



The Grandchildren
*Hollie almost 2, Shannon 3+, Latia 21 mo,
Briyanna 3 mo, Michael 1 mo.*



During the reunion we had egg hunts, and went to Pearl Harbor. Grandma watched the little girls at Pearl Harbor while the adults went on the tour. It was so much fun playing in the grass and Latia still talks about Hollie.



Fun at Pearl Harbor

Don and Lois Colton Family Newsletter Christmas 2004 Edition



The Coltons

*Front row: Briyanna, Larissa, Shannon, Stacia, Isaac, Latia,
Akiko, Michael, Joseph.*

Back row: Sam, Hollie, Daniel, Lois & Don, Ben.

This year we had our first Don and Lois Colton Family reunion. We took some family pictures. It was the first time we've had the whole family together since 1997 when Joseph went on his mission. As you can see we have grown a bit since that year. We still wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are still all trying to live the gospel and live according to the teachings of Jesus Christ. We love being a family and really do love each other and get along really well. We hope that your families also love being together, especially during this holiday season.

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
to
you and yours
from
the Hawaii Coltons

2004 was the year of the return. Daniel returned from serving a two-year mission in Frankfurt, Germany. Ben returned from serving in the Army Reserves Boot Camp and Specialty Camp. He was gone 7.5 months. Joseph and Akiko's family had just returned at the end of 2003 from living in Japan. And Larissa, Sam and children came to Hawaii for our first "Don and Lois Colton" Family Reunion.

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Oh, to be together again!

We were together for nine or so days. Ben was finally able to come home during our reunion also. While in Hawaii it is always fun to go see the turtles, and swim in the ocean. We also rented the BYUH pool for one afternoon.



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Isaac



Haldo.

(<http://www.homestarrunner.com/disk4of12.html>). I like the game called peasants quest. I shall give information about it... Peasant quest is a story about a person named: "Rather Dashing". His house is burnt down by "Trogdor, The Burninator" a big dragon. He decides that he must get revenge on Trogdor. Not like you'd be able to kill him, since he has such hard carapace. But you have to figure out a lot of things, like what to do with this well, and where do you use the chicken feed? For the first hint, maybe you should examine your burninated hut, because it holds an item of importance. Once you get it you will be able to do a lot more things. Other games that I like are Final Fantasy 10. I got pretty far in the game, but now I can not play. I like video games, and other things. Warcraft three now works on my computer. A thing that I am thankful for, because the last newsletter said I hated W3, It was because my computer couldn't run it.

I'm gunna go play peasant quest now.



Isaac receiving his BSA Star Award

Favorites

Swimming

Final Fantasy 8

Final Fantasy 10

Computer Games:

Starcraft, Diablo 1&2, Warcraft 1,2&3, Neopets

(www.neopets.com There are TONS AND TONS of games on Neopets(75?))

Books: Lord of the Rings (all of em), Harry Potter (2-5), Uptime Downtime, almost any book that I come across...

Foods: Pizza, Mixture of Rice, Spinach, and Kalua Pork.

Movies: Lord of the Rings (all of em), Most War Movies.

Friends: Isaac Moldowin, Johnny Nelson, L.J. Mariteragi, William Ulii, Jay Paulo Staples.

Stacia

Merry Christmas! What an amazing year I've had. My senior year went by in a flash (now that I look back at it, anyways). I kept working at the BYUH Cafeteria until I left for BYU on August 22nd. It was an amazing job!

My first semester in college I lived off campus. I tried for Heritage Halls but, of course, they were filled and the waiting list was so long I couldn't even get on that! Luckily I was able to find a cheap apartment within walking distance. My roommates are Lauren Fowlke, Kayla Peterson and Lizzy Burnett.

Fall Semester I took Astronomy, Book of Mormon 1, Reasoning & Writing, History of Philosophy Part 1, and International Politics. I also had a job working at the Morris Center Cafeteria in the dish room. My favorite class was my Book of Mormon class, mostly because of my teacher, Bro. Szink. He is so very knowledgeable about Jewish and Arabic culture as well as knowing other interesting facts. I learned and enjoyed so much more than I did in Seminary.

Winter I am registered for Book of Mormon 2 (also with Bro. Szink), History of Philosophy Part 2, Genetics & Reproduction, French 101, American Sign Language 101 and Choir. I am very excited. My roommates and I are all taking French. We are planning on labeling our apartment with all the French words for things. I also got another job in addition to my job at the Morris Center. I now also work at the Cannon Center Cafeteria serving breakfast. I mostly got this second job because I have discovered that college is not cheap.

This Christmas I spent time with my sister, Larissa, and her family. I enjoyed making cookies and a cheesecake (even though it didn't turn out very well, sorry!) as well as watching some of the Workman's movies that I hadn't seen before. I finally decided what to spend a Target gift card on and bought myself a spring-form cake pan and a 3.2 qt. saucepan. Wow, I sure am changing what I choose as gifts for myself! Who knows what next year will bring! Adios.

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My Favorite...

Movies: *A Cinderella Story*, *LOTR*, *13 Going on 30*.

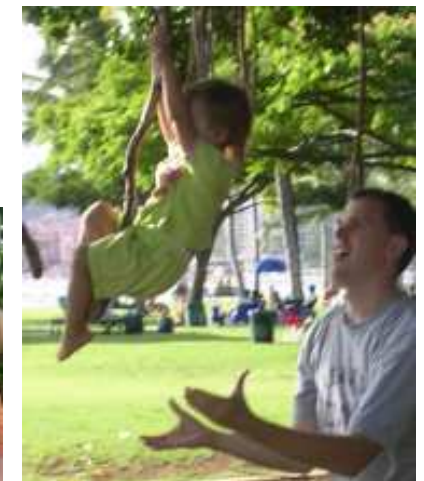
Books: *cheesy LDS romance*, *right now by Lynn Gardner*.
Breakfast Food: *hmm... that's hard. Quiche or Sausage & Egg Bagels.*

Colors: *Navy Blue, Dark Brown, and Pink (who'd have guessed?)*



Sam got to be one of the performers at the Polynesian Cultural Center in the Tongan Village.

In Waikiki we saw fun sights and Latia got to play on really cool Banyan vines. Hollie's not so sure about this whole bird thing, though.



Don

2004: I turned 50 this year. I am tempted to look back at what things have happened. We have been in Hawaii for seven-plus years. After earning my PhD at Oregon Graduate Institute in 1997, I started here in the Computer Science department. I had great ideas for improving things, too many apparently, and a pushy manner, which made me less than popular with my chairman. So in 1999 I changed departments to Information Systems. CS and IS have a lot in common, but take a different approach. CS comes at computer things from the scientist/engineer point of view, and IS comes at computer things from the business point of view.



I started teaching computer programming for the IS department. I got involved in the AITP, the oldest IS professional organization, and its Educational Special Interest Group. I started attending its annual conference, ISECON (1999-present), and became a contributor, first as conference proceedings editor (2000-present), then as member of the board of directors (2001-2004), and for 2005 I was elected the vice president of EDSIG and volunteered to be chairman of ISECON. Back at BYUH, I received "continuing status" (tenure) in 2001 and became a member of the promotion committee, serving in 2004 and 2005 as its chairman. Also in 2001 my former CS chairman left for greener pastures, as did the other member of the CS department. I came back from IS to an empty CS department and spent the next two years bringing in good faculty. The first started in 2002 and has stayed. The second started in 2003 and moved on in 2004 to become CIO of BYUH. The third started in 2004 and is still here. Two others declined our offers. (It has not been easy to find and hire good people.) Then the IS department was in trouble, so this past August I accepted the position of IS chairman, and my 2002 CS hire took over as CS chairman. The former IS chairman left for greener pastures, and I have opened a search to replace him. (My track record is one good hire per year.) It has been a very whirlwind semester. IS has about three times as many students as CS does. So far, I am staying on the horse.

It is impressive to me that in the same seven years, Larissa got married, moved to Utah, then Arizona, and had two kids. Joseph (an eagle scout) served a mission to Japan, came home, got married, earned a BS in CS, had three kids, worked a year in Japan, and is back working at BYUH. Ben graduated from Kahuku High, worked a year, served a mission in Colorado, did school for a year, did Army Reserve training for a year, and is back in school, majoring in CS. Daniel graduated High School, won third place in the Hawaii State Debate Tournament, attended college a year, served a mission in Germany, and is back in college, majoring in CS. Stacia also graduated High School, the top GPA below valedictorian, won third place in the Hawaii State Debate Tournament, and is a student at BYU Provo, majoring in Political Science.

Isaac graduated sixth grade and is in high school, and is working on his scouting merit badges. Lois would fill pages. We have all been pretty busy. Love, Don

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Daniel

Another year to recap. The questions are, where was I, Where am I now, and what will I be doing? Last Christmas I was in Germany serving a Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I served for another 7 months or so after that Christmas and was then released. I had a grand time. In the last three months of the mission I got to live in three different places (the first 19 months I lived in three places also) So it was fast paced needless to say.



When I got off the plane from my flight home (after being away for two years) and as I saw my family waiting for me at baggage claim, I cried. It was a great feeling to be coming home. I didn't cry because I had left Germany, but rather that I was reunited with family.

Isn't it great how Christmas has that effect on families, it brings them together, physically and spiritually.

Now-a-days I am at home and studying at BYU-Hawaii. My major is Computer Science. As you can see by this wonderful picture I have recently acquired myself a pair of braces. I have always wanted a pair and we found these ones lying around the house (No just kidding, they were placed there by normal means). So all you adults who consider getting braces, take courage at my example. A young man of my standing wearing braces... why this is the prime time to be social and I am wearing these with pride. Hmm, I am sure I could relate that to Christmas somehow... Well, let's just consider this portion to be the other section of the year report, not so much seasonal.

So I have been back from the mission 5 months now. In this time I have taken a semester's worth of classes, gotten a job (at the campus bookstore, I worked there before the mission also) and have visited a new ward/congregation (a singles ward where I also received some responsibility in the Elders Quorum, which almost all males are part of). It has certainly been a normally packed and fun 5 months.

All in all this year has been wonderful. Sure it had it's downs and it's ups. But wonder of all wonders is I can only remember those ups as being great and those downs as being a learning experience.

Ich wuensche euch ein gesegetes neues Jahr! Macht es gut!

Ben

Well, I'm Twenty-Four now. For the better part of each day this fact doesn't bother me. But, every now and then, I fear that I will be a single old man. I have no problem dating and flirting with girls that I think are beautiful. It is just the ones that I really like that get me tongue tied. And then there is the problem of being loved by women that I don't love, and loving girls that don't love me.

This year I joined the United States Army Reserves. Now Tupu, and Ericka my friends joined the reserves also. Boot Camp was no fun at all. My Drill Sergeants were getting angry at everything and everyone. Someone told me that hard times don't last but hard people do. I thought they were talking about my Sergeants and I would eventually get away from them. When I got to AIT after my basic training there were still drill sergeants, but you could avoid them for the most part of the day. I was also allowed to go shopping and have weekends off.

Before I joined, my recruiter said I would have 14 weeks of training. I left on January eighth and got back on August nineteenth. I probably should have known that five weeks for learning satellite communications was too short.

Less than a week after I returned from the military, school started up. This has been the worst semester so far. It feels like I have attention problems now. It is good to finally have a break; I even took several days off from work. This will be the longest break I've had in about a year. Maybe that is why I've had such a great Christmas.

My favorite color is bright orange. Michelle even made an awesome orange tie for me.

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Lois

I began the year worrying about Ben joining the Army Reserves and going to Boot Camp. I wrote lots of letters in the next few months. I was thrilled when that ordeal was over in August. I don't appreciate stress in my life.

I also began the year by baby-sitting Shannon and Latia five days a week while Akiko went to school. I was always tired and had no time to go to Wal-mart (which is an hour away). So during Spring term and Fall term I said that I'd babysit two days a week.

This proved to be much more manageable for me. They are certainly excellent children, but it's still tiring for this grandma.

In July, Daniel completed his two-year mission. At the airport I cried when I saw him. He cried also.. It was glorious. It's always amazing to see the growth in your children, and watching Daniel was certainly rewarding. Of course, with his return, came the return of all the friends back at the house. Life is never dull with a houseful of boys and a few girls...

In August Stacia received her Young Womanhood Recognition Award, Isaac his Boy Scout Star Rank, and we had a family reunion. It was SO fun to have everyone together. See other parts of the newsletter for some of the things we did. Just watching the grandchildren play together was great fun for me.

During September I took a surprise trip to Utah to celebrate Marva Jeanne and Herb Pedersen's 50th wedding anniversary. I got to see a lot of relatives and friends. I got to meet Stacia's room-mates and check out her apartment. It was a great trip, and wish that I'd been able to visit with more of you.

I am looking forward to June next year when Don and I celebrate our 30 years of marriage. It seems amazing that it's been that long, but then when I look at the children and grandchildren, I suppose it isn't. Well, I hope and pray that you have a great year.



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*Lots of Love,
 Lois*

Larissa & Sam Workman

Happy New Year to All!

This past year was an eventful one. We welcomed Briyanna Leigh Workman into our family in May. In October, we moved into a cute little townhome. In November, we celebrated 7 years of marriage, and in December, we found out that we will be adding again to our family in August of next year. We are very pleased with the many accomplishments of the year.

Sam will start the new year at a new job. He has decided to focus his employment towards Marketing, which is the field he is getting his degree in, so that he will have some experience behind him when he does graduate. We are excited and nervous about the change, but will trust in the Lord that it will all work out for the best. Larissa has a work-from-home job where she wakes up in the wee hours of the morning to take inbound sales calls. She enjoys her job and loves having the days to be with her kids.

Hollie is 2 years and 4 months old. She is very verbal and speaks quite clearly for her age. She loves dancing with the Wiggles, counting and playing with Dora, and singing with Disney Princesses. She also loves learning her letters with Leap Frog's letter and word factories. :-) She loves reading books and pretending in her Disney Princess Kitchen that she got for Christmas.

Briyanna is 7 months old and is very interested in the world around her and spends much of her time touching everything and seeing what it is like. She loves to give hugs and kisses. She is experimenting with getting up on her knees right now and we anticipate she will crawl soon. She loves to stand most of the time though and constantly uses our fingers to pull herself up. That is about it from our little family. We hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and is ready for the new year.

Love, the Workman family

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Joseph & Akiko Colton

This year has been an exciting one for all of us. A lot has happened. Michael was born on July 19th. We moved to campus married student housing. We bought a used mini-van to move the five of us around. There are many things that happened to us individually.

Joseph was able to move from working at BYUH as a full time temporary employee to working in a permanent position. He is in charge of the Linux servers, the email and web content filters, and a few additional monitoring servers. In Fall he taught a networking class where students prepared to take the CCNA, the first Cisco certification exam.

Akiko has been working hard in school. She has not only been studying the Hawaiian language and culture in school, but has also spent a couple of days a week dancing Hula. She danced, with her halau, at a restaurant opening, for birthday parties, for a surf club reunion, and for a party for the newly elected Mayor of Honolulu. In this busy year she gave birth to Michael and was out and about in a few weeks. With Michael's birth, all of her hula, her mom coming to visit, and everything else, she still managed to average a 4.0 in her classes during 2004.

Shannon has been learning a lot. She likes to study and asks mom to let her study everyday. In her studies she has learned how to write many letters, how to draw circles, how to do addition in base 1, and many more skills. She has recently started learning to play the piano and enjoys that. She also likes to help everyone and wants to be like Mama.

Latia has started to join the family socially. She is learning to speak quickly and has learned how to communicate most of what she wants. Even though she can communicate, she still says some very strange things. One strange thing she does is refer to herself as Shannon. It makes for interesting conversations. She has also started to potty train. She can sit on the toilet and use it, but often either does, or does not tell us she needs a diaper change.

Michael tries to be his cute self. He loves his Mama and spends a lot of time with her. He rolls around and moves, but has not yet started to crawl. He is still working on his crawling skills. In addition to crawling, he is working on eating. He has started eating soft foods like mashed carrots, rice, and yogurt.

As we move into 2005 we will continue to have experiences. To everyone we would like to wish you a Happy New Year. Hauoli makahiki hou.

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