

# *“People, look East, and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.”*



The year 2010 has gone by “wicked” fast. It seems that we just were writing the 2009 letter. Now here it is December of 2010! We hope that you have had a good, healthy, and happy year.

In March we headed to Ecuador and the Galapagos. We flew into Guayaquil first and spent a day resting and seeing some of the city before meeting the rest of the members of our tour group. We took another flight to San Cristobal, Galapagos where we boarded the ship



M/V Evolution. We spent the next 8 days cruising around the various islands, hiking, climbing, swimming, and snorkeling. Lois did not snorkel



but Doug did and took some terrific pictures with his new underwater camera. Swimming with the little penguins, sea turtles, iguanas, etc. was quite an experience. Lois is better on land with hiking and climbing and really enjoyed that part. We saw many Red- and Blue-Footed

Boobies up close, walked around Marine Iguanas sunning themselves, male Frigate Birds displaying their very red throat pouches for the ladies, and Sea Lions everywhere on the beaches. Darwin’s finches were evident on the islands. We spent time at the Darwin Research



Center on Santa Cruz Island where scientists have a tortoise breeding program. The tortoise population was nearly wiped out by sailors, whalers, and pirates. We went on a tortoise walk to see several giant tortoises in the wild. We learned a lot about how the Ecuadorian government is trying to preserve these islands and keep development and tourists under control. Finally we had to head back to San Cristobal and the airport for our flight back to the mainland.

Upon returning to the States, we headed to Key West for some relaxation. Of course we forgot it was St. Patrick’s Day week -- definitely not relaxing!



Memorial Day weekend found us traveling to Pompton Plains, NJ for Doug’s 50th high school reunion. Then on to Washington, DC for some sightseeing. We met Kyu Sun and her family for dinner the first night. She was our exchange student when Heather and Kyu Sun were in high school. They live just outside of DC. We spent several days seeing the sights, walking the Mall, touring the Capitol Building and the Supreme Court building, going through both of the Air and Space Museums as well as several other Smithsonian buildings, and ending up the last morning touring part of the White House. Spending Memorial Day seeing the various memorials on the Mall was a very moving experience. There were many war veterans participating in various ceremonies. There is so much to see and do in our Na-

tion's Capital that we will probably have to go back sometime.



Summer in Plymouth was warm, sunny, and quite enjoyable. We spent a lot of time in and on the water. Our grandson, Kieran, stayed here for part of July and enjoyed the water plus going on a whale watch. Doug and Lois sailed their Sunfish boats every weekend and once again Doug was the

champion sailor on Long Pond. Lois just had fun sailing.

Lois and Doug are both singing in our Church choir and a local choral group. We just had our Christmas concert and will be singing with the Plymouth Philharmonic in its annual Holiday Pops Concert. Lois was the Church organist for the summer and subs once in awhile when needed. Doug was chair of the Interim Pastor Search Committee and will be glad when that is final-

ized. Our current pastor is retiring after 40 years. Lois continues as Church clerk and also is involved with several groups in Plymouth. Doug does a lot of graphic art work for the Church and the choral group. So we are keeping very busy.

Both Kimberly and Heather and their families live in Maine, so we make quite a few trips back and forth. They were all here for Thanksgiving. Our oldest granddaughter, McKenzie, is a freshman at North Yarmouth Academy. Her brother, Kieran, is in 5th grade. Heather's children, Rebecca and Sam, are in first and third grade. Kimberly is an adjunct professor at Southern Maine Community College, and Heather is teaching 3rd grade in her town. Both families are doing well and are very busy.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a very healthy, happy New Year. If you should be in Plymouth please let us know. We would love to see you. Our email address is: [dougandlois@mac.com](mailto:dougandlois@mac.com).

*Lois Doug*



Dave, Kimberly, Doug (deer in headlamp look), Lois, McKenzie, Sam, Wayne, Kieran, Heather, Rebecca