

Newsletter 2006



2006 - Such a slow year! Slow? Well, of course not, but every letter we get talks about how fast time has gone, so we thought we get your attention right away! The only way time will slow down is when we get younger year by year ... If you know someone like that, please submit them for a Nobel Prize....So let's see what happened in 2006.

While it's usually and always about the kids, this year, WE did a few more things than we've done in the past. While the year started slower, it quickly picked up when the folks called one day in February, saying they had sold their home after almost 40 years. We helped Mom & Dad move from Devon to an apartment in Berwyn, PA only a mile away, in April. They continue to look for a larger apartment so the shock of downsizing isn't quite so painful. While there, since we previously never needed to find one, we stayed at a nearby B&B dating back to pre-1700. www.greatvalleyhouse.com And there is wireless connectivity throughout! Not bad for pre-1700.

In July, We enjoyed the Bach Festival in Carmel for a long weekend, as we did last year. This year some friends came with us, and will again next year. This looks like it will be an annual trip. Carmel is so fabulous, the music top notch, and the company wonderful. If you like consistent fabulous weather, good company, fine food and diversified Classical music, consider coming with us next year, sometime over the three week festival period. www.bachfestival.org.

We had the opportunity to see the traveling show of Cirque du Soleil - Delirium. If you can see it, do so!

Have you ever seen Sir Elton John? We had not, and so when we had the opportunity to see him for \$25.00, we jumped at it. Then we realized the prior nite, in the same venue, we could also see Bill Cosby & Jose Feliciano - a wonderful twofer. So we decided to attend the National AARP Conference, held this year in the LA Area - a very pleasant surprise. A fabulous three days with those concerts and speakers including Ken Burns, Maya Angelou, Geena Davis, Scott Adams, Ruby Dee, Carl Reiner and others. Next year it's in Boston, and you might check out the program there - www.aarp.org/aarp_benefits/natl_events/boston/ Kirk & Michael Douglas, Bob Newhart, & Bill Russell are rumored to be among the featured speakers.

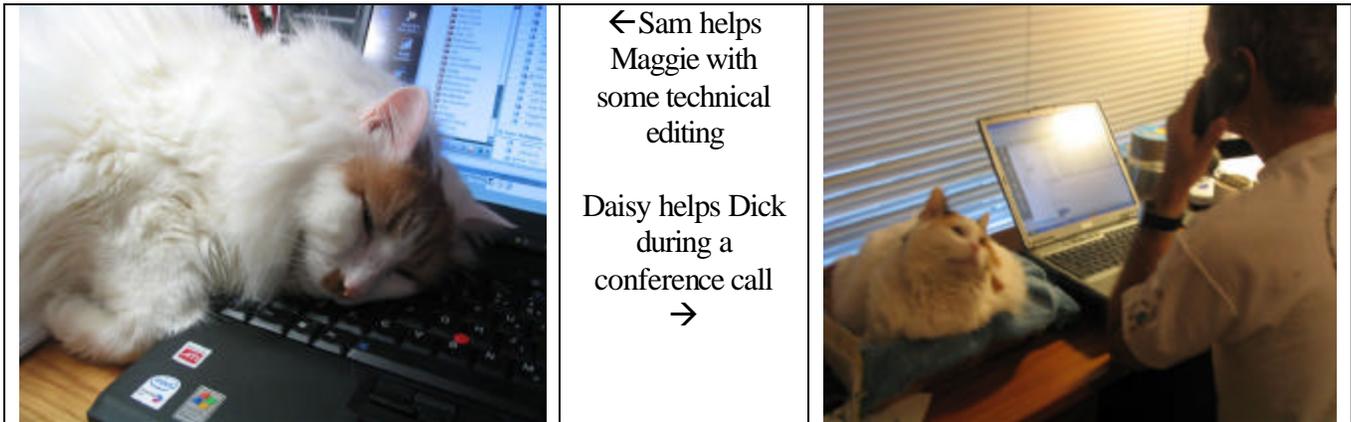
In September, we helped our dear friends in the San Diego area, Richard & Bettie Sax celebrate Richard's Dad's 100th birthday! They threw him a fabulous party at the Four Seasons. Sam Sax has been my "West Coast Dad" for 35 years, and still plays golf weekly and now his golf score is lower than his age with ease, since he's been 90. A few photos can be seen at <http://samsax.rubinstein.info>

We celebrated our 11th anniversary going to see Blue Man Group. Maggie continues her work at Cisco, and Dick at ExtraView. It's been a great year. We're still hoping to get to Scotland next year. Tune in to see if we get there!

The girls have been busy too. Ashley continues her challenging work at Children's Hospital in DC, while working and physically defending herself on the children's psychiatric floors - but she loves the work. She also is anticipating graduate school later in 2007 while taking some preparatory classes starting in January. She's planning on enrolling in a nursing program, but has also expressed interest in graduate psychology, or law. Stay tuned to see how this one turns out. She got her first new car, and loves having her independence along with her apartment in Arlington where she rooms with a close friend she met in Istanbul. She just missed the opportunity to travel to the Far East - Cambodia or Malaysia or Thailand for ten days with her boyfriend, but that opportunity may avail itself again – she's certainly hoping so.

Lauren pursues her acting career, and has appeared on several TV episodes of Guiding Light, All My Children, Rescue Me, Love Monkey and 6 Degrees. During the year she was able to join the AFTRA and SAG acting unions to help get her better established, increase her visibility and also increase her ability to earn the wages she deserves. Working catering parties also helps supplement the bottom line. She continues to study acting in New York, but has moved from the City to the former hometown of Frank Sinatra in Hoboken, where it's convenient to the City, has a bit more room, is a bit more affordable – and is lots closer to her boyfriend. Most recently, she was able to see and work briefly with Robert De Niro and recently auditioned for and won the opportunity to be the stand-in for Rachel Weisz's new movie in 2007 or 2008 called "Definitely, Maybe".

Sam & Daisy still run around like the kittens they were 11 years ago, and, like a fine wine and their parents – they get better with age. We wish everyone the best Holidays for 2006, and in 2007, health to your families and peace in our world. Please stay in touch via email or phone. Dick can be reached dick@rubinstein.info and Maggie at Maggie@rubinstein.info. If your cats wish to write ours – they can be reached, when THEY decide that they WANT to be reached - at...you guessed it: cats@rubinstein.info



Ashley on Right

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Lauren on Left