

Additionally we are planning a trip to Montreal in July, where Roger's chorus will compete for the 17th time in a row on the International stage, (a feat that NO other chorus has come close to accomplishing). If any of you wish to consider joining us on any of these adventures, just let us know. This Canadian trip is special, since some of Theresa's roots go back to Montreal. Grandpa Nappy's ancestors came from there.

As for other milestones, we each celebrated with classmates from high school on the occasions of each of our 45th year class reunions. Although we had a great time, We are all hoping for larger turnouts for the 50ths.

Speaking of reunions, Bless cousins, please count us in to help facilitate some type of a family reunion at least by 2005...we can just make it a simple pot luck in the park somewhere. We can visit with each other, and maybe some of us will want to share our trip adventures with our European cousins. (Incidentally are any of them planning to visit us again? We certainly need to repay their extraordinary hospitality.)

Very few visitors came to us from afar this year, but we did have a brief and special meeting with Theresa's nursing school roommate, LaVonne and husband Don, from California. They hail from Southern MN just like we do and we have known them for 45 years. Next summer we are looking forward to a short visit with a very special high school classmate of Theresa: Catherine Collison Simon Becker. She also lives in California. Also on our list of very special friends, we had to say good bye to Marilyn Setzler who decided to move back home to Carroll Iowa. Ask us about her new career!

Then too, we treasure our visits with our elders, those who are still left in this world. There is nothing to replace the conversations with those who created a path before us and who also have given us very special memories from as far back as our childhoods. Among these special folks are Roger's dad and wife Marlys, Roger's Aunt Vivian and husband Cord, & his Aunt Marian; Theresa's Aunt Helen, Aunt Dorothea, Aunt Jeanie, Uncle Vince, Aunt Margie, Uncle Rich and Nancy, and more. We could go on and on about our appreciation for these folks, but you have lots of other letters to read.

Basically, while not perfect anymore, our health is holding, and should for quite awhile. We both have a full team of good doctors and they do the worrying for us so we can appreciate life. Even with deficits, we are more lucky than many with these ailments. The wisdom of age allows us to pace ourselves for the important things. Life is good!