

Seasons Greetings!

2018 has been a year of ups and downs for us, plus some significant transitions.

Transitions: By the end of the year, Chris will have wrapped up her 29 years working with David Perkoff Music bookings. The evolution of the Central Texas entertainment industry with multiple new agencies and direct access to entertainment via the Internet, saw bookings declining. It's mixed feelings as she enjoys working with all the musicians.

Martin ended his 20 year contract with his last large media client in Houston. He will still manage web sites for a couple of other clients. The non-profit vintage recording museum was dissolved the end of 2017, due to lack of support. The vintage recording collection is being greatly reduced. It's more difficult than anticipated with hassles from buyers and shipping expenses.



On a very happy note, Chris is now riding Taffie again after dealing with leg pain for a long period. It is wonderful to see the enjoyment she experiences with Taffie and other riders.

On the other hand Martin quit riding and sold his motorcycle due to the traffic crazies and reduced strength. Martin bought a Wurlitzer 45 rpm bubbler jukebox with the motorcycle

monies. The jukebox is really fun and we've filled it with great classic songs.



Our Shepherd Bracken will be turning 12 in Feb. She is kept busy with squirrels that harass her, plus armadillos, rabbits, birds and other critters, all the while keeping us entertained.



Chris cares for Taffie daily and rides when she has time. It is great that we have neighbors that share and participate in her horse passions.

Martin continues volunteering with the Bastrop Police and Sheriff's departments. He most enjoys being able to check out and drive one of the Bastrop County patrol cars. During 4 hour shifts, he provides traffic assistance at accidents, neighborhood "close patrols" that deputies don't have time to complete and basically provides more police presence for the Sheriff's Department.





In April Sharon, Anthony, Julius and Rowan made a fun visit to Texas. They also made a trip to the UK (spending time with Chris' sister and brother) and France. The boys are very involved in school and extra curricular activities. We are impressed the way Sharon and Anthony manage their own and the boys busy schedules.



Ken is scheduled to come from Eugene for a visit after the first of next year. He continues to enjoy living on the West Coast!



Chris made two visits to her family in Suffolk this year. The first in March was to spend quality time with her sister Sheila (left). The second trip in December was much more difficult, as Sheila is again fighting a reoccurrence of cancer. Chris' visit made a significant difference in her sister's care, as Chris advocated for changes that improved Sheila's quality of life. Still incredibly difficult.

Martin was hospitalized in March this year with a liver infection, pneumonia and congestive heart failure, however has fully recovered. Isn't aging fun? What are the chances?

Chris and Martin's doctor of 35 years, interned with and is good friends with both Martin's hospital doc and the heart doc. Good coordinated care.



Our neighborhood is experiencing change to both the west and east of us. A 500 home development is being created on our east side and a 5 foot diameter water pipeline is being installed to the west of our property line. It will bring water from Burleson, TX to San Antonio. At the north end of our neighborhood, the Vista pipeline is tunneling under the Colorado River. It's been quite disruptive.



In October we made a quick fun trip to Denver where we had front row seats to catch Joan Baez's "Fare Thee Well " 2018 tour concert.



We've continued our Superbowl party tradition (left) and look forward to getting together with friends in 2019.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas & and safe and joyous New Year!

Cheers! Chris & Martin, Bracken & Taffie

