

Christmas 2024 Letter (David M Gay)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! The good news is that I still feel fine. The bad news is the outcome of the recent presidential election. Great lessons for the world: lies work; money talks; clever lawyers can subvert the legal system. I used to be proud to be an American; now I am ashamed. So much for making us “great again”.

A few months ago I had successful cataract surgery on both eyes; now I can see a bit better at night. Because of the danger of complications (which did not arise), I did not undertake any big expeditions. I did have nice family visits in Michigan, Colorado, and (going home from a meeting in Montreal) the Chicago suburbs of Elmhurst and Glen Ellyn. I also attended a meeting in Seattle and stayed a couple of days afterwards to work with colleagues.

Another recent event: I got new hearing aids that work somewhat better than the old ones: a bit of progress.

Echoing last year, I still miss Tanner greatly, but enjoy attending events, such as concerts, with friends. I still enjoy singing in the New Mexico Symphonic Chorus and Sandia Singers. I’m now with a new group, the Schola, at the Cathedral of St. John. We are trying to help interest kids in choral music and to attract more attendees to the 9:15 service.

Again I am enclosing a couple of pages on ideas that I hope would make some things better. Maybe you can convince me to change some of my views. Check <https://daveandtanner.net> for possible recent additions.

I cannot seem to make LibreOffice Writer put captions under pictures, so here are the intended captions: 1 Three Nieces; 2 Many of their kids; 3 Dave & Mehi (Mehiddin Al-Baali) in Montreal; 4 Some of the AMPL team at a meeting in Seattle; 5 Balloon Fiesta (after the Sandia Singers sang the National Anthem).

