

# MERRY CHRISTMAS



(L) WAITING CARIBBEAN TIME IN THE NASSAU AIRPORT WITH MY NEW HAT; JOSÉE & FRIENDS AT THE BOCCÉ BASH

## It's been a busy year...

2011 was a fun but tiring year. I think both Josée and I burned the candle at both ends more than we anticipated. Josée's Flip Flop Shop was a great deal of work to get up and running but

we're happy to say it is a going concern in the Woodgrove Mall. She is having a lot of fun learning and running the business and has done an exceptional job thus far. I don't think the decision on

whether to return to teaching will be a tough one to make. We're hoping to start the Victoria shop in the spring but we'll see what happens!



DAD, CHARLOTTE & OLIVER



3RD ANNUAL BOCCÉ BASH



OUR BEACH ON ELEUTHERA

# Life @ Knight

Each year brings a new set of challenges; with the work required to get the Flip Flop Shop set up, completed projects around Knight became few and far between. Our garden tried to produce but we didn't give it much help - the carrots were great though! I did a few landscaping projects, a few maintenance tasks but mostly just jotted down notes about things that needed to be done..but later! Depending on

**OUR POND SOMETIMES FREEZES FOR A FEW DAYS IN THE WINTER; NOT ENOUGH FOR HOCKEY!**

what 2012 brings, it may be a big year for projects; new fencing around the front garden; re-working the driveway; cleaning up and repairing the side building; improving drainage from our ponds and expanding our orchard and garden capacity.

We both enjoy puttering around so it isn't like work - we just need to remind ourselves that we can't do everything at once and that, like the proverbial 'in-box', our task list will never be complete.

Now, if I can just convince Josée we need an excavator to go with the tractor...



## THE GANG



TEGAN, JULIUS & JACK



...THIS WAS MY 7TH LIFE



MR. MONTGOMERY



BIRDS OF A FEATHER...

# SCENES FROM 2011



TOP LEFT - CLOCKWISE: RELAXING AT OFF THE REEF, OUR BUNGALOW ON ELEATHERA; JOSÉE HAS A LAUGH OUTSIDE THE MEC; SPORTING MOVEMBER, WE HAD A NICE JAPANESE MEAL WITH FRIENDS ON DENMAN STREET IN VANCOUVER; MUM & DAD STILL GOING STRONG; JOSÉE IN THE FLIP FLOP SHOP; IT WAS 80'S RETRO!

## Family & friends

We're lucky to have a wonderful family, both two legged and four. Mum and Dad are well, having continued their peripatetic lifestyle; the Maritimes (twice), Ireland and many ports o' call around the Baltic. They've also made a major decision in their lives; their house on Pridy Road, home since 1976, is going to go on the market.

My brother, Tim, celebrated a milestone in the summer - 10 years since his heart transplant. He is going great guns and looks and feels terrific. His family, Andi, Charlotte and Oliver are all well; the children are growing quickly and are absolute gems!

### **Work and play**

Josée and I work hard. My business is doing well - we're blessed to have you as part of our wonderful group of clients and both Pauline and I enjoy working with you. We don't often get away from work but this year we managed to get in a week of relaxation on the island of Eleuthera (Bahamas). One of the outer islands, Eleuthera was a fantastic place to visit, very quiet, very isolated with few services; no cell or internet service, no restaurants, few cars and rudimentary services - we loved it! We rented a bungalow called Off the Reef; a tiny place with a majestic view of the Atlantic stretching out towards Africa.



## BEACHES

ELEUTHERA; HOME TO PINK BEACHES, QUIET SKIES AND A SLOW PACE OF LIFE. WE REALLY ENJOYED STROLLING THE BEACH, NAPPING AND SNORKELING.



## THE VIEW

I SPENT MANY HOURS ON THE BEACH CHAIRS UNDER THE HUT AT THE FRONT OF THE PROPERTY, STARING OUT AT THE WIDE OCEAN AND JUST LETTING MY MIND WANDER..AND RELAX.



## TWO OCEANS

ELEUTHERA AVERAGES ABOUT 3.5 KM IN WIDTH WITH THE ATLANTIC ON ONE SIDE AND THE CARIBBEAN THE OTHER. BOTH WERE SPECTACULAR BUT THE CARIBBEAN HAD A GENTLER, CALMER SPIRIT!

# MORE FROM 2011



1. JOSÉE WITH OUR HONDA ELEMENT, WRAPPED IN FLIP FLOP LOGOS AND BEACH SCENES
2. TIM AND ANDI
3. THIS IS HOW GREAT DANES WRESTLE...
4. BOB IS ENDLESSLY USEFUL AND HE WAS HELPING ME BUILD A SMALL RETENTION WALL AT THE FRONT OF OUR BUNGALOW
5. TRANSIT - ELEUTHERA STYLE

## We're very thankful...

Thanks again for your business over the last year. It has been a trying, uncertain time in the markets. I will have a 'year in review' document out to you in early January but for the time being, think on all things Christmas!

We hope you had a wonderful 2011. We have a lot for which to

be thankful. Our health, family and friends make our lives full and rich. We've enjoyed our 2011 but we're looking forward to the adventure of 2012 - what will it bring? Have a blessed Christmas season and please accept my heartfelt best wishes for the year to come.

Merry Christmas!