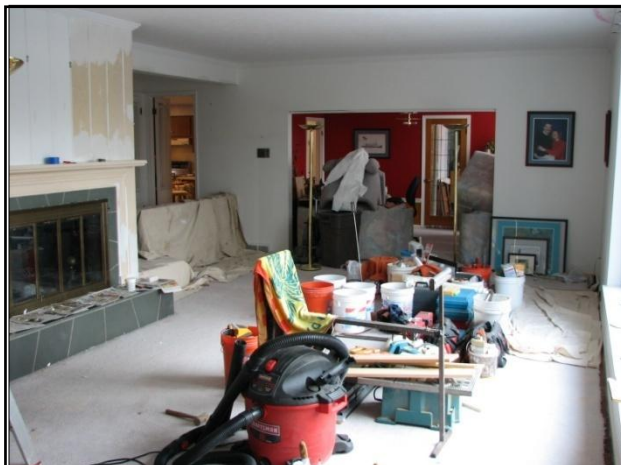


# MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Hi, everyone! We hope that you are happy and well and have had as good a year as we've had!



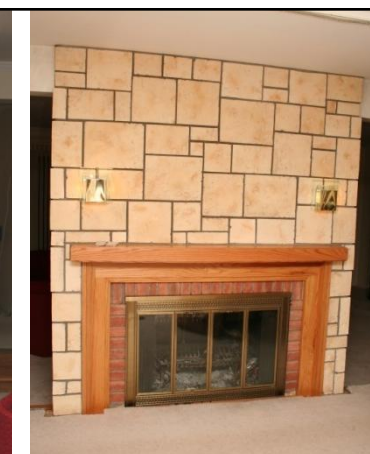
Last year's letter closed with a photo of Sue painting in our dining room. That paint job was the beginning of some home renovations which are still going on. The living room looked like this for quite a while!



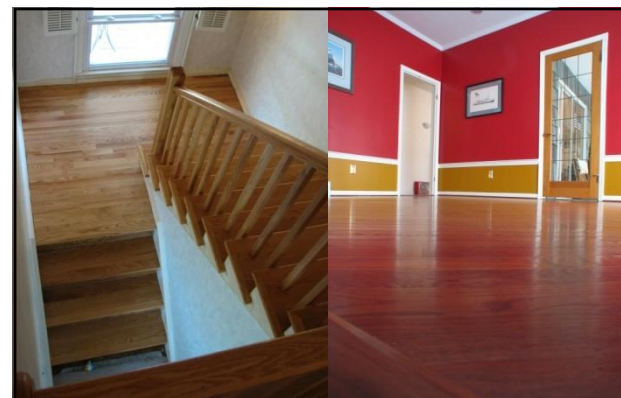
"You could put down the camera and help, Bob."



There was work going on throughout the house for months. One thing leads to another, and soon we were tearing up the dining room, living room, upstairs rooms and even the stairs themselves. There was new plaster, carpet, flooring, paint, plumbing . . . and lots of dust and commotion.



We have new stone fireplaces and oak mantles . . .



. . . New oak stairs and railings and some bold new furniture colors. The living room and dining room are done. Still in progress are the TV room, the upstairs and downstairs hallway, the stairwell and the foyer.

When those are done, we'll probably think of something else to re-do!





In June, Bob walked out of work for the last time. On July first, he retired from WDIV-TV after twenty four years as a Technical Director. It was a good job and a good career, but it's great to have turned the page and started a new phase of life!



Now we can spend more time enjoying the finer things in life . . . each other!



The second half of the year was almost non-stop travel to the East Coast, West Coast, Gulf Coast and around the Great Lakes to see friends and family and on behalf of the Coast Guard. It's been quite a year and the best is yet to come! Best wishes for a safe, healthy and Happy 2008!

*Sue, Bob, Booger & Tootsie*

