



**WISHING YOU THE BEST
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!**

**MAY THE SEASON BRING
YOU THE MUSIC OF
LAUGHTER, THE WARMTH
OF FRIENDSHIP AND, MOST
IMPORTANTLY, THE LOVE
OF THOSE AROUND YOU.**

WE'LL BE THINKING OF YOU!

LOVE ALWAYS,

**JON, SHARON,
KALI & PRIYA**

For those of you who have not met us already, we hope to fill you in on what has been a busy year for both of us. Even for those of you who have met us, we realize that our lives are incredibly busy and we often fail to keep in touch as often as we'd like. For all of you, we hope this "Year-In-Review" makes you feel more a part of our lives, no matter how much distance is between us.

In January, though Jon was living in San Francisco and Sharon in Davis, we managed to spend a great deal of time together, and with friends & family. We spent time skiing & relaxing in Tahoe with Andy, Liz, Becky & Stu and at the vet school bowling league & BBQs with Maggie, Kate, Steph, Gray and Cathy. In early February, Jon met Sharon's sister (Susan), Susan's boyfriend (Stu), and Sharon's parents (Grace & John). That weekend we also spent cheering for the Packers' victory at Dave's Super Bowl party.

We returned to ski in Tahoe regularly with Bobby, Sue, and Stu. At home, Jon was there to cheer for Sharon and meet her rock climbing buddies (Tim, Mark, and Tung to name a few) in March when she won her division of the Crankin' rock climbing competition at The Rocknasium. Days later, when a rock climbing accident incapacitated Sharon during finals week, Jon drove to Davis to take care of her.



Sharon spent a week recuperating in St. Lucia with Sue. Upon her return, Sharon helped Jon move to Davis, where he accepted a post-doc. Jon still spends days on end at Stanford doing research, which would not be possible if not for his fantastic colleagues and friends, Cem, Alyssa, and Jim.

On April 1st, after receiving numerous inquiries, Jon found out that his car had been put up for sale on Craigslist for less than half of market value. Sharon's practical jokes never cease to make him smile.



In April, we headed to Claremont for Sharon's college reunion, staying with the Chaurushiya family, spending time with Stina, Matt, Laura, Dan, & Pete to name a few, and hitting up Sharon's favorite spots! Before heading back to Davis, we stopped in Pasadena, where Sharon lived after college, to say hi to Susy, Nick, Casey, & Maggie at the Pasadena Humane Society.



We spent Mother's Day weekend in Napa & Sonoma, sipping wine and relaxing.

This year the vet school's annual end-of-the-year party, The Smoker, had a Circus theme, so we dressed up as two kids going to the circus.



We had a blast with Steph and Gray!

Memorial Day weekend was a memorable weekend of excitement at Six Flags and outdoor adventures at Lake Berryessa. At Six Flags we were featured on the "kiss-cam" at the killer-whale show, followed by Jon trying his hand at the Ring Toss game which culminated in winning a gigantic stuffed tiger! To top off such a momentous day, Sharon took her first bite of meat in over a decade!



The month of May ended with Jon publishing paper #3 (with many more in progress) & interviewing in San Diego for a job he ultimately declined. Before we knew it, June was upon us, marking the end of year two of vet school for Sharon,

which we celebrated with a camping trip to Big Sur. We cannot tell you how absolutely gorgeous it was photographing Pfeiffer Beach. Despite the chilly wind, it was breathtaking...so much so that we grabbed a bottle of wine and enjoyed it (albeit in sippy cups) from the cliffs where we perched at sunset. From Big Sur we headed to Paso



Robles for wine tasting at vineyards such as Opolo and oh my gosh *Chumeia!* We even caught a double feature at the Drive-In movie theater in San Luis Obispo!



Not long after we returned we were beckoned east for Jon's interview in Boston. It was a nice stay, but we "bolted" out of there and back to Sharon's home: New York! There we rode the tallest, fastest roller coaster in the world, enjoyed the Broadway scene, indulged in *real* pizza, watched the Yankees beat the Brewers, 4th of July fireworks at West Point over the Hudson River, and visited classic sites like the Bronx Zoo, Statue of Liberty & Brooklyn Bridge. Jon learned how to drive stick, and Sharon celebrated her birthday with her first steak in over a decade at Peter Pratt's Inn. Thanks to Stina, Matt, Mookie, Lisa, Jim, Sarah, Kathleen, Caleb, Lukas Duke, Justin, Eric, Eugene, Grace, John and Marie for sharing your time with us! We are so thankful that we were able to meet up with so many people during our short stay. We wish we could have seen everyone!



Upon returning to CA, Sharon began summer clinics at the veterinary hospital & Jon returned to his post-doc. Sharon flew to Colorado to attend Steph & Gray's wedding and had an amazing time celebrating with Steph, Gray, Maggie & Kate!



In August Jon "officially" moved in with Sharon and ditched his long locks! We were fortunate to squeeze in an evening with Paul and Anna before embarking on our trip to Maui! Words cannot describe, perhaps some pictures will...



We spent Labor Day week in Yosemite with Grace & John -- hiking, rafting, and celebrating! For Jon's birthday Sharon took him on a 10 mile hike and met up with Grace & John at Vernal falls for the last stretch before getting showered and dressed for Jon's birthday dinner at the Mountain Room at the Yosemite Lodge at the Falls.

Returning from the wilderness meant beginning 3rd year of veterinary school for Sharon, but we still managed to continue our adventures, including camping overnight both for the REI used gear sale and near Cape Cod for Megan & Justin's wedding.



October meant a visit to the Pumpkin Patch and conquering the World's Largest Corn Maze with Kate, Maggie & Janelle. We snuggled under the stars and listened to artists such as Tony Bennett and Dave Matthews at the Bridge School Benefit Concert and enjoyed a festive Halloween dinner at Kate's with Maggie, Steph and Gray.



Thanksgiving was a good reminder of what there is to be thankful for—good health, amazing friends and family, and a promising future together! Of course, Jon was also thankful that Sharon would have turkey on Thanksgiving for the first time in years! It was a yummy meal that we were able to share, virtually (thanks to technology), with Sharon's mother, father and grandmother back in New York.



As the year comes to a close, we will be taking our long-awaited trip to Puerto Vallarta before hosting the first Ostermann-Kuchenreuther Christmas in Davis with Sharon's family and Jon's mother (Susie). We'll be ending 2011 and starting 2012 off right in Pasadena with Mike & Emily, cheering on the Badgers in the Rose Bowl and visiting David, Natalie, Nick, Susy, Purnima and all our other SoCal friends!

While 2011 has been busy and so incredible, next year we will be taking it down a notch (not by choice) as Sharon enters 4th year clinical rotations in the veterinary hospital! Here's hoping for continued health, love and laughter in 2012!

Love Always... Jon & Sharon