

## Saturday December 26, 2009

It's Boxing Day in Canada, so we took a trip to Arizona City to spend the afternoon with some Canadian friends, Lion George and his wife Linda. We worked with them when they lived in A12 and now they live in London Ontario (A1) during the summer and have a beautiful home on a golf course in Arizona City for winter. Linda cooked us a wonderful dinner and we had a great time talking about our adventures. George gave us a list of things to see and do in Arizona. We decided that a trip to Fort Thomas on Melvin Jones's birthday would be a good idea.

## Sunday December 27, 2009

In the evening we had a fun game of Mexican Trains with our neighbours Pat and Peggy. They caught on very quickly to the game. (What else would we expect ☐ they're Albertans!)

## Monday December 28, 2009



Maureen started working on her costume for the New Years Eve Party.

Tuesday December 29, 2009



The days have been cooler than usual, but compared to up north, we are pretty lucky. The sunsets continue to amaze us with their gorgeous colours.

Wednesday  
December 30, 2009

Most of the park is still decked out in holiday lights.

Here are our decorations.



Thursday December 31, 2009

New Years Eve!



The theme for the night - Gangsters and the colours - Black and White. We arrived a few minutes late and the room was full. The party room was tastefully decorated and many of the guests dressed in outfits to fit the theme.

Outside was an old Model T Ford with a photographer ready to take our picture.



Friday January 1, 2010



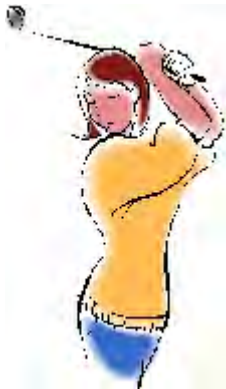
Maureen put away the inside Christmas decorations while Mike watched football on TV.

Saturday January 2, 2010

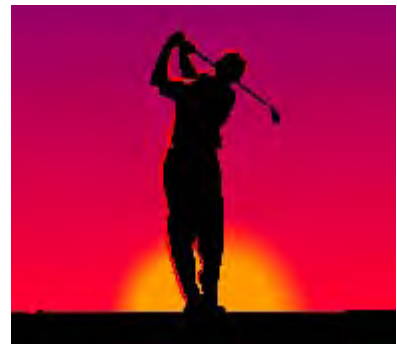


Played nine holes of golf on the par three Palm Creek Course. Managed not to lose any balls this time. Yeah!

Sunday January 3, 2010



Made it through 18 holes of golf today so we are a bit played out. The course does not allow carts so you get a really good workout





Monday January 4, 2010



Mike spent the afternoon with neighbours who needed their blinds restrung. Later, Percy injured Mike's leg when he jumped in his lap.

Maureen went Scrap booking in the evening.

Tuesday January 5, 2010

We went golfing again with intentions to play 18 holes. Unfortunately Mike's leg was not good, so we only played nine.



Maureen enjoyed a Genealogy meeting in the evening. There were about 40 people there to



learn how to search for their long lost ancestors. She came home and spent untold hours on the computer trying out a new web site

Thursday January 7, 2010

Lion Joanne invited us to join the Casa Grande Lions for their first meeting of the new year. The treasurer reported that a good profit was made on the hot chocolate sale at the Christmas parade. The C.G. Lions have many great projects on the go, including helping disadvantaged people access eye glasses.

Saturday January 9, 2010

We were up very early to make a three hour trip to Fort Thomas Arizona, the birth place of the Founder of Lions International. Our next door neighbours Lion Pat and Peggy and Lion John from the Casa Grande Lions club went with us. Along the way Lion John (a Border Patrol Officer) was able to tell us interesting things about the countryside and his work with Homeland Security. Although Fort Thomas is due east, we had to travel north through Globe to get there, as there are no roads through the mountains.



When we arrived we checked out the Memorial to Melvin Jones.

The Safford Lions and other Arizona Lions erected the Memorial in 1965, four years after Melvin Jones passed away.





The museum is full of pictures and artefacts related to Lions and it's founder.



Lion Pat and Peggy watching

At 11:00 am the rededication ceremony began





One of the Arizona District Governors speaking



Arizona ID Dick Sawyer

Induction of new members





After the rededication we travelled to Thatcher for a luncheon at the College.

We sat with VDG Mike Kenny and his spouse Gail.



Lion John really enjoyed the food!







Mike visited with the speaker, PID Dana Biggs, who was his instructor at the District Governor's school in Osaka.

Dana spoke about the importance of

rededicating ourselves to Lions every day.

On the way home we enjoyed another wonderful Arizona sunset as we travelled back through the mountains.



Monday January 11, 2010

During the day we installed some glass tiles in the kitchen.



In the evening we attended a fabulous Pot Luck supper with the Paper Crafters group. Maureen made Amoretto Love Cheesecake.

Tuesday January 12, 2010

Mike installed more tiles in the kitchen. A lot of work - but really improves the look of the kitchen.

Mike's leg is still bothering him, so it was off to Urgent Care for a consultation with a doctor there. He came home with a tensor bandage and a prescription for Physio.



Wednesday January 13, 2010

Finished off installing the tiles.

Signed up for some upcoming activities at the park



Maureen got a new hairdo at Ulta. Much shorter and cooler!

Thursday January 14, 2010

Mike put the grouting on the kitchen tiles. Really looks great. Sure hope that it stays on the wall when we move!

