

Happy 2016, one and all!

We're still empty nesters! Adam and Nathan are living in Massachusetts and doing well - Adam in graduate school at MIT, and Nathan working at Agero. We got to see them both (and their girlfriends!) in early November. Adam was here for Christmas, Winter Eliot, and the Joint Math Meetings.

Our replacement birdies are lively - Becky, Heidi & Ben, ages 7, 6, and 4. They're fun, smart and adorable - and a handful! Parents Judy (Tim's sister) and Dan live in nearby Bellevue. We like to bike over, play with them, then go home and recover :-)

We had a wonderful bike trip to France, with Tim's brother John - lovely country roads, old stone buildings, limestone caves (for aging wine), incredible old chateaus (including the Sleeping Beauty castle). Oh, and the wine and food! We were wonderfully taken care of, highly recommend the [trip](#). One of our [pictures](#) made the [cover](#) of the company's 2016 catalogue!

We also visited friends on sabbatical in Paris, Kay Crider & Patrick Phillips. Pictures [here](#); be sure to check out Bev eating the pistachio pastry xxx!

On the way, we visited Iceland. Very [scenic](#), but oh so cold and windy. We had shark meat - Greenland shark has toxic meat, but the early Icelanders discovered that if you bury it, let it rot, then hang it out to air out, it becomes edible. The taste and texture are like a soft sour cheese - until the *aftertaste* :-)

Bev has been doing spin classes, and we've done some group rides. We did the 100 mile ride from Redmond to Bellingham again; last year was cool with a tailwind; this year, hot with a headwind! And we rode up Mount St. Helens, so hot it felt like the volcano was erupting again! (Remember, we're Seattle wimps, not used to heat.)

Bev is still administrator for Eliot Institute, running the camps; Tim led children's programs at two camps, teaching the kids to make kerosene torches, water bottle rockets, paddleboats, etc. Tim is still at Google, doing statistics, leading occasional "bias busting" workshops, active in statistical education, and visiting colleges to talk about Google and stat ed. Tim even spoke at his St. Olaf College class reunion.

Perhaps we'll see you in Seattle. We have a cozy home, and it's clean since the boys are gone. And you could see our glass butt!

Love,
Bev & Tim

