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Happy Christmas everyone,

Sue & Peter send our best wishes for Christmas and the coming year. News wise this has been a busy year - retirement is striking so things have got busier!

Since we are still intent on moving into a smaller house / lot, and we do not yet know if we are staying in this area or not, Sue has been winding her practise down - though some patients are still coming through, so she is only semi retired. Similarly Peter was asked to stay on part time since his normal retirement at the end of July. Final curtain call is now the end of the year. So we both still only semi retired but working hard to get our current house into sale'able order (repaint everything, redo some of the garden, some new carpet?, . . . and lots of deciding what to keep and what to dispose of). Just filling in all the forms to get our various UK and Canadian pensions was (& still is) a fairly major workload!

Sue is now a full-fledged member of the church choir (in blue in the middle) – and is enjoying it very much. Peter is stuck in musical remedial class with no real prospects for immanent advancement



We had a good racing season, helped by the new foresail Mrs Santa sent Peter for his Christmas present! Winds were somewhat uncertain - we had more races cancelled for lack of wind than we can remember, but did well enough when there was a wind.

Sue & Peter (and crew Dave) on DragonFire

Wendy has just changed jobs - the management at the shoe retailers she worked for was abrasive - so she has just started working for Fox television in their Canadian advertising division. She and JP have now settled down in their new (larger) house, and seem pretty settled there. We were with them around thanksgiving time.



Peter, Wendy & Sue in front of Wendy's house

John and Michelle have also just moved and they have got themselves a nice place. Its size and state do however reflect the difference between Vancouver (J & M) prices and Montreal (W & JP) prices. Vancouver is somewhere between two and three times dearer than Montreal!!



We saw John & Michelle and the girls when we went out west in Sept / Oct to sus out where we might like / be able to afford to live out there. They are all five (the dog is not in the picture) getting on fine despite the work they face to fix up the place they have bought. So far the smart money says we will finish up in Vancouver. But it is likely to be a stretch despite our down sizing.

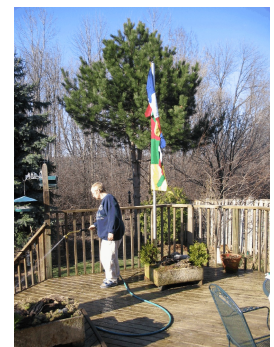
Sue, Wynona, Michelle, John & Sharon
in front of their new house.

Sue travelled to a Dharma centre in Vermont with her meditation teacher this Summer. She thought Vermont was very nice – the countryside was picturesque and the small towns actually still had non-chain bookstores!

We have both kept well. Good thing, with all the stuff we are facing!

We send our best wishes to you, with kind thoughts for your health and happiness in 2005. We also send some pictures of Oakville – since we may not be here next year!

Sue & Pete



PS – We (Sue) are thinking of getting a dog (a first) to go with



our cat. Sue is vacillating between a German Shepherd (Alsation) and a Pomeranian.
Any words of advice?