

*December 2014*

*Greetings to family and friends. 2014 has been a busy year:*

Rory has worked very hard continuing to build CHPSO with lots of meetings and business trips plus long days/hours at the office.

Beth's very involved with Davis Community Meals and STEAC (local organizations that help persons/families struggling financially). Beth also works at Logos, a nonprofit bookstore in Davis that supports *Doctors without Borders* and *Save the Children*. She exercises and walks regularly plus continues to enjoy her book club and friends.

Beth and Rory took a fantastic cruise in September to the Aegean and Adriatic Seas starting in Athens, Greece and including Ephesus, Turkey; Greek Islands (Mykonos, Santorini, and Crete); Kotor, Montenegro; and Venice, Italy. It was a lovely time. We had ichthyotherapy in Crete (in our holiday picture) which was fun and surprisingly



*Idelle Jaffe, 1920-2014, with Adam, Jill and Cody*

relaxing! We met some great people and tried our best not to overeat! The cruise line food was very good.

Jill and Adam, her fiancé, are busy planning for their upcoming April 2015 wedding. They just bought a house in the Oakland hills and are having fun furnishing it.

Cody is teaching English in Thailand. He left in early May and will finish next March, in time for Jill's wedding. He's been traveling all over Thailand and even met up with Davis friends and went to Japan (pictured on the card). It's been a challenging experience for him at times teaching middle-school kids. But, he's risen to the occasion and has gained a lot of self-confidence and reliance along the way. We're proud of him.

Beth and Rory are super excited to visit Cody in late December/early January in Thailand. We're looking forward to seeing the country almost as much as our wonderful son!

Sadly, Rory's Mom, Idelle, died in October after a very lengthy illness. She was 94 years old and lived a very long and full life. She was a very devoted wife, sister, aunt, mother and grandmother.

We added another new member to our household last April. Her name is Talia and she is a Chihuahua/Dachshund mix. She was a senior (10 yrs. old) rescue that needed a home and our hearts went out to her. She has quickly made herself right at home and is definitely the prima donna of the house!



*Talia*

*Wishing all our family and friends a happy and healthful 2015!*

*xoxo, Beth, Rory, and Talia (Jill, Adam and Cody)*