

Easter  
~~St. Patrick's Day~~  
Valentine  
Biennial ~~New Years~~  
Dossin's Annual ~~Christmas~~ Letter

Dear friends,

It looks like our annual report has become a biennial report. Let's try to catch up on two years' worth of news!

**2012 Highlights:**

We enjoyed a gift membership in the Frontiers of Flight Museum (photo right), at Dallas Love Field. For a small museum, it has an excellent, diverse collection – including military, airline, space, and business aviation.



At our church, Steve served as Treasurer and Bible Study leader and both of us were on the E-Team (evangelism ministry).

Nita loved volunteering at the hospital. She received the Champion of Excellence Award (only the second non-employee to do so).

In May, Steve's Dad & several buddies joined a planeload of veterans who had been given a free day trip to DC, to view the WWII Memorial and several other sites, courtesy of the local "Honor Flight" organization. Awesome experience for his Dad! He liked being thanked (by kids, tourists, elected officials etc) for his wartime service. We were invited to fascinating 'pre-flight' and 'debriefing' meetings.



In August, we had a good evening in the historic Fort Worth stockyards area, seeing old friends at Steve's high school reunion.

Speaking of reunions, Peggy's (Steve's first wife now in a nursing home for 29 years) was invited to her high school reunion too (the school was in England, for Air Force kids – this reunion was held stateside). Her brother created a poster of memories of her and had those present that knew Peggy sign it. (See photo left) What a nice gift for her!



Vacation of color: In October, we visited family, but also saw fantastic fall colors in PA and while sightseeing in the DC area, and a fabulous sunset at the WWII Memorial.



The photo to the left shows Nita's SURPRISE Christmas present from Steve. She loved the aerial Christmas lights tour in a DC-3 which had flown in the D-Day invasion of Europe!



## 2013 Highlights:

Got a new return address – PLEASE NOTE:

**Steve & Nita Dossin, 3913 Wren Avenue, Fort Worth TX 76133 - phone 817-840-6224**

Why? Following their decision – made early 2012 and executed in early 2013 – to move to a retirement complex, Steve's parents graciously sold us the house he (and his sister) had grown up in! (see photo) They are now less than 10 minutes from the house they had lived in for 55 years. They got to the top of the waiting list and were finally able to move in January. (Yes, that is what had us busier than normal at the time we normally create our annual letter.) They were surprised but pleased when we offered to buy the house. We had always hoped to live in Fort Worth, and our prayers led us to think this was our time to relocate.



2013 was certainly a whirlwind year, as we continued to run our consulting business while making many trips between Carrollton and Fort Worth (100 miles round trip). Lots of prayer and Steve's genius for scope-and-sequence kept Nita (mostly) on task, whether it was emptying a house, remodeling a house, buying or selling a house -- it all did seem to happen at once. And Nita is still learning lessons about downsizing! We were blessed to get great referrals for the realtor, the contractor, and the mover.

Although we had to move away from a dear church and longtime friends, we love living here. We like the slower pace and the 'instant neighbors,' many who remember Steve as a kid. (Steve has bribed them to not tell Nita everything they know.) They have certainly made us feel welcome. Our neighborhood has more hills and trees and varied architecture than in Carrollton. We like taking walks or sampling the nearby museums and cultural sites. We enjoy attending church weekly with Steve's mom and dad. And at the holidays, Steve's extended family can still gather in their traditional place.



*Thanksgiving 2013*

In the midst of this, Nita made an emergency trip north to visit her hospitalized mother, who improved, praise the Lord, but she was not able to return to her retirement apartment. Our Lord helped Steve carry on with The Move while Nita helped her brothers care for Mom.

We did have to say a lot of goodbyes in 2013. We attended four funerals (for five departed) that year, and lost another friend in January 2014. We didn't notice that this was taking a toll on us until one day we opened our mail and found a Wedding Invitation! Wow – we were just as elated as if we'd been sent a million dollars! What a welcome invitation: Come, share in a time of joy, love, and new beginnings! It is great to celebrate lives well lived, but it was a great relief to celebrate the beginning of a good thing!



*Easter 2013*

Which reminds us to say, "Easter is on the way!" May YOUR Easter be a time of joy, love, and new beginnings!

Our dear strong Savior has helped us through 2012 and 2013. May He be your strength and comfort too in the years ahead.

Come visit us in Fort Worth – soon.

Nita & Steve