



Dear Friends & Family,

We've had a great 2010 and hope yours has been, too. After a lovely New Year's event at the Victoria & Albert's restaurant at the Grand Floridian, Dani headed back to Northwestern to continue her Pre-Med and Film studies. Along with all her schoolwork she found time to enter her novel, *The Last Telepath*, in Amazon's Breakthrough Novel Contest, where she placed in the top 50 out of 5,000 entries. She's also just completed a feature-length screenplay, *A Quintessence of Dust*, which is equally good.

Linda continues to have more Disney projects than her 50+ her brain can juggle simultaneously. Suffice it to say she is happy if somewhat addled on a continuing basis. :-)

Alcorn McBride has had a record year, and all aspects of the company are running well enough that Steve is starting to wonder what his job is. But he continues to stay busy teaching online writing classes through 1500 colleges, with about 2000 students a year. He's published a new book, *Theme Park Design*, available on Amazon. This was also his 20th year judging wines at the Florida State Fair.

Steve took the summer off, and went to Chicago where Dani was cramming a year of Chemistry classes into nine weeks. He enjoyed playing chef every night, and exploring Evanston during the day.

Linda joined him for a weekend, and the two of them had fun on a dinner cruise on Lake Michigan (right). He also managed to pry Dani away from her studies long enough to see James Taylor, Carol King, The Doobie Brothers and Chicago. (Linda and Steve also saw Neil Diamond, The Eagles and Elton John—the theme here is old people—but the best concert of the year was newcomer Vienna Teng.)

In September all three of us flew to London for a week of plays and dining, and then departed from Southampton on a transatlantic cruise. We went on a lovely hike in Cornwall (above). The shot was taken using a panning landscape mode—Linda's head *is* big but not quite that big. Unfortunately the weather didn't cooperate, and after Dublin (above right) we missed a couple of ports, but we did get to Qaqortoq, Greenland, a town in serious need of the letter "u." The cruise ended in New York, where we had a great weekend of more plays and dining, and then Dani headed back to Chicago for a year of Organic Chemistry torture.

We're finishing off the year where it began, with our traditional Christmas Eve dinner at Victoria & Albert's.

We wish you an absolutely *fantastic* 2011,

Steve, Linda and Dani Alcorn

