

2001 Greetings from Aldene and Barry

As you know, Aldene retired from the Oak Grove School District after 34 years. She started a website design company, www.nicerpage.com. Aldene loves both the technical and artist aspects of web design and business is growing. Aldene is currently pursuing two degrees in web design at our local community college.

Aldene and Barry have been on the wedding circuit in 2001. Barry's nephew, Alec, married the bright and lovely Dr. Kari Stewart in Lake Mary, FL in May. Several friends subsequently tied the knot. In fact, Aldene and Barry attended two weddings on consecutive weekends. Barry wears his standard wedding uniform.

All of Aldene's and Barry's travel this year has been limited to the US, even before the September 11 tragedy. They vacationed in New Orleans, Northern California and Sanibel Island, FL with business trips to Houston and Austin.

Hartford Steam Boiler (HSB) purchased Barry's company, Structural Integrity Associates (SI). SI and HSB were subsequently bought by AIG. Now, AIG, the primary insurer for the WTC (\$800M loss) does not want SI! Barry and his associates are currently in the process of buying their company back from AIG. What an employment roller coaster! A corporate factoid: Insurance companies provide the worst insurance benefits because they know the business.

Barry is still the President of the Los Gatos Bicycle Racing Club (LGBRC). Two of the members won both the UAS National and World Championships. You can check out the LGBRC at www.lgbrc.org. Aldene continues as the club's webmaster. Barry is still Principal Timpanist with the Saratoga Symphony.

Haley is still traveling the world with world music master, Bob Brozman. She spends weeks at a time in La Reunion, Europe, Australia, South Africa, etc. organizing concerts and tours for Bob and fellow musicians from Okinawa, France, Canada, India, Hawaii, Africa, etc.

On a semi-sadder note, for the first time in 27 years for Aldene and 22 years for Barry, the Gordons are dogless. The last of their trio of salt and pepper Schnauzers, Damon, had to be whacked. (The hit was ordered out of East LA. Cheap. A clean hit, i.e., not in front of the family.) This maybe sad, but as the great rabbis note in the great debate of when life really begins, life does not begin at conception nor does life does begin at birth. Life begins when your children move out of the house and the dog dies. L'chayim!

However, Aldene and Barry still have their endangered feces of 5 Cockatiels, 2 Bourke's Parrots, 12 Budgerigars and 8 finches to keep them busy.

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