



Christmas, 2007

My dear friends:

Well here we are again, same computer, different year. I can't believe 2007 is about to come to a close; it seems like it was just yesterday that I sat here doing this.

My health continues to behave itself; I guess after 51 years, it knows who's boss, and knows I won't take any crap. I continue to get good reports from the doctors, and for that, I am very grateful. I have had no major issues this year at all. I did have arthroscopic surgery on my knee in August, but that wasn't life threatening or particularly dangerous, although the problem still exists and I am dealing with it best I can.

Mom turned 86 in June, and she continues to be active with her Pearl Harbor group and the City of Hope. How, is beyond me, but she does. She continues to drive, and shows no signs of health issues that you might otherwise expect. Art will be 86 in April, and he has had some rough moments this year, but he has pulled through those, and continues to do well. He is the National Vice President of the Pearl Harbor Survivor Association and takes his post very seriously and reverently.

As Carlos and I approach year #9, we continue to cherish the time we have together. He began working in January for a company that deals in education with the Los Angeles Unified School District. He has education in his blood and loves working with the kids. We were once again in San Diego for Thanksgiving, spending a couple days there, enjoying the season.

In October, I went to Oregon to visit with a new friend, Mark, and he and I have become absolute best friends in such a very short period of time. Mark is a recording artist, and I first heard one of his albums about 12 years ago, and I remember thinking what a great experience it might be some day to meet him because we both enjoy the same music and share the same ideas about many things. Mark and I treasure the love and caring we both provide each other. And me, at 60 years old...who said you couldn't teach an old dog new tricks?? Mark is my inspiration to begin recording again, and after the first of the year, I will be working on an album called "Inspired By Love".

No trips to speak of this year. We did manage to get to San Francisco to see Connie Francis in concert again, but for the most part, not many trips.

Scott will be 30 in March, and he and Liz are planning to be married in August. He is working for a medical supply company and seems to enjoy it. Katie is on the way to the alter again in October; she and her fiancé are very good for each other. I am very proud of both my kids and the way they love and respect each other. Kristy just turned 9 and is in the 4th grade, and doing very well. I don't see her as much as I'd like, so the time we have together is special.

Wishing you a happy, healthy 2007 with all that is warm and kind, from my heart to yours.

*Michael*