

## Merry Christmas to All, and to All a Good 2005!

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Hi Everyone!

Merry Christmas to all of you! It's been a busy year, and I'm happy and blessed to have gotten through it. Cassini arrived at Saturn in spectacular form on June 30, and on Christmas Eve our Huygens Probe will deploy to the surface of Saturn's moon Titan for a mid-January 2005 landing. We've had a ton of very cool pictures from the spacecraft, and we're getting lots of exciting data and science results.

The family has been very well this year, everyone happy and healthy. We took new formal family portraits in February, and celebrated Dad's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday with a huge birthday bash in September. Mom and dad's travels took them to Australia, Scotland, Colorado, and China, while Kevin and Susie visited Hawaii, Europe, and New England. Cousin Cami and her hubby Menko welcomed baby Mattheus in January, and cousin Heather got engaged to her honey Fred in November. My older cousin Christine's son Christopher will be married on New Year's Eve this year.

My days were kept pretty busy with my usual activities like Jazzercise, Mary Kay (yes, I'm still in the biz!), softball (the Bruisers had their very first winning season!!), Dodger games, and crafting (I've been beading like a fiend!). Scott and I went to Las Vegas a couple of times, and we went to New York and Boston in February for the Nephew's Tour. In February I also went to Las Vegas to meet some friends and attend an Elton John show at Caesars Palace, and then I went to Orlando, Florida for Thanksgiving week. Looking ahead to 2005, my next big trip is a cruise of Tahiti aboard the Tahitian Princess in early February with Scott and my parents. I didn't do any business travel this year, but if all goes well for me (and for Cassini's budget) I could be going to Florence, Italy in February and London, England in August. Early this year, I decided to donate hair to Locks of Love, so I grew it out as long as I could stand it, and in September got a foot of hair lopped off. I'm still shocked at how short it is (the shortest it's been since high school) but I know some little kid will be happy. Check out the family photo gallery on my web page for pictures!

I hope all of you have had a year full of blessings and happy times, too. And may 2005 continue with all kinds of good things for you and your loved ones!

