

# Season's Greetings 2006!

From the Bloom Family



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The right to affection, love, and understanding. The right to adequate nutrition and medical care. The right to free education. The right to full opportunity for play and recreation. The right to a name and nationality. The right to special care, if handicapped. The right to be among the first to receive relief in times of disaster. The right to learn to be a useful member of society and to develop individual abilities. The right to be brought up in a spirit of peace and universal brotherhood. The right to enjoy these rights, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national, or social origin.

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Sherry's 50th High School Reunion  
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Marty Bloom-This was a year of many operas, choral performances and significant personal events. In February I received an implant setting the stage for a sound processor (BAHA) which I received in May enabling me to hear on my deaf (right side). Sherry underwent arthroscopic rotator cuff surgery in April and has been in physical therapy since. We just joined the PRIUS family of environmentally friendly hybrid car owners. In June we attended the wedding of Alan Thomas and Victoria Gellert near Anchorage. We attended operas in LA, Orange County (for the KIROV RING and BORIS), San Francisco, Seattle and Salzburg, in addition to San Diego. Chorally speaking, I sang, among others, Mendelssohn's ELIJAH, Brahms REQUIEM, Bernstein's CHICHESTER PSALMS, will have done the Mozart CORONATION MASS twice before year's end, and of course, the MESSIAH.



**SHERRY BLOOM** -No tennis this year except 5 minutes against a backboard to exercise my right shoulder. I had major rotator cuff surgery in April after falling during "Tosca" in Orange County Opera House last Nov. & spraining my ankle. This condition and the slow real estate market were difficult for me this year. After weekly physical therapy and love and attention from family and friends, I am 95% + recovered! So I had a lot of fun going to other operas. We saw Anna Netrebko in "Don Pasquale" at the Met and will see her in "La Boheme" next month and "I Puritani" in Jan. We enjoyed her performance in "Marriage of Figaro" in Salzburg this summer. Dave, Stella and I will see the World Premiere of the Met's "The First Emperor". They came with a Red Hatter friend, Rhoda, and me to a week of opera at Santa Fe, NM. We also saw plays at the Old Globe, N. County Rep and small theatres as well as symphonies. I go to all Marty's performances and we can email you his "Upcoming Performances" so you don't miss any. We love having "Musical Soiree's" at our home with musicians who play piano, sing, opera DVD's, and "Ted Talks about San Diego Opera's Upcoming Performances". My Red Hatter group is great and we have Walks, Talks, and Fun!! I've collected a dozen red hats, as well as others & am called "The Fun Hat Lady,"



DAVID BLOOM: and Stella shared our 12th wedding anniversary this year. We made some improvements to our yard and grew the best vegetable garden yet. Leading the San Diego Association of Geologists as Vice President on our annual field trip October 27-29, 2006, and editing the accompanying field trip guidebook was a much bigger project than I had anticipated (sandiegogeologists.org). We explored a little known side canyon in Canyon Sin Nombre in the Coyote Mountains, and a gorge in West Mortero Wash, Volcanic Hills, southeastern San Diego County. The book is published and if you missed the trip, you can purchase it through Sunbelt Publications (sunbeltpub.com). I continue to support Navy environmental activities even as my company is acquired by General Dynamics. My office is located in Point Loma. I ride my bike 11 miles each way to work. I also attempt a longer weekend ride when I have the time. I especially enjoyed January's Stagecoach Century in the Anza-Borrego Desert (shadowtour.com). I was selected as a member of the Technical Advisory Committee of the State Board for Geologists (geology.ca.gov). I completed a full season of outrigger canoeing with Hanohano, culminating with a thrilling 9-man race from Catalina Island to Newport Harbor (hanohano.org). I once again helped lead Boy Scout Troop 506 on a canoe trip on the lower Colorado River. Before he moved to Europe, Daniel and I took a 4-day 1700-mile road trip in March to see the Grand Canyon with quick stops at Wupatiki, Zion Canyon, Lake Mead, and Las Vegas. In November, I hiked from the South Rim to the bottom, hung out at Phantom Ranch, hiked to Ribbon Falls, then back up to the South Rim. I enjoyed hiking through the world's largest geologic cliche. Stella and I enjoyed meeting Aunt Elaine and old and new friends at the World Science Fiction Convention in Anaheim (worldcon.org). We continue to help promote science fiction locally (conjecture.org). I enjoyed more Opera performances in one year than I've seen in any previous year. I think it's 20! I especially enjoy accompanying my parents on their opera trips. My website muststayawake.com contains many highlights including photos of my activities.



Stella Bloom

This year I had a great time volunteering with the San Diego Speculative Fiction Society, which hosts Conjecture, an annual science fiction convention here in San Diego. [www.conjecture.org](http://www.conjecture.org). I also joined a writing group with some of my friends. Though I haven't written much this year, I have enjoyed reading others' work and joining in the discussion.

I planted a huge vegetable garden this spring, and read many dozens of books on organic gardening. I grew heirloom tomatoes for the first time. My favorite variety is Russian Rose. We also enjoyed homegrown lettuce, beets, spinach, broccoli, Chinese broccoli, snow peas, carrots, Persian cucumbers, zucchini, basil, French sorrel, rosemary, bell peppers and Tahitian squash (which grow about 3 feet long). For a period of several months, I didn't have to buy any vegetables at the store at all.

David and I attended the World Science Fiction convention in Los Angeles, and Condor and Conzilla in San Diego. We also saw many operas with Marty and Sherry, including trips to New York and Santa Fe.



• jeff bloom - @ age 40 here is a Reflection of my life....so far....

Born @ Tourmaline Street in 1966, Bird Rocker 1971, Soccer Team Sea World Stingrays 1976, Jonh Muir School @ Mohawk Street 1981, Performed music w/ AOL "Army Of Love" 1984, moved to West LA Fade Away 1986, New York S.F. and Seattle Washington in 1989, The True Shamu Story unfolds in Vancouver B.C. Canada 1990-1999 w/ Blackfish Recordings & the Production of jeff bloom's masterpiece "Spirit Of The Islands" CD. Check out my website @ [www.jeffbloommusic.com](http://www.jeffbloommusic.com)

Now my time is spent (still) learning how to Surf @ Tourmaline Surf Park, Performing, Recording Music + Video Production, 2006 @ Earthfair San Diego, Ocean Beach Farmers Market and in B.C. w/ Bounty Hunt. Play Song # 3 from my jeff bloom "New Style" CD. Chorus: Peace On Earth, Peace On Earth, The Children Cry for "Peace On Earth"!

Happy New Year, jeff "turtle" bloom

