

Christmas 2022 Letter (David M Gay)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! The good news is that I feel fine. The bad news is that the latest MRI showed growth of my brain tumor (non-malignant *pilocytic astrocytoma*). Consequently I am undergoing radiation therapy. On workdays (not weekends) I have a treatment. This will go on until mid-January. Later another MRI will show how useful the exercise was. Because of the treatments, I will remain in Albuquerque this holiday season. I am also entertaining thoughts of moving to a facility that could help me should I need it.

I went on some nice trips this year. Best was a week in the upper Amazon part of Peru (late June – early July). We saw many birds, mostly a considerable distance away, but also various other critters. We slept and ate on a large boat and rode in small “skiffs” to see the critters and countryside. Later in July, I also attended a meeting in Bethlehem, PA, and did some visiting along the way. In particular, I saw my Uncle Charles (youngest brother of my natural mother) and his step-son and daughter-in-law near Syracuse, and after the meeting some friends and a colleague in the Boston area. I am very glad to have seen Uncle Charles when I did, as he died last month – last of that generation. In August I attended my 55th high-school reunion (and also saw several relatives) and enjoyed having Elizabeth and Kim (sister and brother-in-law) visit here. In October I attended a nice company meeting in Indianapolis. For Thanksgiving, I visited cousin Jeffrey and various family.

I still miss Tanner greatly, but enjoy going to various events (such as concerts) with friends. I also still enjoy singing in the Cathedral Choir (St. John’s Episcopal Cathedral), the Symphonic Chorus and the Sandia Singers. Check <https://daveandtanner.net> for recent additions (such as a history of AMPL from my perspective).



Home for a week



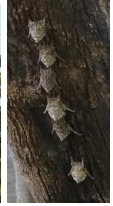
River dolphin



Cranes



Iguana



Bats



Confluence of a tributary (dark) and Amazon (brown)



a skiff



Monkey



Tiny frog



Local family fishing



Tarantula