

Happy New Year Everyone!!!!

Smith Family Newsletter
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Traditionally we are always excited about celebrating the arrival of the New Year, some people celebrate with family, some with friends and neighbors as we do here at Lakeside Crossing. For many of us it represents another completed chapter in the book of life. Some of our younger family members are just beginning to write their story. Each New Year's Eve represents a milestone in our personal lives. It is when we look at where we have been and then, with anticipation, where we are going. New Year's resolutions are made for this purpose. So, where do you stand? How did you do?

My newsletter is late as I was hoping to include some pictures of our New Year's Celebration here at Lakeside. Some pictures were taken by others, which included one of our table with some neighbors. I wasn't able to get them in time so I will have to throw it in on a future newsletter. In short it was a great New Year's Eve party, complete with champagne and cake provided by the Community. We all brought snacks and what ever else you wanted to drink. There was a band, with dancing on the ballroom floor. Bob and I had to smile a bit when we think back on our HR Family Rally's each year. We always had a great time but It seemed we always celebrated the in coming New Year in a different time zone than the one we were in!! People just faded away back into their coach before Midnight! Here, people stayed to the end and then some! Winners of the Holiday Light competition were also announced. Some people really got into the competition with elaborate displays.

Following the Holidays, the weather continued to bounce back and forth like a 'yo-yo', between warm blue sky days and cold rainy days. Bob had the misfortune to get some sort of a 'bug', which he hardly ever gets and was down with a bad cough for two to three weeks. Fortunately, I didn't get it. We just stayed warm and comfortable in our little house. Bob had taken the Chassis batteries out of the Motor Home and brought them back to our garage to keep them in good shape.

Well our cats seem happy and comfortable through out this Winter. We have some bird activity on the lake to keep them busy. Below are three Egrets.



Above is Minnie posing for the camera. The next picture is Minnie hiding under the bed covers as someone she didn't know came into the house. A 'watch cat', she is not! In the bottom picture the two of them are struggling to fit into the cat bed, while taking in some vitamin D in the sunshine. I felt sorry for them and bought a larger bed which I think Whiskers appreciated more than Minnie! Well, that is it for this month. Look for us in February as I feel it will be a busy month.