

For Tim and Cristina, the prevailing condition
In 2011 was one of transition.

When retirement beckoned, Tim said "Count me in.
I'm ready for the next phase of life to begin."

So we're travelling more to live life to the brim.
And each day at home begins with a swim.

We made use of January's wintery chill,
To ski at Mt. Shasta along with brother Bill.

But when we craved a warmer sensation,
The Isle of Kauai was the right destination.

We followed the sun to Spring Training's Southwest,
And tacked on a visit to Tucson's bookfest.

Said adios to Skip and Robin, and the next great idea,
Was to keep heading south to see Bien and Maria.

On our road trip to Oregon the temperature dropped,
But we loved every venue where the Element stopped.

When the Right Coast warmed up, we hopped on a plane,
To Leah and David and Sarah's domain.

We hiked in the Rockies on the Inn to Inn plan,
And spent quality time with friends Joe and Ann.

We did quite the same with the Mammoth crew.
Enjoyed marvelous meals and view after view.

We visited Maine. Thanks, Maria and Scott.
And gave New Hampshire and Vermont a shot.

This year will end (my, how it has flown),
To witness how much granddaughter Sarah has grown.

So much we are grateful for, though we've lost two dear friends.*
Please accept the warm wishes this doggerel sends.

**Kermit & Ad: We miss you.*



With Patricia & Kermit at Salt Point



Ad & Cristina in the kitchen at Thanksgiving



Back in Paradise



Winter Wonderland



With Robin & Skip in Tucson



With Bien & Maria in San Felipe



Leah Sarah David



With Scott & Maria in Maine



With Terry, Norm, Richard, Camille & George in Mammoth



Rocky Mtn. hike with Ann & Joe