

# Glendenning Family Christmas Newsletter

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Seasons Greetings from the Glendenning family!

2006 was a year of modest changes for Brian & Marie – very similar reports could be cut and pasted from previous years. Brian continues to manage software development for the international radio astronomy ALMA project. 2006 was an important one overall for the project as it successfully convinced its funding agencies to give it the money it needs to be completed. Next year will be very busy as we start deploying the software needed to operate the first antennas in Chile. Marie continues to provide support for the over 350 Windows PCs at the NRAO in NM. She had a knee operation in late 2005 that took a discouragingly long time to recover from, but is much improved finally.

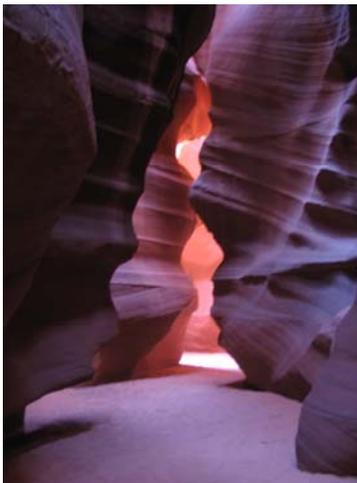


Lisa now works for Hewlett Packard as a software consultant, splitting her time between projects at the Los Alamos and Sandia laboratories in New Mexico. Her boyfriend Kevin moved to a challenging new position configuring and administering a very large new supercomputer that is being built up at Los Alamos.

Laura is in her final year at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, where she will get a degree in Computer Science next spring. Her boyfriend Justin works with Brian on the ALMA project, where he integrates and tests software from the very many development sites (on 3 continents now and soon to be on 4!). Laura turned 21 in October, and her parents subsidized a birthday for her in Las Vegas, also attended by Lisa and Kevin. Apparently a nice time was had by all, but since both ignorance is bliss and what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas, not much can be reported here.



Brian was happy to see that this year he took six weeks of vacation and only one sick day, which is a nice ratio. In February Marie and he went to Cancun for a relaxing week at an all-inclusive resort. In the summer he and Marie went on a driving vacation, where among very many things, they saw the famous Antelope slot canyon and stayed at the North Rim of the Grand Canyon.



Eventually we ended up in Northern California where we played bocce ball and feasted while visiting with Marie's family in Hollister. Marie's brother, Fr. Peter, took this photo of their Mom and Dad, Uncle Harold and Aunt Elizabeth, brother Ben and wife Enis, Ben's son Hans, Marie, and Brian.



In the fall Brian's sister Janet came to visit. She and Brian went on a road-trip supposedly to Zion National Park in Utah; however, after two (rare!) rainy days, they decided to bail out and go to Las Vegas (see a trend?). While again little should be said, I recommend never playing Blackjack against Janet. They returned in time to meet Brian's parents Don and Carol in Santa Fe NM, where we belatedly celebrated Carol's turning a special age, and then spent some time in Socorro.



We hope this brief note finds you well, and we wish you the very best for 2007!

*Brian & Marie Glendenning*