

Season's Greetings 2007

Dear Family and Friends,

On November 19, 1957, while students at Florida State University, we were married at the Dawson Methodist Church in Thomasville, Georgia. Here is a picture of us from that era.



Now, a much more recent picture of us as we celebrated our 50th anniversary aboard Nina's Dandy, being treated to a Potomac River dinner cruise by our family. After dinner, we danced the night away on the Dandy's marble dance floor. It was very special to share this celebration with Wheat, Tara, Doug, and Tyler.

Tamara and Tyler made a quilt that they entered in a contest held by the Virginia Quilt Museum for the celebration of the settlement of Jamestown in 1607. They combined a pictorial view of the colony with an old Indian legend of the Rainbow Crow. Tyler had studied Jamestown and legends last year in third grade. They were so pleased and proud when they took one of the prizes: the Sponsor's Award. The quilt traveled from the Virginia Quilt Museum to an exhibit in Williamsburg, and has now returned home. They hope to share it with his school after Christmas.

In April and May, we visited "China's Cultural Capitals" with Roger's brother Michael and his wife Peg. We journeyed to Shanghai, Suzhou, Xian, and Beijing where we visited several beautiful gardens, museums, the beginning of China's Silk Road, bell towers and drum towers, extensive city walls, Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace, the Beijing Zoo, and many other sights. Among our favorites were: our visit to the



Qin Mausoleum where 2,000 years ago the Emperor Qin Shi Huang was buried along with 6,400 terra cotta

warriors, archers, horses, and chariots; our visit to a senior center and a home-hosted lunch with a Chinese family; a visit to a primary school; and our walk along the Great Wall of China at the Badaling Hills. We came home with a new appreciation for and understanding of China.



Tamara has been leading a shawl-knitting ministry at National City Christian Church. The group started during Lent, and many shawls and baby blankets have been made during the year. She also helps a friend with another group from our former church in Fairfax City. Shawls have traveled to Texas and Montana for friends who have moved. Many friends and loved ones enjoy the warmth and love of these shawls. Shawls sometimes go to strangers, who are also in need of love and caring, to wrap around their shoulders.

Tamara continues to perform with the *Golden Rays* senior tap dancing company and *The Three Graces* liturgical dance group. Tamara and her tap dancing friends again took first place in the Team Line Dance competition in the 2007 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics.



Roger continues to rediscover his "inner



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athlete" through race walking, karate classes, and weight training. Here he is practicing with a karate student while on our trip to China. He is training to run the inaugural King Street Mile this New Year's Eve.

In June, we made our annual journey to Ohio to visit with Mother and Wayne Wills. It was again a great gathering of the Webb and Wills clans. Sadly, we returned to celebrate the life of Wayne Wills who died September 27th in his 96th year. We have just returned with Wheat and Tyler from another wonderful visit with Mother, as shown in this photograph featuring four generations.



and this next year. Merry Christmas! Happy Holidays! Blessings to you all!

Tamara and Roger

We continue to celebrate our 50th anniversary, and include a family picture from our celebration cruise. We look forward to additional celebrations in the weeks and months ahead.



This brings us to a close for our letter for this year.



Rosie, our resident Chihuahua and companion, again joins us as we send you all our best wishes for the season

