They Traveled Here...

It has been a jam-packed (and you’ve got to pack jam really well) year for the dynamic duo. They rang in the New Year with a visit from Alicia and Steve Ridgeway (a dynamic duo themselves) and they were off!! (like a bucket of prawns in the sun)

First thing was a quick trip to Atlanta to reset the heart stopping (Waffle House fix) and starting (good tour) trip.

Next was a quick trip for Theo Down Under to surprise his parents for their 50th wedding anniversary and to take the traditional family portrait on the front fence. (Oh yes, a most traditional family.)

Then, inspired by Theo & Eve, the happy couple had their own anniversary celebration in Laguna Beach, a swanky, south coast tourist town with large baths in every room.

The next momentous occasion was the May event and the whole lot of lipstick - ne ne ne - ne ne...

A LOT OF LIPSTICK

That is what Sallie had said was in the humongous box that arrived days before the big day when the old man became the – old man.

The day was perfectly pleasant and the usual suspects were assembled. There were endless tours to “view” the new bed, new decor, new fans and the impressive rack of remote controls to – well – control them remotely. And we must not forget the beautiful gazebo built just in time for the occasion.

Then there was the “BIG BOX”. It turned out to be the keys. Theo had needed for some time because he was always falling off the end of his old one. Joey had to remind him which notes were down there. But I forget the beautiful gazebo built just in time for the occasion.

The trip to Laguna got them thinking (Washington, take note!) Less big pink thing and more bath!

No sooner had the indefatigable Chuck-I-kid-you-not-Hazard started to rip up the pink thing and they were off again (peeyew). This time to Bean Town!

Next stop Athens, Georgia. This time it was Sal, for a reunion with Kate, Hans, Lee and family, Renee, and trial by merriment for her new beau, the lovely Paul.

So then our southern belle only had time to wash out her delicates before she had to pack them again. This time for the balmy breezes and the adventurous niece Kate! Americans would call her Kite but that must have been because they thought she was a high flyer.

Why else?

Here we see her with the happy couple because they were there too. What’s this? Did I hear you ask if everybody were there? Yes, in fact, they were! There was Lori, Gautam and their mystery guest who cleverly trav-
eled first class for free. Andrew & Michelle picking up extra money modeling for The Scientific Gap. Indeed there were so many friends there we cannot show them all even though they have the photos and that may make them rich eventually.

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They stayed at a fabulous resort that had a monorail and a boat to take you anywhere you wanted to take 24 hours to get to.

What a time they had! Theo didn’t stop going to the conference every day. “I’ll have to go to Maui to rest,” he said and so Lewis extended the island hand of friendship and Theo, Sal, Nils, Annette and all the hats took 5 days to sit inside a cloud that only broke long enough for the telescope to break. “That’s astronomy,” said everyone. Then back home to meet the intrepid niece. Kite had flown to San Fran, Santa Barbara, Santa Fe, San Diego and other holy sites. “I didn’t expect Klingons to know so much about our mating rituals” Young Kate was heard to say, obviously having found Mecca.

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