

December 2016

Friends, we hope this annual newsletter finds you all in good health.

**John's Highlights 2016**

I'm starting to sound like a broken record! 2016 was a laid-back year, just like 2015. There was a little travel, lots of golf, time at Innsbrook and enjoying our new pool. I have to say the pool was definitely a "grand-kid magnet". Finally, in early December I got out of my comfort zone and did something new. I went hiking in Zion National Park in Utah. It was spectacular and I WILL do it again! Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks? Happy Holidays and I hope 2017 is the best yet.



**Linda's Highlights 2016**

This year our trip out west involved visiting our kids for a nice extended weekend, then we told them, "go to work – we are being tourists the rest of our vacation"! We rented a mini-van and toured and camped along Highway 1 in the northern part of California. We saw the majestic Redwoods, played in the ocean, walked barefoot on a glass rock beach and saw amazing mountain views and city sites we've only heard stories about forever. Everyone in the family has been much healthier this year and I'm truly grateful. My very best wishes to you and your family for the holidays and throughout the coming New Year.



**Charlie's Highlights 2016**

“Oh, Eddie... If I woke up tomorrow with my head sewn to the carpet, I wouldn't be more surprised than I am now.”  
– Clark Griswold in *Christmas Vacation*

As of November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016, John, Linda, and I have officially been with Raymond James for five years. Raymond James has been incredible, but where we work is probably the only thing that hasn't changed for me during 2016. During the summer, Catherine and I sold our home in South City, which was bittersweet because it's where we started our family. However, we moved into a new home in University City and couldn't be happier. Shortly after moving into the house we found out about our next big change... we are expecting our third child this coming March. We will officially be outnumbered, but I suppose that's why grandparents exist. The new baby directly caused the third and final change... we traded in my car for our first (and hopefully last) minivan. I thought I'd be sad about that development, but I'll gladly sacrifice my car for a minivan with a backseat DVD player that keeps the kids happy... and quiet. I hope that you and your loved ones had a wonderful year, and we wish you nothing but the best in 2017!



“There is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humor.”  
-Charles Dickens

***HAPPY HOLIDAYS!***

*John*

*Charlie*

*Linda*

