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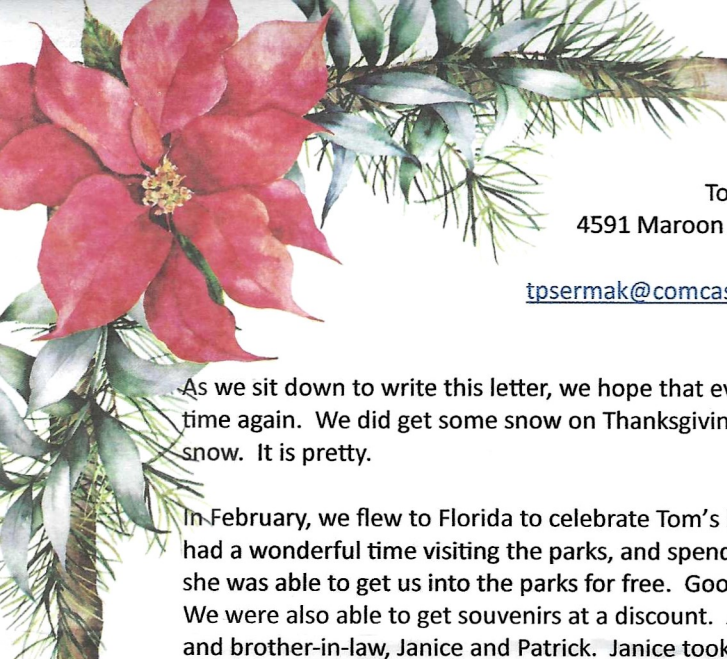
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As we sit down to write this letter, we hope that everyone is doing well. We can't believe it's already Christmas time again. We did get some snow on Thanksgiving night going through Saturday afternoon. We got 6 inches of snow. It is pretty.

In February, we flew to Florida to celebrate Tom's birthday. We visited Nikki who worked at Walt Disney World. We had a wonderful time visiting the parks, and spending time with Nikki. It was great that she worked for Disney as she was able to get us into the parks for free. Good thing, because the prices to get into the parks are outrageous. We were also able to get souvenirs at a discount. After Disney, we drove down to Coral Springs to visit Tom's sister and brother-in-law, Janice and Patrick. Janice took us to the Everglades, and we took a ride on an airboat. That was fun! We celebrated Tom's birthday, along with two of Janice's kids, Barbara-Jean and Brian (Tom's godchild). Both Tom & Brian share the same birthday (Feb 17th), and Barbara-Jean is the following day (Feb 18th). We all had a wonderful time.

On May 30th we celebrated our 31st wedding Anniversary. The following day, we met up with cousins for dinner at 'The View House'. It has a great view of the mountains. Cas & Susie (were in town from California), Mitch & Judy, Tom's brother Andrew, and Dan & Kylie. This was their opportunity to meet Kylie before the wedding.

On June 24th, we gained a daughter-in-law. Dan & Kylie got married in Pittsburgh. The wedding was beautiful! It was wonderful to see both family and friends in attendance. We welcome the Apelquist family to our family. The following day, the family took a boat ride on the Three Rivers, and learned the history of the bridges. We saw the stadiums where the Steeler's and Pirate's play. This was the first time we were in Pittsburgh, and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

In July, Nikki moved back home to finish up college. Lysa flew down to Florida to help with the driving. On their way home, they spent a day in Houston with Tom's cousin Danielle. They were able to see Aunt Mary & Keith, along with cousins Justin & Allie. Lysa's not ready to drive that route any time soon.

On August 20th, we spent the weekend celebrating Lysa's birthday in Estes Park. We love going there. It's a quaint little mountain town. The following day, we drove into Rocky Mountain National Park. It wasn't that crowded since it was on a Monday. It's great that Tom has the Lifetime Senior Pass to all National Parks. We got to go in for free! Free is good!! On the 27th, we had a Sermak family BBQ with Tom's cousins, Betsy (was in town from California), Rose & Phil and their two boys, Gabriel & Luca, Robin & Logan, Andrew, and Dan & Kylie. It's always fun to get together with family when they're in town.

On November 2nd, Dan & Kylie bought their first home in Castle Rock, CO. It's a little over an hour from our place. It's a beautiful place. We're so proud of them. During Thanksgiving week, they finally did their honeymoon in The Maldives in the Indian Ocean.

As we close this year's letter, we wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year. If you're ever in Colorado, give us a call. The bar is always open!

Love,

Tom, Lysa, Dan, Kylie, Nikki, Lucy & Oreo (Woof Woof)

