

December, 2014

Hi friends and family,

We are well, and hope the same is true for you.

This year was joyous and sad – with wonderful things happening, and the loss of 3 loved-ones. Two very good friends and a wonderful cousin.

In January we once again drove to Scottsdale to see our cousins and attend the fantastic car auctions. Barrett Jackson. Dream dream dream. I'm still happy with our Corvette and this year we won our first car-show trophy. Maybe it was the new top.



In March we went to see a wonderful cousin who was turning 90. Turkey and Greece in May and in October we visited the beautiful Southeast, USA. To see the photos of either, click on <http://georgemarks.com> – and scroll towards the bottom.



Taylor completed middle school last year, and is now in his first year of high school, and is still playing and enjoying soccer. Evan is in middle school and is also still big into soccer. This year Evan was chosen to play on the Olympic Development Team and Taylor, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time, was chosen to play on the U14 US National Team. More importantly, they both are getting excellent grades.

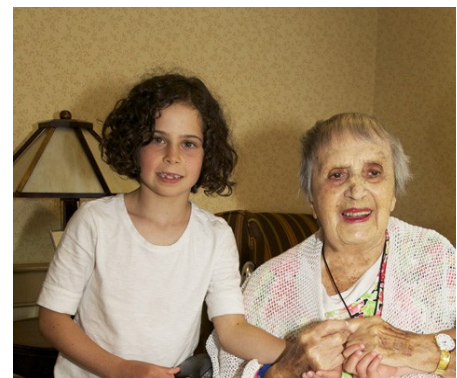
A little to the north, in SF, Noa and Saul are excelling in sports and their studies. Noa just completed a video project where she demonstrates the ingredients and the cooking of a mushroom and cheese omelette and narrates it in Hebrew. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2UgTx-9IX6M> Saul is the youngest, but don't blink. He is quickly catching up to his cousins in both athletic and education skills.

Here is Noa and her Native-American fishing project.



Libby celebrated her 105 surrounded by lots of family and friends, and continues to amaze all. Photos and a video are also on our website: [georgemarks.com](http://georgemarks.com) – see Libby is 105.

We also want to say Thanks to all the family who spent a lot of time on Libby support this year. She even received birthday greetings from Barack and Michelle Obama.



We also have, I think, photographed our last wedding. The times have changed and most everyone has both a camera that can do it all, and on-line albums at which you can just drop your photofile on it and it completes a beautiful album for you; both at much less cost than we're willing to work for.

Instead, we're volunteering more thru the USO, and offering to take family photos of the military families, with Santa and in other venues.

Bette has been volunteering for years at the local grammar school, listening to children who read to her and need some extra help.

We haven't played bridge for many years, and now thanks to some good friends – who have lots of patience – we are learning and re-learning the old and new bidding conventions. We're enjoying it very much.

This upcoming year will see lots of celebrations – 2 bar mitzvahs and a wedding. Congratulations to you-all. And last but not least, a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Bette and I.

Nice to have good things to look forward to.

We look forward to hearing your news – and celebrating your special events.

Love,

George and Bette, and Libby