



# Brown's 2001 Newsletter

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## Mary's Year

This past year has been good for me. Last summer I went to Belgium for a month. When I was in Europe I traveled to Spain and France also. In Spain, I went to a large city along the Mediterranean called Costa Brava where I spent most of my time sitting on the beach and getting a tan. After I went to Spain, I went to France for a week. In France, I went to Nimes, Paris and Carcassone. When I returned to Belgium, I went to Brugge, which was a great city because it was like a small Venice with the canals.

After I returned home from Europe, I spent my remaining time hanging out with my friends and I went to California for a week. As soon as summer ended and school began, then work started and did not stop. I decided to make my commitment to be full IB, which means you get triple the amount of homework then what people normally get. Also, this year I went out for the swim team and I figured out that I was good at the butterfly stroke. I hope next year will be just as good.

All is well in Vancouver. It is great but sometimes nerve wracking having two independent and vociferous teenagers in the house. Let's put it this way, it is either very quiet in the house because the girls are off somewhere or else it is very lively from the two of them bantering or because all of their friends are over, so there is never a dull moment.

I am having a good year at school. I am trying some-

thing new this year, which is teaching half of the day and administering the other half. It has been quite the learning experience. I share this position with one of my colleagues we run the ESL office. I had never realized how much work the office involved. We have 335 students in our ESL program and without a doubt at some moment during the day one student is sick, or in a fight, or in the wrong class, or waiting to

get his transcripts approved. I go home more tired than I ever was just teaching, but I love trying new things.

I still play golf. I would love to tell you that I am a much better golfer now but that would be a lie. I usually have a score of 55-65 in 9 holes, and my drives have come a long way.

I did get back to the East Coast during July. It was great. I certainly miss my family.

*The charming and handsome Brown family posing for the Christmas Newsletter.*



## Elizabeth's Year in Review

Well this year is not half as interesting as my year in Japan last year. This year I did nothing but study and do homework. I did come out in the end with some pretty good grades though—only one B+ and one A-, the rest were regular A's. I must say that I am pretty proud of myself. I figured that after one year of not speaking English or writing

English that I would get pretty bad grades but I didn't, I bounce back quickly. I made it through my first year of my International Baccalaureate Diploma and am not halfway through my senior year. This is the best year of high school—not so much homework, lots of tests. That is the

way to go!

This summer I worked as in home care giver. On my first day, I threw up. One the second day I was asked to switch clients to one I would not have to bathe, but finally I convinced them I had been sick before I came over and they let me stay on. I only

worked 20 hours a week, I'd tell you more but that would be breaking the client-caregiver confidentiality pact and then I'd have to kill you. So anyway, that experience was to help prepare me for my career as a geriatric doctor or else make me decide not to be one.

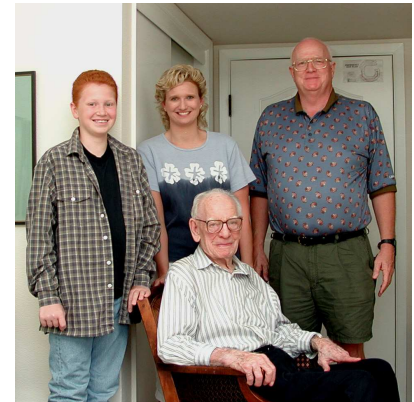
Liz & Mary with their  
Grandfather at  
Thanksgiving



Liz & Mary Boogying  
with Santa!

## Bill's Dad Still Going Strong at 93!

From left: Sha-  
won Brown  
(great-  
grandson), Kim  
Heiser (grand-  
daughter), Bill  
Brown, seated,  
Howard Brown



From left:  
Billy Brown  
(great grand-  
son, Bill  
Brown, Scott  
Brown  
(grandson),  
Brittney Brown  
(great-grand-  
daughter),  
seated, How-  
ard Brown



## Bill's Year in Review

2001 was a bit of a slow news year. However, I was busy on a number of fronts.

Ye old golf game is (oh so slowly!) showing signs of improvement. 2002 will be the year I break a hundred! If I can't, obviously the only answer will be a complete new set of the latest golf clubs!

After many years of complaining about the government, I decided to become active in politics and was elected County Chairman of the Libertarian party. So far it's been a lot of fun. I've even been thinking of running for office!

My photography efforts have been going well, even though I'm never quite satisfied with the results. The good news is that I won the annual photo contest in our newspaper, the *Portland Oregonian*, so I guess someone likes my stuff. Maybe I'll even start trying to sell some. It will give me something to fall back on if my political career falls through.

A big project for the year was creating



Bill wearing his Libertarian Hat

a photo album and family tree of Adele's family. We inherited quite a batch of pictures from Adele's parents' house. I scanned them and processed them onto a CD-ROM. Since some of the photos were already deteriorating badly, I had to do quite a bit of restoration. Hopefully, they are now preserved for posterity.

In April, I had the opportunity to go to Lake Tahoe for a reunion of a lot of my old friends from Arabia. I hadn't seen some of the folks for 45 years, so we had a great time swapping old stories. The only problem is that many of them looked so old. I can only say that I'm glad I have still retained my boyish good looks, so a Senior Citizen appearance wasn't a problem for me.

As many of you know, I worked for 13 years at the World Trade Center and have many friends who were there on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Fortunately, everyone I know got out unscathed.