reunion.
I hope we can do that again,
soon. Thanks Again!

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Johnley





Thanks giving
Dinner



Cracking walnuts

Bob, Janet
Glen Peter
Paul Winslow
Maxine
Nathan



'Everblooming' cactus

Grandpa & Grandma,

May your Christmas
be filled with love
from those around
you.



I will
always love
you both,
that is some-
thing that
will never
change. I
hope and
wish I will
see you both

again soon. I

really wish I could
spend this beautiful

holiday season with both
of you and all of our
extended family. I now
cherish the time I was free,
free to be around those whom I
love and whom loved me too.

Love Always,

Grandson Grant

We had a wonderful Christmas season. Glen convinced me a small tree was enough and he was right. We cleaned out the decorations and gave several boxes of them to a family shelter the Relief Society was helping. Glen put lights on the house and the little evergreen tree.

I had time to make a few pine cone baskets for friends and neighbors. I really enjoyed that. Made lots of peanut brittle and nut mix to share.

We invited Evelyn Arneson, Jerry and Erda Johnson for dinner and Christmas Eve Family Home Evening. We especially enjoyed ready "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever". Erda played the organ for Christmas Carols and we had traditional carrot pudding and pumpkin pie for dessert. The Newells added to our spirit by bringing their children and grandchildren all dressed alike (there were 15 of them) over to sing carols and bring a big bag of carmelcorn.

Christmas Day we slept in since we didn't have anyone begging to open presents. We enjoyed opening our many thoughtful, useful gifts. We felt very spoiled both by gifts and loving phone calls.

Our neighbors, Chad and Laura Roderick were alone and sick for the holidays so we had a chance to serve with a few meals and goodies. It was a great holiday. We both felt very well which was a first in a long time.

To end the year properly I had a birthday party for Glen. Our friends the Bevans, Newells and Lakes came and we had a nice visit like old times.

I also want to mention that three of our grandchildren had special honors. Ashley competed as a pianist many times and wins many awards. Drew got his Eagle Award and Genessa's picture was in the New Era for winning a song writing contest..

We were blessed to do as many activities as we did since we both were sick a lot during the year, and even when we weren't sick, did not feel like doing much. One of the things that helped a lot was our super house cleaner, Gail Lowry and her son Bruce. They cleaned our house spic and span many times and it was a real blessing.





Christmas
Eve with Erda
& Jerry Johnson &
Evelyn Arneson





6 January 2002



Dear Glenn & Maxine:

It's hard to believe that 2002 is here!!! Where did the other years go!!??!!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We can't express adequately our appreciation for the invitation and the wonderful evening we spent with you and Evelyn Christmas Eve! **THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** We also enjoyed your famous peanut brittle and party mix. Yum!

Starting December 20 at Home, Family and Personal Enrichment a few of the sisters shared a special spiritual tradition in their family, attending Sacrament Meeting and then hearing the Wonderful music and selected scriptures after our Sacrament Meeting, hearing the special Relief Society lesson taught by Jean Snyder about the Savior, attending a Special High Priest Fireside with music and the spoken word with commentary, having you folks share your home, food and love with us Christmas Eve **ALL** helped to make **THIS** past Christmas the most spiritual I've ever had.

I also want to Thank You Both for the beautiful letter Maxine wrote for my surprise birthday party. And thanks to Glenn for the special birthday card designed on his computer. The picture of you two holding hands is so sweet! What a special remembrance.

You **TWO** are **SO SPECIAL!** You have touched so many lives throughout your sojourn in this life. May the Lord continue to be your anchor, guide, and stay. Continue to draw upon His Love.

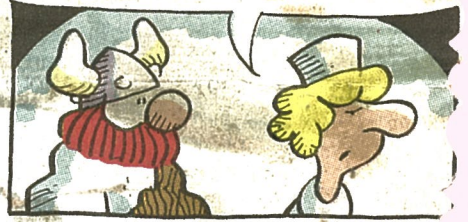
With lots of love and with appreciation,

Erda & Jerry

Erda & Jerry



I'M AFRAID THE DOCTOR IS RUNNING A BIT LATE TODAY...



"THE WAIT AND WAIT AND WAIT AND WAIT AND WAIT SOME MORE ROOM!"

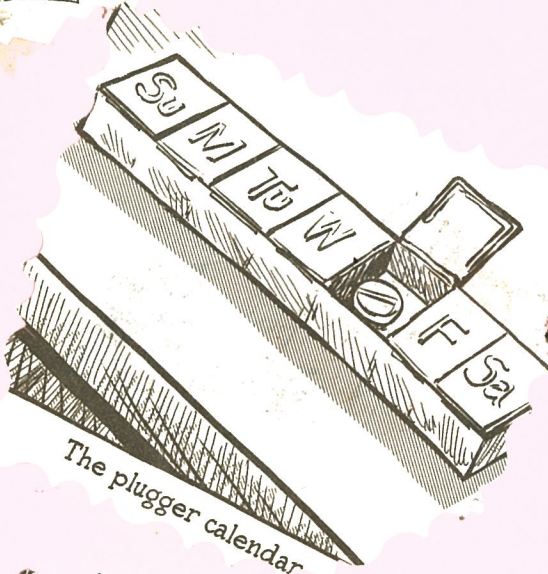
I ALWAYS FEEL GOOD AFTER MY AFTERNOON NAP! ...IT GIVES ME SOMETHING TO CROSS OFF MY 'THINGS TO DO TODAY' LIST!



FITNESS GYM



I NEED MY BIRTHDAY SUIT ALTERED.



"The doctor advised me to slow down... Is that why I had to wait three hours to see him?"



I CAN'T STAND THE THOUGHT OF THEM WALKING INTO A MESSY HOUSE.

AND WHY ARE WE HIRING A CLEANING SERVICE?





MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE JOHNSTONS

We have been enjoying the Christmas letters so guess it is about time to share our news. We love hearing yours.

Glen spent some time checking out emergency rooms outside Eugene but chose Eugene when hospitalized three times and says they are a good place to stay out of but glad they are there. His excuse for all this malingering was congestive heart failure in January and gall bladder in July. Surgery has eliminated at least one problem and he is doing better than predicted..

To get my aches and pains reported takes less time. Same old stuff. Good days and bad days but more good than bad. Still on Oxygen but keep busy. Did lots more canning than usual.

After all the travel last year we decided this would be a good year to just stay home and enjoy letting others travel. We have been blessed with visits from friends and family.. Kathie, Glenda and Steve each came in mid winter to spend some special one on one time. We had our first Glen Johnston family reunion at the coast in July. We were blessed to find a huge lodge on the beach. 23 of us had a wonderful 5 days of enjoying rare sunshiny days. We had a houseful a day or two before and after..all 23 for two days, but my Mother's favorite adage of "where there is heart room there is hearth room" made it a joy.

Glen has spent a lot of time in his beloved shop. The most outstanding accomplishment was restoring an 1886 pump organ owned by my grandfather. Glenda, who will be the owner, spent two weeks of her vacation for two years encouraging and helping Glen. My brother had taken it apart to restore it and didn't get it back together so it was really like putting a puzzle together as well as repairing. It is beautiful and has been declared the best thing he has ever done.

Kathie, Winslow and Nathan came with their friends Nyhomes for Thanksgiving. The time was too short but it was a glorious time of eating, shopping and counting our blessings.

We have 13 grandchildren and a new greatgrandchild this year made that 6. None are close enough to spoil. Kathie's son Drew got his Eagle award which makes 6 Eagles and 5 returned missionaries, counting Steve.

We grieve with all those involved in the terrorist actions and pray this can continue to be a free country. We have to count the pluses of patriotism, closer friend and family relationships and honoring God more, to help balance the evil.

May you be able to find peace in your life and have a happy holiday, thankful for many blessings. We love you

Maxine & Glen