





My oh my, it looks like another year has rolled around & I am hearing the, "when do we get your letter" question. So I thought I better get to it! Not an easy task as there is so much going on right now.

This was not a year of trips for us as planned. If you can imagine, not even to Montana. We decided to stay home to try to get things done around here. We removed all of the redwood boards from our decks, flipped them over, planed them down & reused them. I then went totally crazy & oiled our entire house with my trusty 2 inch brush ... well, there was a bit of help from one of my bestest friends, Claudia Moore & Mikey lent a hand with the really high spots! We then were about to install a new bathroom window when taking the first piece of trim off we found a rather large *country* of carpenter ants who had set up home ... so ... that led to taking all the tile out of the shower & as I write, new tile is finally being installed. What started out as a DIY ended up with DIY Rescue via a local tile guy!

We did make two trips to Denver, the first the end of March. I am happy to report that Cory Tate Chandler is doing well & the doctor's are pleased with his progress. According to Sean, Cory is a true cowboy now that he is sporting a new cow valve! While there, Gran did what Gran's do best & spent way too much on that little guy, as was done when we returned in October for Sean's 38th & Cory's 1st birthdays. Denver doesn't get any closer but I do hope we can make at least two trips a year. In any event, the youngest Chandler's are doing great! Sean is still in the coffee biz located in St. Joseph's Hospital & Cheri is in Admitting. Cheri does Cory duty in the am & Sean gets the pm shift. They are so fortunate not to have to do daycare. Sean is also



lucky to get far more Papa time than most Dads do. I am also happy to announce that November 21st is marked as the "Gotcha day", the day Cory officially became a Chandler!



The end of June brought the wrath of fire to our neighborhood, luckily our house was spared, not so many of our friends. I do know I don't care to ever be evacuated again! In July we made a quick trip north to meet up with our good friend, Tom Moore, who was finishing his bicycle ride across the US. He was very surprised as he did not know we were coming. Then September rolled around & it was down to Oceanside for Mom's 91st birthday.



Sadly, we have found that our trailer may be too heavy for our truck, not certain, but they have replaced two differentials now ... thank heavens for warranties! We don't want to take any chances so further travel will have to wait until a new truck or deciding that travel is too expensive anyway. Mikey is way into woodworking now, so it may be looking for a place to build a house with room for a shop, as always with the younger Chandler's one never knows!

Thanks to one of my other bestest friends Jacque, I returned to knitting when given the gift of yarn & pattern last Christmas. Jacque said a Gran has to knit, which meant Cory received a few hats! I've also been felting which I had never done before. But, as any of you know, I am never one to sit still & have never known a craft I didn't like!

In closing, we know that many of us have had trying times but we do hope the new year will be a super one for all of us!

Happiest of Holidays to one & all!
Michael, Sherry, Sugar Bear & Bo

