



2007

Well, the stocking's are hung, and it's time to send Christmas wishes to our friends and family all over the world!

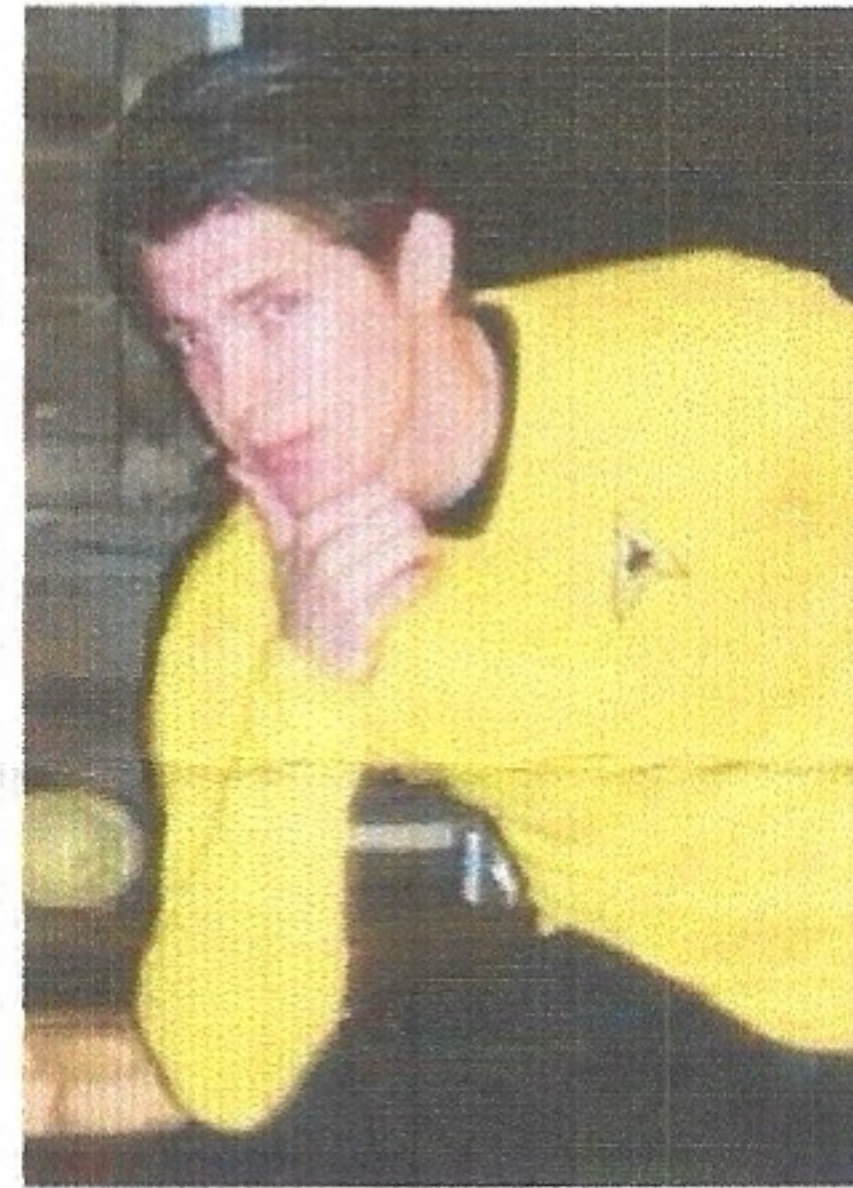
2007 brought many changes, and 2008 will certainly bring even more. The Gingolds shared what was probably our last family vacation this spring when we drove down to Disney World for a few days. We had a great time together, as we always do when we're there.

James moved into his own place this summer, sharing a house with three friends and three cats. He works at two local restaurants and writes screenplays on the side. While living on his own has been a learning experience, he also plans a return to more traditional learning and is applying to colleges. That will help his "what you know," but screen-writing is also "who you know," so if you know any Hollywood types, please introduce them to James!

Emily started the year as an All-State vocalist in Peoria and just keeps going. In addition to this year's school plays and concerts, community theatre and the Renaissance Faire, she was caught up in the whole process of college applications. So far, Em's been accepted to University of Evansville and Knox College, and it looks as if next fall our little girl will be at Knox.

Gnu Media Design became Gnu Ventures Company this year and continues to be

Don's occupation when he's not performing. He's told ghost stories, read radio theatre, sang in a couple musicals and appeared in his first - and he swears last! - Shakespeare play. He and Emily both acted in a 1960's-flavored "Taming of the Shrew." Thumbing his nose at gas prices, Don bought himself a little red motorbike to take him to all these engagements, and has been enjoying it thoroughly.



As Captain Kirk for Halloween



Homecoming Celebrations

Kate realized a long-held dream when her children's book **Ruth by Lake and Prairie** was published early this year. School and community presentations have kept her busy and a follow-up book is in the works. A second dream came true when Kate and Don spent their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on a Caribbean cruise. The time alone was bittersweet: while so unusual now, it will soon be ordinary as our children move out and move on.



Anniversary balloons outside the stateroom door.

This Chicago winter seems especially gloomy after the Caribbean, but next week daylight will start getting longer and soon we'll have daffodils. We wish you lots of sunshine and flowers in 2008 and plenty of time to enjoy them with your family and friends. Please stay in touch!

—Don and Kate, James and Emily