

# Gelukkig Nieuwjaar!

May you enjoy the light of family love, companionship of good friends, and the wonders of Nature.

Kunt u genieten van het licht van de familie liefde, gezelschap van goede vrienden, en de wonderen van de natuur. (Google Translation)



New Year's Day a great day for cross-country skiing in the river valley. We are training for the BirkieBeiner in February. John and Kate will ski 13 km and David and Brendan will ski 33 km.



John, David and Brendan , January 1, 2014. We had 32 centimetres of snow in December!

**Gelukkige Verjaardag!**

## Johanna Kolkman's 85th Birthday



Youngest son, Eric, with Hannie

Big Environment News of 2013~  
The catastrophic floods in the Calgary area. 100,000 people were displaced, downtown Calgary was shut-down and over \$5 Billion in damages.



This is Elbow Falls. The course of the river completely changed and carved out a new river bed on the far side. People are walking where the river used to run. Arjan and Marjan went to Elbow Falls in 2006 and we sat by the water. Where we sat is now all stones and the water is far away.

## Kolkman Summer Adventures

Lisa and Tim's Wedding in a campground in B.C. in August. Lisa is Gary and Carolyn's daughter. 10

Kolkman family members went from Alberta.



John, Kate, Bernie, Mary Ann, Joyce and John enjoyed a hike in the mountains near Chilliwack after the wedding.



John and Kate continued on from B.C. into Washington and Oregon States. We travelled to where the mighty Columbia River pours into the Pacific Ocean at Astoria, Oregon. The Columbia begins near Radium, B.C. where Kate's mother has a vacation home. Because we have seen where the river begins as a small stream, we wanted to see the end of the river. We then followed the river back up through the desert-like Scablands to the Grand Coulee Dam in Washington. Sunset where the Columbia meets the Pacific Ocean.



We crossed the border back into B.C. and met with friends to cycle part of the Kettle Valley old railroad, now a bike trail. We also enjoyed time in Wells Gray Provincial Park before returning to Edmonton. This park is famous for its waterfalls.



David and Brendan now live in Calgary. They enjoy being close to the mountains. They have had adventures rock climbing in Alberta and B.C. Brendan will soon complete a second science degree, this time in geo physics, in addition to astral physics. He will work for an oil company. David continues to specialize in computer and IT work.

We continue to enjoy their work and community activities. We are grateful for good health. We are thankful that we can visit our dear mothers regularly as they face the challenges of old age and poor health. We wish all of you good health and great adventures.