

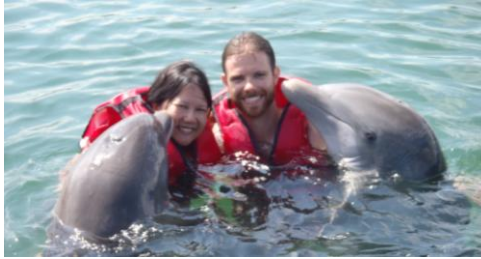
## Seasons Greetings from Dave & Dee!

Another year, another Christmas letter from us! It seems not very long ago we wrote our 2010 letter, time goes too quickly when you are having fun! We hope the year has treated you all well. Here are some of the D&D highlights of 2011:

### World Travels - Holguin, Cuba!

In October, we enjoyed a relaxing week at "Playa Costa Verde". Joined by our friends Gail & Jacek, it was a wonderful time filled with excellent cappuccinos, plenty of rum, good food & fun times on the beach. With coral reefs just off shore, we able to enjoy snorkeling several times & discovered lots of underwater wildlife (even poisonous fish that we were poking at...oops).

Dave and I went to experience swimming with dolphins at Acuario de Bahia de Naranjo. This was an absolutely fantastic experience & we were fortunate enough to see a baby dolphin too!



*A kiss from the dolphins*



*Dave helps train a 6 year old named "Brenda"*



*Dave & Dee with our travel buddies Gail & Jacek on the beach*



*July 1, 2011 - Mitra & Yolanda get hitched!*

### Congratulations! Weddings...and babies (not ours)!

In May, we celebrated our niece, Isabelle, partaking in her first Communion.

In July, we were both privileged to be a part of Yolanda & Mitra's beautiful wedding festivities. Having never experienced a Hindu ceremony before, we greatly enjoyed the experience!

There have been a lot of new additions this year. Congratulations to all the new parents!

With so many friends and family members having, or expecting, babies, we seem to be surrounded by lots of little people that we don't know how to do a thing with. Our rule of not babysitting children unless they are self sufficient in the washroom is so far, still holding! 😊

### A few little events....

We continue to play volleyball, though Dave did miss out with a broken ankle last year, and Dee had to do all the snow shoveling in the winter due to his injury! In July, we played in the "Wasaga Beach Not So Pro" tournament and won third place in our division!

Softball and golf are our summer sports whenever weather permits. Golf-wise, Dee treated herself to new clubs which she is doing very well with. Dee was very excited to win the women's long drive title at her brother Ryan's birthday tournament. Dee also won (and generously gave to Dave) the grand prize draw of a twilight membership at the yearend "Hackarama" tournament at Piper's Heath Golf Club.

Our annual white water trip to Wilderness Tours was a success and Dave once again steered through the rapids without losing any passengers (thanks once again to Dee's paddling of course).

In August, we took in our 3<sup>rd</sup> Cirque du Soliel show, "Totem" and enjoyed that immensely. We spent the long weekend as usual up at 12 Mile Lake at our friends Jacinda & Steve David's cottage and were fortunate to have the opportunity to try parasailing for the first time.

Being the apparently loyal employees we are, David has accepted the new challenge of taking over as Manager of the Estimating department at RONA, and Dee is moving up the ranks at Hay Group to become a Senior Associate Consultant, now working in Reward Consulting, starting in January 2012.



*Dave parasailing above 12 mile lake*

**One more good news update:** Many of you last year know that Dave's Grandpa had suffered a bad fall in 2010 - we're very happy to report that Tom Blair continues to be "the miracle man" surpassing doctor's expectations and is now even walking. We are looking forward to his going home to Grandma Betty Blair, and maybe even celebrating his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday in April at their place in Scarborough!

We hope that all is happy & healthy with you and yours, and hope that 2012 brings you many good things!

**Merry Christmas!**