

# 2009 Yodis



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Merry Christmas  
Everyone! O, I guess it's a little  
late for that – Happy New Year!!

*Happy Holidays*

looking for a job he also played  
a lot of golf and improved his  
handicap.

The first half of this year was much like every other year  
but the second half has brought quite a bit of change. For  
better or worse? ...we'll find out.

We took a short trip to [Napa](#) after Christmas last year  
since we both had time off from work. It was a nice time  
and we got to tour [Castello di Amorosa](#), a castle and  
winery built by V. Sattui (you may have seen it if you saw  
Bedtime Stories).

In February we celebrated our 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We didn't  
go anywhere but Bruce cooked a [gourmet 4 course meal](#)  
that was centered on a \$500.00 bottle of Joseph Phelps  
Insignia Red Table wine. It was all very delicious –  
especially the wine – Yummo!

It was just more dinner parties, wine tasting, dancing, and  
wine bottling activities until April 11, when we went on  
[vacation to Kauai](#). We stayed in Princeville in a 2-  
bedroom condo on top of a cliff – it was beautiful. We're  
glad that Carolyn's brother and sister-in-law were able to  
join us for the fun time. We did all the typical tourist  
things, and enjoyed some good food, and some relaxing  
time out at the pool. Carolyn, Dan, and Kasey all enjoyed  
a beautiful raft trip along the Napali coast, something  
Bruce wants to forget, as he lost 10 lbs puking his guts out  
all the way back. However, Bruce did make up for it at the  
[Princeville golf course](#) 3 times – that was also amazing.

That was to be it for a while but Carolyn decided she  
couldn't go a year without seeing our god-children, so it  
was off to [Texas](#) during the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. It was a good  
time to catch up with the kids and with Doug and  
Adrienne and we got to see a real live small town USA  
parade on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Well the kids were really excited  
anyway. ☺

Less than a week after we got back is when things started  
to change, Bruce found out (much surprised) that he was  
being laid off at Cisco. He had 2 months but his only  
responsibility was to look for a job. So like any self-  
respecting golfer, he knew, this was not the time to panic  
– this was the time to work on his golf game. So while

The 2 months came and went without finding a job,  
But there was no time to worry about that. It was  
Carolyn's birthday and we were headed back to [St. Helena  
and Napa](#) for 5 days to celebrate. It was a nice time to  
celebrate and also get away from the worries back home.

Still there was no time to worry, Bruce and Carolyn were  
heavily into training for the [3-Day 60 mile Breast Cancer  
Walk](#). Then off to San Francisco for 3 days to do the walk  
in October – we made it and had great weather and a great  
time.

Next up was [Las Vegas](#) for Carolyn's niece's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday  
celebration. We had a good time with the Spear's family  
siblings, spouses, and Josh and Briana. With 3AM being  
the earliest we got in each day, we were glad to get home  
and get some rest.

During all this Bruce was golfing and looking for a job  
without much luck. So, a decision had to be made – stay in  
an industry that he no longer had a passion or drive for or  
do something else, where he did have a passion. So now  
it's back to school after graduating 25 years ago. He is  
now full time at the [Professional Culinary Institute](#)  
studying Hotel and Restaurant Management (with focus  
towards restaurant management). This will give him the  
skills to manage or own his own place later and also help  
us with plans for retirement in about 15 years.

So, that is a big change for us and a big lifestyle change as  
Carolyn is now the sugar mama bringing home the bacon.  
Thankfully she has a good job that she enjoys and the  
company is doing well.

Josh also got laid off at the end of last year and hasn't  
worked all year. However, he supposedly has a job lined  
up in January where he will be trained in printed circuit  
board design. Fingers crossed – could be a career.

Well, it looks to be an exciting year ahead. We look  
forward to seeing how God can work.

Bruce, Carolyn, and Josh  
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