

Glendenning Christmas Newsletter 2004



December snow from our backyard - we might have a white Christmas!

Merry Christmas from the Glendenning Family!

2004 was a busy year for all of us. Brian continues in his job managing software development for the ALMA – a project to build a large radio telescope array at a high site in Chile. Although software development is always challenging, it is going pretty well all in all. A big review held in the summer resulted in a positive report. The ALMA software team is now about 60 individuals in many different countries and institutes. Japan will be rejoining making the project even larger!

Marie continues in her job riding herd on over 350 personal computers at NRAO in Socorro and about half that many users.

Lisa is finishing her final (4th) year of her Computer science degree at the University of New Mexico (UNM) in Albuquerque. She has decided to not go directly to graduate school and instead to look for a job when she graduates.

Laura is finishing her second year of her Computer Science degree, also at UNM. This summer she hopes to find a programming job instead of the clerical jobs she has held in previous summers.

Both girls have (separate) apartments in Albuquerque and have boyfriends, both fine young men. Lisa's boyfriend Kevin graduated from UNM in the spring and now has a job administering computer systems and applications at the Los Alamos laboratories. Laura's boyfriend, Justin, is in his final year of his Physics degree at New Mexico Tech in Socorro.

In the summer the whole family went to Ottawa for a mini family reunion with Brian's sister and parents, as well as Marie's parents and several of her brothers and sisters. Brian, Marie, and the girls also went to Toronto for some nostalgia (Brian and Marie lived in Toronto for the first 7 years they were married).



Lisa and Canadian Icons



Lisa and Laura in Toronto apartment playground (where they played as babies)

In December, Marie joined Brian on a business trip in Germany and Italy. This was the first time that Marie had been to Italy in over 25 years. Laura will be traveling to Europe (Germany) for the first time after Christmas to visit a friend.



Tyrolean Alps and palm tree (!) from the hotel in Italy

Brian and Marie are fortunate to have many close friends in Socorro. Several of them now have small children, helping Brian and Marie cope with both girls being out of the house.



Triston Marson, Aidan and Conor McMullin

We hope that this note finds you well, and wishing you the very best for 2005.

Brian, Marie, Lisa, and Laura Glendenning