

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## 2011 - In Retrospect

As we reflect on another "evolving" year for us we give Thanks for the many wonderful people we're blessed to share time with. Speaking of sharing time.....We celebrated our 15th anniversary milestone in June!

**GARY** continues to work at AT&T and volunteers on the board at Central Communications Credit Union. He occasionally does video for Right Between the Ears, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, and just for fun. For halloween he quickly created a "see through" costume using an iPad and iPhone's video conferencing capabilities to create a hole in his stomach. Most kids weren't sure what to make of it, but the parents thought it was really cool.

**JEANEL** left her consulting position at the law firm last December. This year she enjoyed time with friends, a little traveling and working a bit on her book. She continues to enjoy her work/affiliation with the American Cancer Society, the International Relations Council, HS of Kansas City and with those she mentors. She's excited about 2 Executive Consulting engagements lined up for early 2012.



Gary & Jeanel poolside at Southfork Ranch

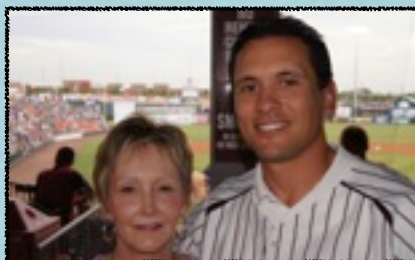
## Travels in 2011

We first travelled to Nerinx, Kentucky, to celebrate the life of Jeanel's Aunt "Sis". We hope to return to the Loretto Motherhouse to volunteer and relax at this wonderfully quiet and peaceful healthcare and retirement facility for the Sisters of Loretto. Gary took a trip with Woody and friends to a fundraiser in Los Angeles, and Jeanel visited son Jason and good friends Barb & Bill in Phoenix.

We took our yearly trek to Las Vegas with Patty & Jerry Jackson. Through a friend, we were invited to share an evening at the LV Country Club. Pictures on the wall were priceless reflections of LV history. In November we traveled to the Dallas / Fort Worth area for a quick business/fun trip. We visited Southfork ranch near Dallas where the exterior shots for the DALLAS series, and its new sequel, are filmed.



Gary in his normal babysitter duties with Adyson, Ayla, Rohan, and Sophiya. One of these days he'll want to spend time with the adults more than the kids!



Jeanel got to catch up with one of the original T-Bones players, Jonathan Krysa, at a game this summer. We recognized him during a pre-game ceremony where he was on the mound to throw out the first pitch.



Gary's brother Duane came out to Kansas City this fall so that we could celebrate his milestone 40th Birthday together. Here with Jeanel's brother Jerry, Duane is wearing Gary's previously-used 40th birthday hat.



# Checking Out the World Around Us



## JACOB, CHLOE, & LUKE

We enjoyed time with this threesome several times this year. Jeanel and Luke

became experts at dessert making, and Jacob & Chloe found a great climbing tree in

Shawnee Mission Park. They also enjoyed our theatre room, finding Phantom of the Opera and How to Train Your Dragon as favorites.

## KC COMMAND

With friends Maria & Woody we became season ticket holders for the arena football team playing downtown at the Sprint Center.

Gary became really good at catching



little hand held foam footballs that the cheerleaders would throw from time to time, and that just prepared him to catch a real game ball mid-way through the season!

## DOMINOES

We continue to get together with Patty & Jerry, Kristina & Cory, and John, for evenings of food and dominoes. In the past the one who keeps score has won - We've recently figured out how to trump that status!

## HOST FAMILY

Our 9th season as Host Family! We once again hosted T-Bones Center Fielder Keanon Simon. Also enjoyed sharing time with his entire family as they visited throughout the season.

## APPLE RULES

This year saw us move from no Apple products to 4! Almost by accident Gary was one of the first to get an Ipad 2. That soon brought an iMac into the house and then we both had our hands on two iPhone 4S's the morning they were available. Yes, there's still some PC's in the house, but Apple now rules.

## HOWL AT THE MOON

About thirty of us got together at a local dueling piano bar for drinks and fun thanks to a free party Gary won. He didn't realize that included his being on stage for a dance off. Before you laugh too loud--HE WON!

## OUR FIRST TIME

Nernix, KY

◆ Loretto Motherhouse

Dallas / Forth Worth, TX

◆ The Sixth Floor Kennedy Museum

◆ Southfork Ranch

## EVENTS & SHOWS

Lend Me a Tenor

The Odd Couple

Game Show

Gary's 25th HS Reunion

ABA International Rule of Law

## SEASON TICKETS

T-BONES (Baseball)

COMMAND (Arena Football)

## GAME TICKETS

ROYALS (MLB)

CHIEFS (NFL)

IN THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE...  
...it's Christmas everyday of the year.

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

*Jeff & Jeanel*

## STEVE JOBS - WALTER ISAACSON

We had a special invitation to attend the KC Business Forum as they presented Walter Isaacson - the biographer for Steve Jobs. Amazing to hear him discuss his writing process and his journey with Steve. What made it really special was receiving a signed copy of the book! When asked the question, "Like most anyone today, did Steve often look at his iPhone during the time you spent with him?" Interestingly enough Walter indicated, "No - Steve gave me his total attention!"

## MILESTONES CELEBRATED

Woody Acosta  
Maria Acosta  
Duane Ritz  
Dan Tylski  
Rozanna Krull  
Mary Ann Steinlicht  
Tony Bianculli

## PAUSING TO REMEMBER

Aline Dalton  
Bernadette D'Souza  
Bismarck D'Souza

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