



# The Hoskins Herald

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This is the Silver anniversary of our annual newsletter, and as we are slowing down a bit, it is getting harder to fill with what's been happening in our lives, so maybe we will just **INcrease** the size of the font to fill the page.

- ***If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.*** •

In late April we again trekked to Las Vegas for a week of sun in the fun at the buffets and attending a Masonic Lodge visitation.

- ***At what speed does dark travel?*** •

In mid-July we were visited by Lianne, Mark, Emily, and Zachary from Portland, Oregon -- after their several-days of romping at Disneyland.

Hugh received his 50-year membership pin from the local Masonic lodge which he served as Master 40 years ago.

- ***The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.*** •

In late July we had a short visit with a second cousin of Hugh's from the area of Cincinnati/Mason, Ohio.

- ***When everything is coming your way then you're in the wrong lane.*** •

In early August, Hugh again managed a day of attendance at a local "SHARE" convention of IBM computer programmers nearby in Anaheim. He faithfully attended these for 25 years before his retirement in 1998 and really enjoys visiting with those who are still operating in the world of Big-Iron and in his special area of interest -- IMS.

- ***A real psychic needn't ask your name.*** •

In early January, Arliss had a cataract removed from her right eye. One remains in her left and she has a mild case of Fuchs' endothelial dystrophy in both.

- ***One half of the people that you know are below average.*** •

At Christmas-time, Emily and Zachary will be 7y-11m and 6y-2m.



A few months ago our daughter gave us a new-fangled Apple-iPad. Just recently, Hugh got it set so that we were able to use it to have a video conversation with her over the InterNet in Portland. You are welcome to contact us if you have similar resources available.

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Arliss' genealogy research continues to grow. Just recently she discovered the gravesite of one of Hugh's long-lost cousins in the same cemetery as his adoptive parents. Charts and reports of such research can be found linked from our page at ...

<http://TINYURL.com/gene0000>

Arliss' recommendations for research sites on the InterNet can be found at...

<http://TINYURL.com/GENEBEST>

- ***Borrow money from a pessimist, they don't expect it back.*** •

The next technical step here will be to install the range extender that we bought last week to improve the quality of the WiFi signal in the house.

- ***Behold ... with how little wisdom the world is governed. --- Oxenstierna*** •

Doug just got over the chicken-pox; he & Bridgette remain nearby and continue to be involved in bowling, its industry, and several tournaments.

- ***Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.*** •

Thanksgiving week was spent gorging ourselves on buffets in Las Vegas where we met with one of Arliss' cousins vacationing from Sheboygan, whom she had not seen in approximately 21 years. Quite by coincidence/accident we passed Hugh's oncologist for a few moments in an elevator at our time share exchange condo. His chemo treatments continue, as see <http://TINYURL.com/hughstat>

***Always  
Remember  
The ...***



***...Reason  
for the  
Season.***

# Merry Christmas

## HAPPY NEW YEAR !

