

There were a lot of things going on this year. The most significant may have been seeing Melissa graduate from UC San Diego, Lucinda getting her driver's license, and Kathleen getting to transfer to the DCFS office in Pasadena. And along the way, we did a bunch of other stuff, too.

Stan was still doing stair races, although it's become more of a social thing now, rather than trying to really compete. Still, he managed to climb the 20-story building at the San Diego Towerthon 19 times in two hours, so he's still faster than most. And his total stair-climbing this year added up to just over 52 vertical miles. That includes climbing the 10-story Millikan Library at Caltech 1,500 times, which sounds really quite absurd. He's also still leading the Sunday morning bike club ride, and they're still going to see all manner of odd sights all over Los Angeles.

Together, we had some other adventures. Our live theater experiences ranged from "Working for the Mouse" about being a costumed cast member at Disneyland to Randy Gardner's figure skating memoir show "Go Figure". And on the silly side, we saw "Prairie-Oke", which was a karaoke musical parody of "Little House on the Prairie", as well as "Breaking Bard" which imagined "Breaking Bad" as if it were written by Shakespeare.

We went on several tours with the Obscura Society, from a bar crawl in Hollywood, to a tour of the Tillman sewage treatment plant, which appeared as Starfleet Academy in "Star Trek". We also saw the Marine Mammal Care Center, and sea turtles in the San Gabriel River. And Stan even got a chance to help lead an Obscura tour of the Caltech Seismo Lab, along with a field trip to see sights along the San Andreas Fault.

Stan had some other adventures, including a chance to look through the 100-inch telescope on Mt Wilson, and Working Wildlife, where they train animal actors for movies and TV. With some friends from work, he had a chance to explore an abandoned gold mine in the local mountains. He took Lucinda to the Obscura tour of Dapper Cadaver, which makes props for horror movies, and they also went on the Dearly Departed Tour of Hollywood.

Kathleen moved her office twice this year. First, from Chatsworth to a new building in Van Nuys, and then to transfer to the office in Pasadena. She also went to Glen Ivy Hot Springs twice for spa days.

Other random things we did included the EMP Museum in Seattle, the Wistaria [sic] Festival in Sierra Madre, the new Broad art museum downtown, Ru-Paul's Drag-Con, a PostSecret event at UCLA, and an exhibit devoted to Hello Kitty at the Japanese Museum. Kathleen also got us tickets to see Madonna at the Forum, and that was a very impressive show.

We only went on three trips this year. Las Vegas to climb the Stratosphere Tower, Seattle to play tourist and climb the Columbia Center stairs, and once to Austin to visit friends. In Las Vegas Stan even tried playing blackjack for the first time since 1999. Fortunately, he was able to remember basic card skills and have a reasonable run of luck, and came out ahead by about \$100.

So that's our year-end wrap-up. As always, it's all on our web site: <http://1134.org>