



Another Blessed year of cherished friendships, rare opportunities, and indelible memories! Gary continues his IT management work at AT&T while Jeanel opted to leave her Embarq consulting position for a “little rest”.



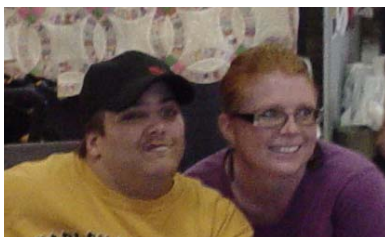
During her 3-year tenure, she collaborated with major executives to support a few strategic changes: Spin-off of the Sprint local division (ICW Sprint/Nextel Merger); Standing up a new Fortune 50 Company (Embarq), and the Strategy Road Map for Embarq's 2007-2009 Transformation.



What's Jeanel Been Up To? A couple of improvements around the house (aka—Minor transformation of our home, in part thanks to good friend Jerry Jackson) & one additional outreach project that engages her passion - A holistic model she created to give voice to and enrich the lives of those who struggle with substance abuse—many of whom are over-looked by their communities. She's working with a foundation to explore opportunities for a national pilot. In terms of consulting work—She and partner Bonnie are developing a 2008 business plan for our BPI Consulting firm to seek both domestic & international clients.

Jason has a few commitments to address and then is considering a move “south” He's hoping friend Amanda will consider making the move as well.

Our Special T-Bones Buddy. This past year Jeanel has spent time at the T-Bones baseball games getting to know Cameron Rutledge.— a little heart-stealer who has cerebral palsy. As part of his 30th birthday, Jeanel also wanted to do a fundraiser for his family but Cameron had other ideas. He wanted to pay it forward for his friend Donna Conrad, a single mom of 27 in their community who has Arnold-Chiari Malformation. So in October Jeanel coordinated an open house birthday & fundraiser. Cameron and Donna's fathers along with Jeanel worked with various businesses to secure items for a silent auction. She even arranged for T-Bones



Cameron and Donna

player and friend Jonathan Krysa to make an appearance. Good friends Judy and Mary & Tony were “priceless” in making the event a success. After a successful auction, we presented Donna with the monies raised. It was lots of work—but oh so rewarding for us all.

Gary continues to work on his baseball statistics program and this year a new team, the Los Angeles Dodger's single-A team Inland Empire 66'ers, joined the fun.



Gary spent a week in July with the team, getting to know them and how they were using the program. Jeanel came out for half of the week and during that time we visited Temecula (one of many wine areas in California), Balboa Island (where we drove on and rode a 3-car ferry across a bay!), Hollywood (including the walk of fame where we just missed by two days the Harry Potter stars), and the Santa Monica boardwalk. Nearby the 66'ers stadium was the very first McDonald's restaurant that now houses an unofficial museum. It was quite a surprise for Gary and the first place he took Jeanel when she arrived. The T-Bones used Gary's program to create not only their daily media package but also a 4-page fan notes handout available to everyone attending the games.



Jeanel, Gary, Jennifer, Barbara, Adyson, Woody, Maria, & Erica
(Ayla, was sleeping off to the side)

Oh, Oh...Down in Mexico Last year we mentioned going to Cabo to visit a timeshare with “no intent” to buy. Sadly we fibbed. In September we spent our first timeshare week in Nueva/Puerto Vallarta with good friends Woody & Maria and their family. Jeanel spent many hours at a Wellness convention we stumbled on at the hotel while Gary sat in the pool and watched the ocean for most of the week.

Sporting Endeavors. Although Gary regularly plays volleyball, both he & Jeanel got a bit crazy this fall and played organized kickball and a flag football game. We had so much fun and didn't really hurt ourselves too badly. During the football game we both caught passes and Gary had two interceptions. After the game we chatted with Will Shields, former KC Chiefs player who sponsored the fundraising event. We'll definitely heed his advice and "practice a little more" before next years event....for our body's sake!

Thanksgiving. We made it back to Columbus for Thanksgiving. After eating at grandma Fosbrink's, we spent much of the day downstairs with our nephew's and niece's play-



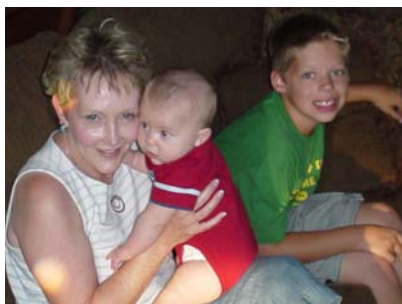
Jeanel and Cheyane watch their bingo cards



Larry's dog Spenta

ing ping pong, football, bingo, and generally chasing them around. We also shared the holiday with Larry Abel, his new friend Nancy, and their best buddy, Spenta. Many times Gary and his dad head out before 5am to catch some good deals on Black Friday but this year they stayed home until the afternoon when everyone enjoyed lunch at Lucas Brothers and then an afternoon of shopping.

New Arrival. We welcomed nephew Luke Christian Gressel to the family in March. Luke joins parents Brian & Michelle and half-brother Jacob and half-sister Chloe.



Jeanel, Luke (5 months), & Jacob

Reunion. Another Gressel reunion was held in Columbus this summer. Most of the family made it again for a perfect day of food, swimming and games. Gary caught the genealogy bug again and has revised his website with more family details.



Uncle Dwight, Daryl (Gary's dad), Aunt Sue, and Uncles Eric, Ron

Graduation. Niece Rachael graduated from high school, with a ceremony at Kemper Arena. She now attends Kansas State University.



Jason, Jeanel, Jerry, Rachael, Gary

Our Special Holiday Evening.

Once again we'll prepare and serve dinner for Ronald McDonald House families between Christmas and New Year's with good friends Patty & Jerry, Erica, and Maria & Woody.



Austin & Dan

T-Bones. Wow — Our 4th year as a host family for the T-Bones. This year we hosted three players: Austin Easley, Dan Jackson, and Danny Core. Towards the end of the season we had a small party at our home with several season ticket holder friends. They got to know our and other, players that shared time with us, a little better. Former T-Bones Player David Viane, with us from 2004-2006, announced his engagement to girlfriend Abbey.

Couple of our "Fave" Performances

Paul Potts — Recent winner of UK Idol & among the highest viewed You Tube Videos— Truly an amazing individual!!

<http://www.paulpottssuk.com/>

Sissel — Her latest PBS performance in Norway "Northern Lights" was every bit as inspiring as her initial American debut in the movie Titanic.

www.sissel.net

Windsuit Flying—Are you Game?

www.icouldnotmakethisup.com/amazing-windsuit-flying/

In the hearts of those who believe...its Christmas every-day of the year.



To You and Yours...a very Safe and Blessed Holiday Season.

Gary & Jeanel