

News, Views and Reviews of 2006 from Marcia & Ted

Wow! We've had another wonderfully crazy year in 2006! As most of you know, we were able to spend the winter past at our home in Key West. Unfortunately, Marcia was fighting a major sinus problem and required sinus surgery after we returned home to Lake Forest. We did, however, get up to our camp in Desbarats, Ontario, in September for Labor Day. We also started what was to have been our big project of the year: renovating our kitchen in Lake Forest. We must be gluttons for punishment!

Anyway, in September we received a call from son Chris to let us know that Claudia Burgos and he had decided to get married during their previously planned three week trip to her family home in Peru around Christmas. You heard about Claudia but didn't really meet her in last year's letter. Claudia is a delightful young woman working in marketing research in Chicago where they will continue to live.

On December 17 they were married in a ceremony at Curayacu Beach about 30 minutes South of Lima. Marcia & I, Chris' brother Tim, Chris' longtime friend Naved Siddique and Chris's Mom all flew to Peru to support Chris. We were overwhelmed by the kindness and love extended all of us by her family. We are blessed that she has joined our family and that she has let us join her family.

Claudia's Mother, Margarita, her sisters Cecilia (Carlos) and Pilar (Segundo), nieces Ursula and Luciana, and nephews Bruno and Alvaro drove us everywhere and were remarkable hosts. The evening

before the wedding the entire group went to a tour and dinner in the pre-Incan ruins at Huaca Pucllana.



The reception dinner started with sushi which was followed by more conventional food. Desert was a huge selection of fancy chocolates and petits fours. We danced the night away and have many pictures as proof! The service and reception were next to a rookery which tried without luck to compete with the fantastic band. The happy couple went to northern Peru for a short beach vacation before returning to

continue their visit with Claudia's family.

Some more scenes from the wedding are below; you may see others at www.desbarats.com!



Margarita & Aunt Blanca



Luciana, Ursula & Chris



Balloons & Confetti



Claudia & Chris with
Marcia & Ted



Elaine Paulson joined us in Key West in January.



Judy & Frank Siebrecht thawed their bones in February.



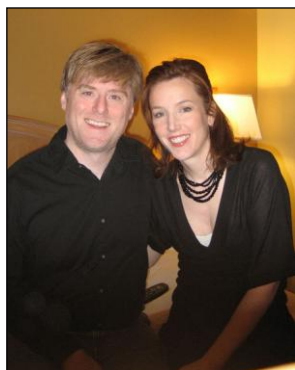
In March Jan Gibson & Paul Bergmann came to Key West so Paul could catch (and release) a grouper.



Marcia's Cow Parsnips were huge in June!



Father's Day with Matt, Katie, Carolyn & Tim.



In September, Katie & Matt celebrated their 2nd wedding anniversary.



Jan (in blue pants) & Paul joined us in Desbarats and dined at the Marshall's camp. John's wife, Andrea, was cooking a wonderful meal when this was taken.

We returned home to Lake Forest for a much awaited visit from our Boston friend Bill Shumate and, of course, forgot to take a picture!



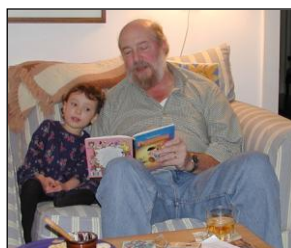
In October we started to renovate our kitchen.



We went to Connecticut to see Beth, Jeff, Charlotte and Margaret. The ladies played with new toys.



Jeff fed Margaret while Charlotte was mugging.



Grandpa "Kiss-Kiss" read to Charlotte.



We were blown kisses! Actually, Jeff was trying to teach Margaret how to make a silly face.



In November we went to Boca Grande for Samantha Marshall's wedding to Barrett Davies.



Marcia also held a luncheon for Claudia.

We're going to try to mail the 2007 letter in 2007!



We trust you had a Merry Christmas, very Happy Holidays and we wish you good health, happiness and peace in the New Year!

Love-
Marcia & Ted