

## Christmas 2015

2015 was an eventful year between all the traveling and ball games!

In February, I went to the RootsTech conference in Salt Lake City with my friend (and cousin) Joanne Asch. This annual conference is a mixture of technology and genealogy. We went to sessions and learned new software and genealogy techniques. One of the keynote speakers was Donny Osmond and I really enjoyed him. He was corny and kitschy and picked on his sister Marie; he sang and danced for us at 9:30 in the morning; but you could tell he had done his own family tree and knew what he was talking about.



Jim and I traveled to Arizona in March to pick up furniture my Dad was downsizing in preparation for their move to a retirement center in Phoenix. For the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, we went out to Minnesota to a big bash put on by our friends Tim and Natalie Matthewson. We went boating, ate walleye, drank apple pie moonshine, played games, had bonfires, blew off fireworks, and went to the Mall of America and a Twins game. Perfect Midwest vacation. In August, I spent a week visiting Uncle Bill in Trenton, New Jersey, and now have become addicted to the Stephanie Plum bounty hunter novels by Janet Evanovich which are set there.

In between all the traveling, I got a new position (and promotion!) at work. In May, I became a Senior Researcher in the Office of Planning and Analysis for the Colorado Department of Corrections. My new duties include monthly statistical reporting for the Department and ad-hoc internal and external data requests on just about anything you can think of (we get a lot of requests from the ACLU). The Department is initiating a project to replace our computer system, so I have been involved in that. ☺ At the end of the year I will have been with the State for 25 years! (Good grief, that's a quarter century). I'm under 900 days until retirement – but who's counting!!

The other big news of 2015 was my car accident in November. A woman blew a red light one morning while I was on my way to work and I t-boned her going about 40. Her 1992 armor plated Ford Explorer barely had a dent (she could drive it away) but the little blue car got totaled. I ended up with a free ride to the ER for chest and knee x-rays, and a month later still feel creaky (maybe it's my age...) All I can say is WEAR YOUR SEAT BELT.

We are still in the same house doing the same stuff. I've been fortunate to be able to go to the Denver Broncos home games this year as part of Uncle Myron's season tickets, and have CC hockey, Air Force football and basketball, and Colorado Rockies games to fill my time. Jim works making golf clubs, doing music at the church, driving the school bus, and making holiday toffee and peanut brittle.

Hoping you have a wonderful and eventful Christmas season and 2016!



The little blue car - 2009 - 2015



Yes, me and another child – Brystal – BJ and Audrey’s daughter.

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Uncle Myron and I at the Broncos game

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