Happy Holidays from the Heisel Family 2016

Rachel walked the stage in May for graduation from Southern Methodist University! Robbie still works at Kroger near our house and is enjoying being "The Working Dude." James transferred to Colorado State in Fort Collins. Joe graduated from Frisco High and is attending Colorado State with his brother. Libby is in 8th Grade at Hunt Middle School and getting ready for high school next year.

Paul (Go Dodgers! writing, An Emperor's Fury, Captain America: Civil War, NHL17 - cell phone 214-763-1380)

Paul took the Amazon Kindle plunge and published *An Emperor's Fury* series of books through Kindle Direct Publishing. If you like e-books, check them out. Just search Paul Heisel at amazon.com. Regular work is going well at FM Global in Dallas, and he traveled to Montreal, Boston, and New York this year. The car nut saga continues with him loving his sweet M235i which now has a ceramic coating, though he is secretly in love with Maserati.

Deb (ER pharmacist, Gucci connoisseur, Skinny Pop Popcorn – cell phone 214-803-0672)

Deb made a change and works as the emergency room pharmacist. Think you have a bad day? What she sees weekly in the ER in Dallas – well, just read the news. Currently she is taking a new job at Baylor Scott and White. She went to Chicago for her sister's 50th birthday and had a great time. She reads a lot when she can and we enjoyed the pool and re-landscaped backyard this summer. She loves *Game of Thrones* and wishes Martin would get his butt in gear. John Snow is alive, so she has been resting easy, and can't wait for the next season to begin.

Rachel (24-1/2 - new apartment, new ride, dog walker - look out 2017! - cell phone 214-763-1384)

Rachel has been testing the job market while working for a company that is a data consultant for the Toll Authority. She's staying busy with her hobbies, moved away from SMU, got a new Honda Civic, and walks dogs. It was great to see her graduate and walk the stage in May, and we are so proud of her. Her love of anime conventions and gaming conventions remains, and she's still passionate about creating her own cosplay (costumes) herself. Dad helps a bit and has made "cool" stuff out of duct tape. We'll leave it at that.

Robbie (23 – Enjoyed Dick's Last Resort for his birthday, New Gears of War, Dark Souls 1,2,3 – cell phone 469-980-9716)

Rob is always looking for interesting places to visit and topics to discuss. We had a hilarity meltdown listening to him talk about the Presidential election; none of it can be repeated in a Christmas Letter. He had a good time being insulted at Dick's Last Resort, where we went for his birthday and braved accident-riddled traffic on the tollway (there happened to be a Stars game that night as well). Work at Kroger is good and he enjoys the second shift mostly so he can sleep in. He likes his video games and going to the movies. This year he had his wisdom teeth removed, but that hasn't stopped the wisecracks as we hoped.

James (21 - in college - Nintendo Smash King, cell phone 214-763-1383)

James is enjoying life at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. Construction management is still his goal. He works out regularly and stays in shape, and he enjoys entering Smash Brothers (Nintendo) tournaments. He said the players at CSU are good. While he was home for Thanksgiving, he visited many friends around the area and it was great getting up in the morning to see unfamiliar shoes at the door and his friends' cars parked out front. I'm sure we'll have the same at Christmas break.

Joseph (18-1/2 – Call of Duty, Overwatch, Fashion Guru – cell phone 214-620-7498)

Joe graduated from Frisco High (we have pictures to prove it). Over the course of the year, he exercised, worked out, and lost an astounding 60 lbs. and is looking good, tall, and lean. He attends Colorado State with his brother James, but they aren't in the same dorm. At college, he studies hard and has adjusted to life with a roommate, though he did declare when he came home for Thanksgiving, "Space!" as he plopped into his room. He wants to go to New York with his mom and check out the clothing shops.

Libby (13-1/2 - loves musicals, reading fanatic, doing great in school - cell phone 214-449-9097)

Well the reading switch went off this year and Libby is a voracious reader and loves fantasy, epic fantasy, and similar series of books. If she's not doing homework or listening to musicals (Hamilton, etc.), she's reading a book or listening to one on Audible. Libby has thinned out and grown, but still not as tall as Deb. Libby and Dad still watch movies together, though it has diminished because she is always reading books. Next year driving lessons, yikes, it is that time AGAIN?

Brodie (8-1/2? - the King of Oakhurst, did faceplant off curb, loves his walks at 5AM with Paul)

Brodie is the master of sleeping. Deb works nights – he sleeps during the day with her. Paul works days – he sleeps during the night with him. He's still Deb's dog and he doesn't like it when she leaves. He's playful so I corrected his age, I don't think he's that old.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE HEISEL FAMILY



