

The Official Hargrove Annual Report for 2013

We had an eventful and fulfilling 2013, which saw Linda rapidly recovering from a Pulmonary Embolism in Taiwan (reported in last year's AR), the birth of a new grandson, and lots of traveling to varied and beautiful places. As usual, we have much more, including zillions of photos in the online version of this report:

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The Big News

Nicholas James Hargrove Ricci entered the world as planned on June 4, 2013. His official nickname is "Nico," but he has a number of alternatives, such as "bruiser." Weighing about twice what Scarlet did at birth, he is turning out to be a husky boy with a good set of lungs that he is not shy about using. When he's hungry, everyone knows it. He is growing apace.



Scarlet, as shown in this photo, is not sure we really need a new baby.

Jim and Linda

Jim and Linda are traveling frequently as they age. We are planning

two or three trips a year at least until 2016.

We traveled to the high arctic, cruising around the Svalbard archipelago, then opted for the tropics in Southern Ecuador. Both trips were memorable. We are planning a trip to Columbia in 2014 led by

our excellent guide in Ecuador, Mark Pretti. Here's a photo of our intrepid voyagers taken as we celebrated Jim's high prime birthday, and Thanksgiving.



Charles and Amy



Charles and Amy continue to excel at as parents. Both worked part time in 2013, Charles by choice and Amy the result of the "layoff rip off." Alta Bates, where she had worked full time, laid her off, then hired her back as a part time independent contractor without benefits. She has spent several months searching for a better job. Her search finally paid off on the last day of 2013, and she now looks forward to a better job with shorter hours for more pay.

Meanwhile, household chores and child rearing, are divided nicely, and the spice rack is still in alphabetical order, so something is working right. Amy continues to amaze us with her ability to create Halloween costumes, as shown in the photo.



Claire and Ron

Their old condo wasn't big enough for their expanded family, so C&R found another in the Potrero Hill area of San Francisco. It is close to AT&T Park, where the SF Giants play baseball, as well as Ron's office. Claire has a shorter commute to Children's Hospital Oakland due to being closer to the Bay Bridge.

Their old condo, meanwhile, has been leased to someone from New York City, who thought the sky-high rent was quite reasonable.

Finally, *Rancho Relaxo*, their weekend place near Philo in Mendocino

County is being remodeled to have bedrooms and a bath on the second floor to accommodate more guests.

Grandkids



Kai and Kiera are thriving students, with Kai in Second Grade and Kiera in Kindergarten at Harding Elementary, a few blocks from their house in El Cerrito. They are great playing with their two younger cousins.

They also used a Star Wars theme for Halloween, but the light sabers were store bought. There are limits to Amy's creativity.

Scarlet had her second birthday just as 2013 ended. Here she is all dressed up for Christmas, and a solemn, but lovely girl with adorable eyes.

Her new brother often has a huge grin.



Comensals

We reduced our cat population to two by returning Cary, the large male black cat to Panika when we traveled to Austin for Lindsey Hargrove's wedding. We still have Cash, Cary's sister, and The Min, the street cat that adopted Linda, and Chipper. Chipper despite *four* encounters has not learned to avoid skunks in the back yard.

Best Wishes for 2014

We hope that you have had as great a 2013 as we have and wish you all the best for 2014. Send us a note using the web site.

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