# Happy Holidays from the Heisel Family 2014

Rachel is finishing up at Southern Methodist University and will be graduating in the spring of 2015. Robbie is an enthusiastic worker at Kroger near our house, James is a freshman at Collin College and graduated from Frisco High, Joe is a junior at Frisco High and playing baseball for the Dallas Patriots, and Libby is in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade at Hunt Middle School. They are all so different, all so wonderful!

#### Paul (driving BMW, loves baseball, writing, movie "Pitch Perfect" and Dragonage: Inquisition – cell phone 214-763-1380)

Paul continues to write, working on his *An Emperor's Fury* series of books. Regular work is going well at FM Global in Dallas. Like last year, he spent lots of time (and vacation days) going to Joe's baseball games. There were two trips to play ball in Oklahoma. One of the best things this year was/is spending time with his brother, Jeff, who comes by every weekend to hone the family culinary skills.

#### Deb (driving Lexus, pharmacy employed and crushes candy – cell phone 214-803-0672)

Deb is still working at Methodist on the night shift and picks up days at one of their other campuses. Get in touch with her on Facebook or by cell phone. Her big joy this year is a new Lexus GX-460 to get her to and from work. It pretty much does everything except drive the car for you. It's a perfect size as our nest will start to shrink in the coming years. What little spare time she has is devoted to bible study, reading, and mom's groups. Her and Paul are avid fans of *Game of Thrones*.

#### Rachel (22-1/2 - driving Ford Focus, loves Japan - cell phone 214-763-1384)

Rachel took her Japanese proficiency test this December and is graduating in the spring of 2015 with a degree in International Studies and minor in Japanese. She is on the home stretch, so the next destination is real Jobville which will be a drastic departure from IHOP and going to school full time. While her travel wasn't as extensive this year as the last, she's stayed busy with school and her hobbies – sewing costumes and anime conventions. Santa will be bringing her a new serger.

#### Robbie (21 - not driving, had his first legal drink with the family, got a job, planning for the future of his empire)

Over the past year Rob has really grown as a person. He works at the Kroger near our house, mainly second shift, and it is close enough he can walk to and from work. Recently he took the family out for dinner and paid with his hard earned cash and 21 years of birthday money that was all layered into his 4" thick wallet (think George Costanza). He enjoys his videogames, going to the movies, and being a workingman. We are so proud of him and the steps forward that he is taking.

#### James (19 – driving Honda Civic, in college – cell phone 214-763-1383)

After graduating for Frisco High, James decided to attend Collin College. His plan is to transfer into another Texas school where he can pursue construction management. When he's not spending time with his steady girlfriend, he works at Cinemark Theatres at Frisco Square. The rest of the time he spends hanging with friends. He had a taste of 'big school' life when he spent a weekend down at UT Austin with friends from Frisco High who attend there. At least he came back.

### Joseph (16-1/2 - driving Nissan Altima, baseball fanatic, Call of Duty marksman - cell phone 214-620-7498)

Baseball continues to be a major focus of his life and keeps his schedule full year round. He took off the fall from baseball to rest his arm, and he's in rehab right now getting ready for high school ball and summer baseball with the Patriots. He had a good summer season, went 6-4 as a starting pitcher on an excellent Patriots team. He's still growing (don't know if this is good or bad), about 6'2" with a solid baseball player's frame. We're looking forward to more baseball and what is waiting for him at the college level.

#### Libby (11-1/2 – driving US Kray-Zee, sings in the choir, getting taller, doing well in school – cell phone 214-449-9097)

Libby is still 'crafty' and uses spare somethings to make any craft she can think of. She has her own iPhone and iPad, and is now in middle school. Already she is independent, getting herself up each day, texting her friends in the morning, and leaving early for the bus stop to have fun before school. Summer swimming is still important. This past year Libby and her dad went on a spree of watching movies and sequels – Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings, The Mummy, Star Wars, Indiana Jones, Twilight, Hobbit, etc. The gem we found this year for movies was "Pitch Perfect". If you haven't seen it, please do so. College a capella! Aca-awesome!

## Brodie (9-1/2 - not driving (yet), top dog, spoiled, well-loved, afraid of his water bowl)

Brodie is still chasing rabbits and any other critter that comes near the house, including kids on bikes, moms pushing their strollers, and well, just about anything that comes near the house he gets excited about. No outlandish stories of escape this year, in fact, he's been good about sticking around the house and not running off. I didn't get him a cell phone either as I mentioned a couple of years ago. He's healthy and happy, so we couldn't ask for more from our little pooch.



# MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE HEISEL FAMILY













