# Happy Holidays from the Heisel Family 2017

Rachel has a new job with a medical software company. Robbie makes his way to Kroger each working day - rain, shine, heat or cold he gets there. James is near graduation from Colorado State in Fort Collins, look for that December 2018. Joe is in his second year at Colorado State checking out Performance Arts. Libby is a freshman at Frisco High, being the 5th child we have sent to the Raccoons.

#### Paul (Go Dodgers! [still] writing, An Emperor's Fury Part 4, Shadow of War, NHL18 – cell phone 214-763-1380)

Paul got to go to London on business for a short trip, but got marooned there because of an equipment malfunction. Highlights for this year include moving the office to The Star in Frisco, which is 2 miles from the house and is the HQ of the Dallas Cowboys. We regularly get to see Mr. Jones land his helicopter on the field and watch the Cowboys practice. We went to the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, Denver, and Albuquerque this year. Dodgers made it to the World Series and they will be back next year! Go Islanders too!

#### Deb (new pharmacy job, kettle corn, volunteering – cell phone 214-803-0672)

Deb works for Baylor-Scott and White, switching pharmacy jobs just after this letter was written last year (and mentioned, if you recall). It is part time and NOT 3<sup>rd</sup> shift, so we are thankful for a better schedule. A new Kindle (died and replaced for free) gives her more books to read. We updated the kitchen cabinets and added new hardware, so it is looking sharp. We can't believe how quickly *Game of Thrones* went this year and we will have to wait sometime for the final season. She and Libby volunteer a lot, and they are thankful for the opportunities to serve others. We had an interesting discussion on Easter eggs in movies that Deb thought were real eggs.

#### Rachel (25-1/2 – quarter century mark, still having fun with D&D and anime – cell phone 214-763-1384)

Rachel has a new job with a software company assisting them with – everything! She handles their social media and is learning other parts of the office workings. It is a small company that she can grow with. So far so good! Her love of anime conventions and gaming conventions is constant, and she's been sewing blankets in her spare time in addition to making costumes. We made wings this year from electrical wire, foam sheets, plasti-dip, and a bunch of on-the-fly engineering. Who needs tutorials? Not Dad.

## Robbie (24 - working at Kroger, still opinionated, was the star of our trip to the Grand Canyon - cell phone 469-980-9716)

Rob was the most interesting person at the Grand Canyon with his dinosaur hat. Who doesn't want to walk around in rarified air and in the heat with a dinosaur hat? He's seen many movies this year and always has games and unique movies on his lists for Christmas and his birthday. He got the original *Godzilla* for his birthday and thoroughly enjoyed it. We have great (funny or just plain weird) text exchanges – just ask him about if you like Pina Ecolda's and getting caught with disease.

## James (22 – in college – Master Builder, Nintendo Smash King, cell phone 214-763-1383)

James is enjoying apartment life at Colorado State University in Fort Collins with his roommate, who is in Construction Management as well. It is looking like DEC 2018 graduation with an internship this summer. He started driving for Uber part time, and strategically targeted areas and days to maximize his rides. We are proud of his accomplishments in school and the different groups he has joined, and can't wait for him to continue on with the next phase of his life.

#### Joseph (19-1/2 – New Call of Duty, still likes Overwatch, writes a lot of papers at school – cell phone 214-620-7498)

Joe found college to be challenging in a good way, making him think more about his future and what he wants to do. He is investigating Performance Arts as a major, and spends much of his time watching and critiquing plays, TV shows, commercials, and movies. It is amazing how 22 minutes of TV can be analyzed for current events, political viewpoints, and taboo subject matter. He lives with three other young men in a house, which he is enjoying. We are looking forward to getting caught up when they are home for Christmas.

## Libby (14-1/2 – loves musicals and fantasy, reading fanatic, doing great in school – cell phone 214-449-9097)

Libby had maintained a torrid pace of reading, amazing us by listening to and reading different books simultaneously. She and Dad are regular fans of the campy (but cool) Shannara Chronicles. Dad loves it because Will's hair is always perfect in the show, no matter what is happening, and they have a good laugh about it at opportune times. Libby has discovered clothes and shoes, consulting with her brother Joe on what is the good stuff. Driving lessons are coming up, so we will be taking that plunge soon. God help us.

#### Brodie (9-1/2? - STILL the King of Oakhurst, loves (demands!) his walks at 5AM with Paul, spoiled rotten dog)

Brodie owns the household when he's not sleeping. For an older dog, he is still spry and can move when he needs to, particularly when there is ham involved or some critter coming into the front yard. He is photogenic, just look at the collage on the next page.

