

Happy New Year from the Rosner family!

It was a very good year, as the song goes... Ronda announced her retirement after 24 years at HP/Agilent. Her last day will be mid-February. The retirement lifestyle will include a few new activities: yoga, cooking and writing fiction. Our picture below was taken in May at a friend's wedding reception.



Preliminary preparations are underway for Sonia and Kyle's wedding, set for August in Boston. The bride and groom-to-be are both in their fifth year at Harvard as PhD candidates in biology, with Sonia to graduate this May. Above is a shot of them taken while hiking the White Mountains in New Hampshire last October at the peak of fall color. Sonia and Kyle visited us in January, August and December.

In September we made our annual summer trek to Portland to visit Ari and Gabbi. This trip we hiked to some falls along the Columbia Gorge and toured a fish hatchery that houses a ten-foot long 70-year-old sturgeon! Ari lived in the same household and continued in the same employment, though he will move to new digs in another NE Portland location with Gabbi early in 2014. Ari and Gabbi visited us in December for the holidays when this was snapped at Stanford's Cantor museum inside the rusted iron outdoor piece, *Sequence*, by Richard Serra.



We celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary, our 30th year at 1235 College Avenue and the 100th birthday of our Mason and Hamlin grand piano with a backyard party in August. Seven people who were there had also (amazingly) attended our wedding! Jeff continued at Life Technologies and played several gigs around the bay area such as this Palo Alto block party last Labor Day (on sax).



Our summer garden was tremendous, with huge peppers and more Japanese eggplants than we'd ever grown before. Ronda was incredibly proud of the first orchid she'd ever gotten to bloom!



In late October Jeff and Ronda traveled to Boston for a visit with Sonia and Kyle. Ronda took the opportunity to see the exceptional John Singer Sargent watercolor exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts and the works at the Isabella Gardner museum. We also spent a beautiful day together hiking around Walden Pond, surrounded by fall color.

Ronda's 2013 media favorites: Film/TV – "The Kings of Summer", "Before Midnight" and "From Up on Poppy Hill"; Books – "The Art Forger" by B.A. Shapiro, "REAMDE" by Neal Stephenson, "Beautiful Ruins" by Jess Walter and the first two Game of Thrones books by George R.R. Martin; Songs – "Out of My League" by Fitz & the Tantrums and "Demons" by Imagine Dragons.

Enjoy health, peace, and creativity during the coming year.

Much love,

Ronda and Jeff