

April 16, 2001

Dear Family and Friends,

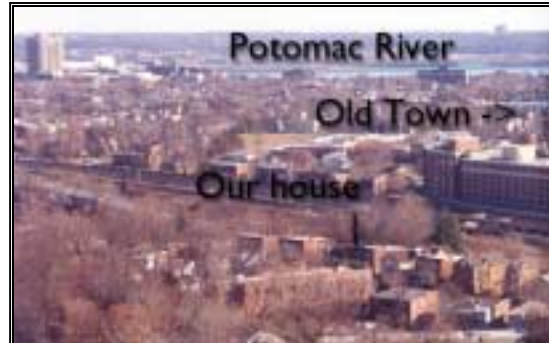
Last year's Tax Day letter was filled with subtle hints that we were looking to join a bank in the act of homeownership. We did just that October 25<sup>th</sup> and you are all invited to visit us at the new Zapolsky-Williams digs:

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With the new house come some new electronics: the geocities web site is gone and I've shifted to hosting our site at home:

<http://www.kayakero.net/per/> where you'll find more on the house

(<http://www.kayakero.net/per/house.html>) complete with directions and a great move-in letter Sarah put together (despite some squabbling from the legal department of Amazon.com: <http://www.amazon.com>).



Speaking of Amazon, in July, we had a great trip west to visit with David, Lindsay and Ian in Seattle and search out the Skookumchuck wave in British Columbia. (We saw this fantastic surfing wave in a kayaking video and Sarah tracked it down to the Skookumchuck Narrows

just outside Egmont, BC. It's a tidal feature caused by the very narrow channel constricting the twice daily tides for a very long inlet.) It was a Great Trip splendidly caught by Sarah in the photo above ([http://www.kayakero.net/per/vac/july\\_00/](http://www.kayakero.net/per/vac/july_00/))!!!

A long weekend in the Outer Banks followed in September to celebrate the wedding of fellow AARP'ians Marsha and Bob. We enjoyed the beach mansion but realized we really didn't want to buy a house with a bathroom the size of most living rooms. The wedding was lovely and the weather couldn't have been better ([http://www.kayakero.net/per/vac/sept\\_00/](http://www.kayakero.net/per/vac/sept_00/)).

In October, we traveled further south but kept





with the oceanic theme: There was a movement within the Williams clan to crash the Hendry Family Reunion on Tybee Island, just outside of Savannah, Georgia. David's paternal Grandmother was a Hendry (that's the line that claims ties to Robert E. Lee), so having the Williams show

up really wasn't crashing the reunion – we were invited – however, there was a large Williams contingent there. (Extra points to anyone who can name everyone in the photo above – might be easier looking at the web site.)

We both enjoyed the chance to visit with some folks we rarely get to see and David really enjoyed the time with some of his further flung cousins (Susan was trying to explain things like second cousins twice removed, but that got too complex too quickly – [http://www.kayakero.net/per/vac/oct\\_00/](http://www.kayakero.net/per/vac/oct_00/)).

The real family event of the past year was the December marriage of Harry Zapolsky and Leonor Conzevoy: a truly magical time on City Island with a trio playing a concert after the wedding ceremony, a fantastic meal and to top it all off, time to visit. We both had a great time talking with the various and sundry far flung Zapolskys, Conzevoys and family friends



(<http://www.kayakero.net/per/gen/harry/>).



For our final trip this past year, we spent a week in February visiting Martha Mabey and David's folks in Oaxaca, Mexico. A beautiful place where we were most fortunate to visit many of the artists and craftspeople in the surrounding villages. We were also able to help Martha and David's mother celebrate birthdays – which was a special treat. As was the always interesting Zócolo ([http://www.kayakero.net/per/vac/feb\\_01/](http://www.kayakero.net/per/vac/feb_01/)).

Speaking of visiting; we had a short visit from Frank Green, of San Francisco fame, while he was working on a documentary

in DC – it was the perfect excuse to go see Rockapella at the Birchmere. For the uninitiated, they're an astounding a capella group.

Loren and the rest of the Atlanta crew were up for a weekend when USAir was courting him and trying to convince him to move North. Unfortunately, the merger with United means if he had taken the job and if it existed after the merger, it would likely be in Chicago, which is even further away than Atlanta. But while they were here we had a great time and enjoyed contemplating being closer together.

For Christmas, we played at being adults and hosted both sets of parents in our new house. The kitchen actually has room for 2 or 3 or even 4 folks, which is a great change from the micro-kitchen at 503 E. Nelson. We decorated the fig tree and didn't worry too much about the narrow chimney – Santa Clause seemed to do just fine. After trying to freeze our parents and ourselves at Mount Vernon on one of the colder days of the year, the following day we decided on a closer, indoor trip to the Masonic Temple – a very “interesting” place.



And last month Steve, Helen and Aaron came up during what Appalachian State University calls “Spring Break.” (That school has too many ski bums who like spring break to still have good snow pack.) We enjoyed their visit as well as the great excuse it provided for a trip to the zoo (complete with lions, tigers and BEARS).

We were also able to help welcome Dan and Jill back from the rigors of Moscow; apparently getting to see the Bolshoi cheap doesn't seem to offset missing creature comforts. And Janek stopped by as she finished up her dissertation (OK, that's optimistic, but she will be finishing it up by the time this gets in the mail).

Other events of the note: The move into the new house was a bit more work than either of us expected (OK, a lot more work than David expected, Sarah may have been more realistic). All those who helped out only to be ignored by the Papa John's pizza driver who couldn't find the place (we've since corrected them) really deserve a huge round of applause – and

many favors from us in return. The timing of the move was sufficiently long after David's minor knee surgery to that he was able to lift and tote with the best of them (and he can now claim to know arthroscopy surgery personally).

On the work front, almost simultaneous with our move, the Research Group at AARP went through another re-organization and was subsumed by the Membership cluster where it has become "Knowledge Management." A change which saw the "teams," which showed up a year or so after David moved there from Broadcast, fade back into "departments," completing the cycle. (But the Statistics, Methods and Research Technology department was not re-constituted.)

And all of the people working on the external web sites were gathered up from various units and moved into the newly formed AARP Services, Inc. – a wholly owned, for-profit subsidiary AARP created to help keep distance between the non-profit work and the for-profit partnerships bringing deals, discounts and more to those enticed to join up.

The DSL line (from last year's letter) was in fact installed (as you may have guessed from the move away from Geocities). The line was even successfully moved from the old house to the new. And while one DSL provider shuts down its systems after going bankrupt, we're keeping the faith in Capu.Net and giving up on our dialup account with Erols. David will now be using [davewill@kayakero.net](mailto:davewill@kayakero.net) for email – direct to our server in the basement.

The kitties continue to put up with us through moves, trips and strangers becoming ear scratching friends (as long as they have interesting things to play with and sniff).

