

# Diane & Bob Andrew: “Good Memories” of 2005



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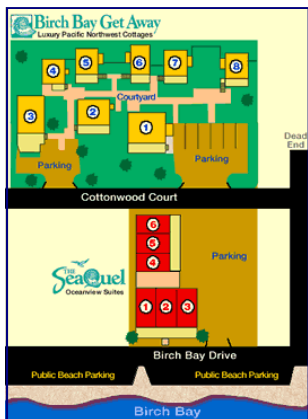
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Dear ones,

This year has been one of great change for our whole family. Bob and I—along with our dogs, [Sutzi and Chai](#)—relocated to Houston in late July, and have a wonderful home in Clear Lake city which realtors [Dru](#) and [Leslie](#) Mims helped us find. Within a month, Meagan, Edwin and Brian decided to follow us down. Leslie and Dru also helped them buy less than a mile from our home. [Meagan](#) is using her legal secretary skills as an Executive Assistant and Edwin is qualified to drive 18-wheelers cross-country!

After a year or so working towards an [AA in Construction Management](#), Colin decided to go back to University of Maryland, [Eastern Shore](#) and finish a four-year degree. He is staying close to his son Kris who lives with his mom, Tracy, plus her mom and sister in Baltimore.

We spent August getting fully moved in, getting all the services put in our name etc; then in September we had Meagan’s family stay with us, plus a four-car evacuation to Fort Worth during [Hurricane Rita](#). Bob by then was more than ready to get back to [work](#). Well, a wonderful job in Process Engineering then found him, but not in Houston!



He’s working 2500 miles away for [Anvil Engineering Corp](#) in Bellingham, WA on a major project for BP’s [Cherry Point](#) Refinery. It’s a glorious area to live and to work. He’s really enjoying being on this project & the local life-style.

He is now renting [Cottage #6](#) month-to-month at [Birch Bay Getaway](#), nicely secluded at “4973 Cottonwood Court”, a block from Birch Bay beach.

We spend lots of time each week on email and phone calls. I’ve been up to WA twice, and he’s been back for a wedding and soon again for Christmas. We’re working on a “one week per month” system of me going up there.

Although this separation is difficult on us, we’re working on creative ways to better connect and to communicate.

At the beginning of November, we had the good fortune to have many friends from around the world come and stay with us. We had all come together to celebrate the [wedding](#) of Judith Harris and Michael Untermeyer.

It was a special time. We would gather every morning on our pool patio for breakfast. We sat out there for several hours just being together - I soaked it all up, like a sponge.

One of my favorite things happened on the morning of the wedding, when seven of the ladies went to my nail salon, and had pedicures and manicures in massage chairs! What fun we had and our toes were gorgeous too!



**Diane, Jodi & Ruth** relax under awning fans, by the pool.

*(Just a few of the 14 who had our home as their base from Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> through Nov 6<sup>th</sup>)*

During the week Brian is in *Kid’s Kastle*—his language and social skills are thriving. Meagan, Brian and I are beginning to attend [Clear Lake United Methodist](#). The congregation is a vital one, with programs for children and young couples as well as older adults: like me! In the [Birch Bay area](#) Bob is checking out some local churches.

I am taking [water aerobics](#) classes every morning for my arthritic knees at Clear Lake Community Center. I spend at least one day a week with my parents and really enjoy being with them. Our home is now that place where we hold big family Thanksgiving and Christmas gatherings.



*May God’s Peace & Joy fill all our lives*

*Diane & Bob Andrew*

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