



# Happy Holidays 2018

*"There's a place within our hearts where we keep our favorite memories,  
The ones that never fail to make us smile . . . and when life becomes too hectic  
It's such a special feeling to close our eyes and reminisce awhile. . .  
And out of all the memories of family and friendships,  
The ones that are most touching to recall  
Are those memories that we've shared with you!"*

2018 was another amazing year that we'll never forget. During this holiday season and always, we remember and honor those who are no longer with us and cherish those who are. We especially cherish your love and friendships. As I've done for so many years now, I am reminiscing about what we've done, who we've shared it with and what we've accomplished. Thank-you for another wonderful and very special year!

**JIM** has now been with Eagle Home Mortgage for 20 years and in the mortgage business for twice that amount of time. He is Senior Loan Officer and Reverse Mortgage Specialist. If you need a home loan, he's the Man! Jim gets up early for at least two breakfast meetings per month, one with his High Country Republican Club and the other with his Leads Group. And then, he goes to lunch meetings with his Jeffco Sertoma Club and we eat lots of meals with the Colorado / Montana / Utah / Wyoming Viper Club, of which he is President. More than anything, he loves spending time with Braleigh Catherine, our beautiful 3 ½ year old granddaughter and with Spunky, our cute fluffy, black 11 year old "puppy". He won't admit it, but I think he likes spending time with me too. We did lose a long-time friend, Dale Davis, last month and that has been hard on Jim, but he was able to spend a lot of time with Dale during the last several weeks.

**SHIRLEY:** I'm still HR Manager, Facilities Manager and Volunteer Coordinator at Mountain Resource Center, close to home in Conifer. I'm crazy busy but love who I work with and what I do. After 17 years and over 65 Town Hall Meetings that I've facilitated, I'm still President of Conifer Area Council, a non profit formed "to work as a broad-based group to provide a forum to identify and address community issues," which we do through Town Hall Meetings, community surveys and study / action teams. Planning trips & events for the Viper Club, getting to as many exercise classes as possible, at least 150 per year, and working on projects around the house keep me busy most of the time. My favorite memories are made spending time with friends and family, especially our kids and grandkids.

**BRADEN, ASHLEIGH and BRALEIGH:** Braleigh Catherine, her mom and dad still live in Prior Lake, Minnesota. When they come for a visit, they can't believe how warm 20 degrees feels in Colorado with the sun and low humidity. They have experienced different parts of Minnesota, but miss Colorado so much, since this is "home". As Mopar Service and Parts Area Manager for Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, Braden works with 19 dealerships in Minnesota and Iowa. Ashleigh is now working in Prior Lake, close to home. According to Braden, the terrible twos were nothing, the sassiness really came out at age 3. Braleigh, is the "most amazing granddaughter ever" and loves her teachers, parks in every nearby town and talking to Grandpa on the phone.



*SHAUNELLE and DEREK* enjoy watching movies and relaxing with their furry friends Luke, Bella, Devon and Clary, our grand puppies and kittens, living in an apartment overlooking Marston Lake. But, they will be moving prior to next April when **Jaxon Michael is to be born, our first grandbaby boy.** We're all very excited. Shaunelle is Post Closing Auditor at Pulte Mortgage and Derek is Post Closing Auditor at Metasource Mortgage Services. Estes Park is still their favorite destination and where they like to spend their anniversaries. We are very lucky to have them so close.

Jim's brother, Tom, and wife, Amy, came for a visit in April. We enjoyed every minute of touring fun Colorado towns and other destinations while they were here. Jim and I flew to Minnesota over Memorial Weekend to see Braden, Ashleigh and Braleigh. They showed us beautiful parts of their state with trips to Duluth, Stillwater and Owatonna and we all went on a Viper drive along the scenic Mississippi River with friends from the Minnesota Viper Club. Braleigh was a "hoot" to be with and we can't wait to see them all when they drive here over Christmas break. Branson, Missouri was our family reunion destination in September when 21 family members rented 2 amazing VRBOs on Lake of the Ozarks with 14 king suites. Jim's brother, Tom; sister, Rene; cousins, Cindy and Robyn; and their families, plus my brother, Chuck, and wife, Glynette, thoroughly enjoyed reminiscing, plus The Branson Belle Showboat cruise, Silver Dollar City and "The Rock" while there. We've gotten together with Colorado family for birthdays and holidays as much as possible this year and hosted a summer get-together for Jim's Sertoma Club in August.

Since 1994, we've been getting together with our Viper Family too and have so much fun. This year, we embarked on a road trip to Las Vegas, NV in May for a National Viper Event with 800 Viper Enthusiasts, 60 from our Club, and friends from around the world. On the way there, and back, we stopped in Santa Fe, NM, Flagstaff, AZ and Palisade, CO. Then, in September, we took six days to really explore Park City, UT with stops in Rangely, CO and Vernal, UT. During the days, we enjoyed scenic drives to places like Sundance and then back for dinners in Park City. We spent an afternoon at the LDS Conference Center Family Search Discovery Experience at the Family History Library. Since then, I've been able to trace part of my family back to early 900 A.D. and part of Jim's family back to early 800 A.D. I'm hoping to find time to explore much further. We hosted the Viper Club to an Old Fashioned 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic and Cruise to our house in July. We've also enjoyed day events such as indoor karting, Liberty Arms Shooting Range, Weisbrod Aircraft Museum, Rocky Mountain National Park, an Escape Room, drives to mountain towns, the Air Force Academy, a Halloween Party, Blossoms of Light at Denver Botanic Gardens, and several barbecues at member's homes. It's been another awesome year with awesome friends.

That's a quick glance at 2018 for us. We can't wait to hear from you and to get your cards and letters! We really value your love and friendships and hope to see you soon.

*May the Christmas season fill your home with joy, your heart with love,  
and your life with laughter.*

*Jim and Shirley Johnson  
and Family*