

*Hope your holidays are happy days!*

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Here we are again with the Christmas Season almost upon us. I seem to be a little more organized this year as we haven't just returned from a long vacation as we usually do at this time of year.

**NOW SOME GREAT NEWS!** We have a new member in our family - a Son-in-law, Mitchell John Clancey. Paige and Mitch had been going together for about 3 years and were engaged last Christmas. They were married on 29th August 1992, in a devine old church in Vancouver where Mitch's parents had been married some 30 odd years ago. It was a lovely wedding and the weather co-operated in every respect. The reception was a dinner cruise on the S.S. Beaver, which is a replica of the paddle-wheeler ship used by the Hudson Bay Company in the 1800s to deliver goods to outposts along the coast of British Columbia and to the Gulf Islands. The crew dressed in traditional clothes (Captain Vancouver style). The ship is licensed for 100 passengers so that determined the number of guests, which is a nice amount of people. The sun was setting over the ocean and Point Atkinson as the ship sailed out under Lion's Gate Bridge while we ate dinner. Later Paige and Mitch danced the first dance on the top deck, under the stars, to "Unchained Melody" by the Righteous Brothers. It was so romantic..... Our adopted Japanese Daughter, Junko, came from Japan to be one of the bridesmaids and Mitch's best friend, who teaches in Japan, also came to be the Best Man.

Following the wedding Paige and Mitch visited friends in Los Angeles, then took a 7 day cruise down the west coast of Mexico and then spent a week in Cancon, Mexico. They had a great time and are now all settled down. We are very happy with her choice of husband. They make a great couple. Now we patiently await grandchildren!!

As I had mentioned last year, Gordon and I were asked to escort a tour group to Thailand last February. We were a little apprehensive about it as we had never done anything like that before. However, we thought we'd give it a try since all the reservations and plans were made by Brooks Holidays and all we had to do was a sort of glorified babysitting job.

We were in charge of a total of 39 people. Gordon left Vancouver 4 days ahead of me and took part of the group to Hong Kong. Gordon had never been to Hong Kong before, so believe me he had to do alot of reading and learning to know what the ropes were. I left Vancouver later with the remainder of the group and went to Tokyo, where we spent one day and one night. That wasn't too bad as I had been to Toyko twice before. Both our groups met up in the airport in Bangkok, Thailand. Believe me, I was glad to see Gord. Although we have travelled alot together, we haven't travelled that far away from home on our own.

Once we arrived in Bangkok, we were met by a Thai Guide who remained with us for the remainder of the 18 days. We had a few people who were difficult, never seemed to have the right size bed, enough hot water, enough shopping time, etc. etc., but for the most part we had a really great group. You sure run into every kind of person on a trip like that. We were in charge of tipping all the porters, drivers, guides, etc. and seeing travel from the other side of a group trip, we realize that travelling in an organized group you probably get \$3. worth of value for every \$1. you pay the tour organizer.

Gordon really enjoyed Hong Kong and now wants to take me there some time. Thailand, of course, was as wonderful as we found it the first time. This time the itinerary was different, so we saw alot of areas we didn't see on the first trip.

Summer was really like Summer this year, with lots of great, hot, dry days. We just stuck around home and didn't do anything very exciting. Gordon's Mother is not well (cancer of the lung and now the spine) and so we haven't been very far away from home.

The second week in October we went down to Puerto Vallarta for a week, just to get some R and R. We have been there enough times that we didn't have to run around and make sure we saw everything. It was just a nice relaxing 7 days. That is, it was relaxing until we got stopped by the Mexican police for going through a red light (it wasn't really red). However, as they say, everyone has their price and the policeman's was \$20. U.S.

We're planning to be home for Christmas and don't have any definite plans for a trip next year, although while we were in Mexico we looked at lots of brochures. We will soon both be 50 years old (on second thought, I think I'll just remain 49 and holding .....) and there are still lots of far away places we want to travel. We figure in the next 10 years we had better see as many more as we can. After that we'd like to see as much of Canada and the United States as we can.

Paige and Mitch are both working for Gordon at Basic Business Systems, Paige still being the top sales person and Mitch is in the Service Department working on the very large photocopiers. We are happy they both take an interest in the Company.

As for me, I'm still working as a Legal Assistant in Langley and still enjoying it. I always said I would only work until I was 50, but since I've decided to stay at 49, I guess I'll keep working. I would be lost if I didn't have to go to work and besides it's almost like a social outing every day.

May you all have a happy and joyeous Christmas Season and all our very Best Wishes are with you for a great New Year ahead.