



## Seasons Greetings 2010

Here from sunny Florida is the annual Csonka family Xmas letter as I sit here with a cat on my lap and a cloudy cool sky outside. We started the year in Reno, Nv. skiing Heavenly Mt., well Dave, Lori and Dan skied, Tina and I took it easy, Tina did go tubing with them, it looked like fun but not for me. Back home it turned out to be one of the coldest winters we have experienced since moving here in 1990. Our winters are usually a few days of cool weather then warm up again, this time the cold (30's) for us lingered on for weeks at a time. Spring arrived and we spent Easter Break in Miami visiting Alexa and Paul Andrew, everytime we see them its amazing how fast they are growing. From Miami we headed to Richmond, then on to Luray Caverns and the Shenandoah Mts. to stay in a "Yurt" at Shenandoah Crossings. Tina's brother Bob joined us for a few days. It was a little cool, but nice to be in the mountains and be able to smell the flowers and trees. May 1st. Alexa had a Minnie Mouse birthday party. Everyone had a great time playing in the giant bounce house even some of the adults. Later in the month I finally got to visit the Georgia Mts. Tina and I flew to Atlanta, then drove to Helen Ga. and spent a week driving around the area visiting several state parks and doing lots of hiking. Looks like we found an area that we can get to in a few hours and be able to relax and do the things we enjoy. In June Dave, Lori and "Jack" their dog came for a visit. It was fun to see our cats and Jack interact, they all got along very well, mainly they ignored each other. Our indoor cat family includes, Tyger, Meschu, Sassy, Symba and Tootsie. After school ended for Tina in mid June, we headed for Pittsburgh for a ten day trip through Western Penna. We visited my brothers, Paul, John, Steve and spent some time with my college roommate Tom and wife Susie. Tina and I spent several days in a cabin in Cooks Forest and a B&B in Lock Haven. Pa. Like in the Ga. Mts., I took some great photo:s and we enjoyed the hiking. It was great going back to past places to visit, it brought back many memories and stories from those days long ago, some places have changed, but some are the same as they were back then. We visited the Drake Oil Well in Titusville and saw the first school I worked at and even saw my first apartment in Pleasantville, Pa. when I began teaching in 1964. July we headed for Marathon in the Fla. Keys to stay at the "Hammocks" one of our Bluegreen properties, this is our "get away for a few days" place, but this time it was windy, so no fishing or snorkeling, but we did visit Tina's brother Tom and wife Anita down on Sugarloaf key. Also got to see "Corky" their Jack Russell terrier. In August we went on a cruise with Gloria's parents, the Armands and her grand parents, the Menendez's, her sister Cristy and Alexa and Paul Andrew. We all had a great time, the grand parents, great grand parents and grand kids. Our summer hurricane season was quiet again, not sure how long we will get lucky, but we will take every summer we can get. From the Ga. Mts, to the Penna. hills to in October we went to the Adirondack Mts. in NY and Vt. with our close neighbors Charlie and Mary. We stayed in a beautiful cabin on Blue Mt. Lake and a Victorian Inn in Leonardsville, where Charlie and Mary grew up and lived. For Thanksgiving we had a big family get together here in Estero, Uncle Bob also joined us from Va. and Uncle Tom and Anita came up from the Keys. Lori and Dave announced they were moving to Aurora, Co. Lori is there now working for Raython and Dave will be joining her mid January. Tina loves Colorado, so this will give her more reasons for visiting the Colorado area. For Xmas this year we hope, weather permitting we are going to Wisconsin Dells in Wi. for a few days of skiing for Dan and Dave and maybe Tina, me no way, I'll spend my time inside the giant nearby waterpark relaxing with my iPad. Xmas in Estero this year, with many hopes for next year. Lori starting her new job, Dave working on his writing career Paul finishing his two Master's degrees and Dan graduating from UCF in May. It has been a busy year, but we are all healthy and just getting older. To read and see pictures about our family travels check our website- [www.Csonka.net](http://www.Csonka.net). Check out my photography&jewelry website at [GeneCsonka.com](http://GeneCsonka.com) and Dave's writings at [Naturally Engineered.com](http://Naturally Engineered.com). He has had several articles published. Enjoy the Holidays and New Year, see you on the Internet highway.

Tina & Gene