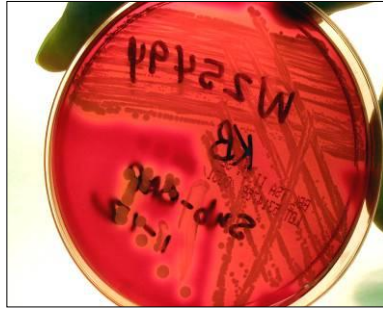


MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Hi, everyone! We hope this finds you all well and in the midst of a Happy Holiday Season.

Bob started out the year incarcerated in Wyandotte Hospital with a sick elbow. No kidding, a very sick elbow.



Sue went to work down in the lab and rounded up his germs. They don't look as icky here as they did in his arm. Bob took lots of powerful drugs and annoyed the nurses.

It wasn't long before he was home and back to "normal" - whatever that is. Those were some powerful drugs!



While it was cold in Michigan, we went on a little vacation. We had planned this vacation for 2003 but it was delayed because of Bob's heart re-plumbing job. We cruised the Caribbean aboard a nice little boat, the **Royal Clipper**. This is the largest "fully rigged" (all square sails) ship ever built. After sailing, we stayed a while in Barbados, soaking up the sun and the Rum. We were thinking of you the whole time, too. Cheers!

With 56,000 square feet of sail area on five masts, the Royal Clipper really sails! Those sails aren't for show. They're for go!



In the U.S. we drive on the right. In England they drive on the left. In Barbados they drive in the shade.

After vacation, life got back to normal, more or less. Here we see Bob trying to steal some Coast Guard helicopter parts. He got a promotion anyway. Shows you what they know.



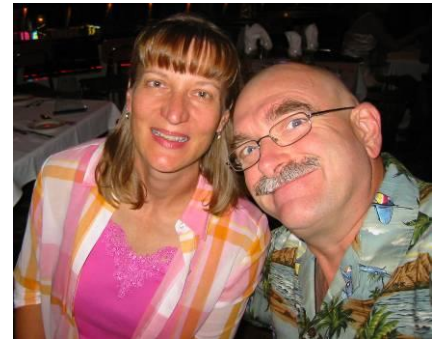
We had a robin family take up residence with us this spring, right outside our kitchen window. It was fun watching Mom and Dad Robin taking care of their little chicks, then seeing them grow up and fly away.

And now that they've left home, they never write!

We even got the goofy kitties to sit still for their portraits. Aren't they cute?



Up in the sky or under the sea, Pilot Sue is as pretty as can be!!



Aren't they cute . . .
 . . . enough to make you gag?



All in all, it was a pretty good year. Here's hoping that next year is a good one for all of us.

Best wishes for a great Holiday and for a safe, healthy and happy New Year!

*Sue & Bob
 & Booger & Tootsie*



Painter Sue sends a greeting!