



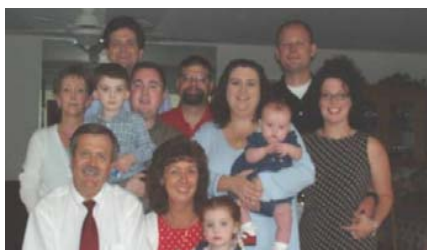
Gary and Jeanel were honored to be named godparents to Amalias Maryhelen Randall.



Brad, Maeve, Tiernan, Michelle, Amalias



Brian & Michelle



Duane

As part of Gary's parent's 25th Anniversary, their family got together to spend a quiet weekend together in the fall. The perfect weather found us just relaxing at our parent's home with each other.



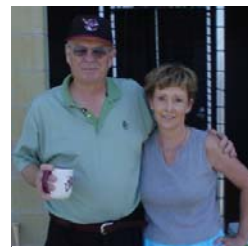
Here's some fun websites to check out:

itsyourturn.com	2-player board games
isketch.net	Pictionary online!
slashdot.org	News for nerds
www.gressel.org	(Of course!)
gutenberg.net	Public Domain Books
volunteermatch.org	If available for your area, pretty neat



In their second season, we became more involved with the local Northern League baseball team, the Kansas City T-Bones.

Late last year we signed up to be a host family, where players live with families within the community. We were fortunate enough to have two players, Zach Sutton and David Vione, share parts of their summer with us. The experience brought us closer to two great men. Over the season we got to meet most of the team either at the park or at home when they'd stop by. At the stadium, we became friends with several other season ticket holders and several of the staff. We're set for season three and can't wait!



T-Bones Manager  
"Dirty" Al Gallagher

As part of a promotion, Jeanel got to take some swings in the team's batting cage. She made great contact with many of the pitches, impressing everyone including the team's manager. Alas, she wasn't signed to the team, but it



Josh Groban



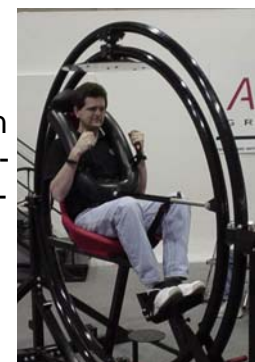
Danny Gans

On the cultural front, we saw Jim Brickman, Josh Groban, and impersonator Danny Gans.

At New Theatre we saw Dan Pataliro in "The Shear Madness" and Michael Learned in "Driving Miss Daisy" and at Theatre in the Park we saw "The Sound of Music", "The Wizard of Oz", and "Crazy for You".

Gary and Woody Acosta spent two days in Hutchison, KS, at The Cosmosphere. Amazingly in the middle of Kansas is one of the biggest space museums in the world.

Home of Apollo 13, an SR-71, the largest collection of Russian artifacts outside of Moscow, and the largest US collection outside of Washington DC, this center also provides several training programs, including a two-day adult astronaut training program.



Highly recommended if you have any interest in space flight and how we got there.



Gary had another cyst surgery (#4). In late spring he visited Jeanel's dermatologist to let them review his case. Like all other doctors, they'd never seen something like this, but they did find a seemingly separate staph infection in his nose. They treated that infection with antibiotics and put him on some long-term topical drugs to try to directly deal with the cyst infections. Since then he's felt one cyst forming and it went away on its own within a few days. Maybe this ends Gary's surgeries!

Happy Holidays once again from Kansas City. We've enjoyed yet another fine year and hope your family has had a great one too.

We spent New Year's Day 2004 in Hawaii as we joined Maria & Woody Acosta's Hawaiian wedding ceremony. This was Gary's first trip to the islands and Jeanel's third. Although we had lots of rain, it was a fabulous trip. On business Jeanel traveled to Chicago, Dallas,



Milwaukee, and Sacramento, while Gary got to visit Houston and New Orleans. For pleasure we

took our regular trip to Las Vegas in the fall and we spent time in Tallahassee and Columbus.

Kansas City enjoyed one of the mildest summer's in history—only two days were above 95 and most were in the 80's. It was a nice change of pace from recent steamy summers. We'll see how winter goes, although we started with 7" of snow two days before Thanksgiving.



Gary is still with AT&T while Jeanel started her new job at Sprint. Kansas City is such a small town! Jeanel is an organizational consultant supporting the Finance executives while Gary continues his web application design and development.



May Christmas  
Inspire each of us  
To give  
A little of what we have,  
To share  
A little of who we are,  
To help make this  
The kind of world  
That it  
Was meant to be.

The big event of the year was Jeanel's 50th Birthday party. She wasn't exactly crazy about turning 50 so Gary made sure she had her AARP card and a party where



several friends came by to celebrate. Gary's present to Jeanel was to solicit "Happy Birthday" autographs from a variety of movie, TV, political, and sports stars. More than fifty responded including George Brett, Jim Brickman, Regis Philbin, Paula Poundstone, Cal Ripkin Jr, and Tiger Woods to name a few. Many of the pictures are along one wall downstairs while the rest fill a book nearby. You can see most of them on-line at <http://fifty.gressel.org/>.

