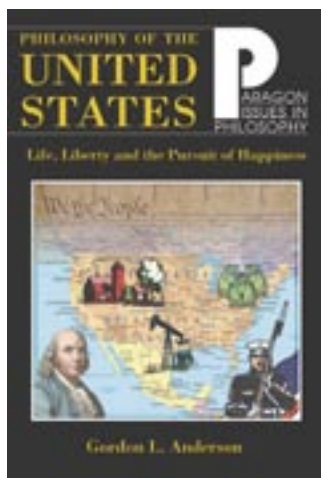




Our Christmas tree last year

### Highlights

- Gordon publishes *Philosophy of the United States*
- Mary Jane fundraises for an Afghanistan school
- Tami & Jaga have Wedding Reception
- Jayna selects college major
- Greta get driver's permit
- Evan plays baseball



Gordon's book *Philosophy of the United States* available at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) or [paragonhouse.com](http://paragonhouse.com)

# Season's Greetings 2004

# Anderson Family Report

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## Happy Holidays from our family!

### Gordon and Mary Jane *(over for children)*

Season's greetings. This year we were able to travel more than usual. In April we went to the Bahamas where Gordon spoke at the annual meeting of the Association for Private Enterprise Education (APEE). We were able to visit Mary Jane's high school friend Sara and her husband Paul who live in Florida. In October we went to Budapest for the annual meeting of the World Association of NGOs (WANGO). It was opened in the Hungarian Parliament by the Speaker of Parliament. Gordon served as the conference rapporteur.

In September, Gordon published his book *Philosophy of the United States: Life Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness* (Paragon House) explaining the issues that all Americans need to discuss and why. He's been on the radio a few times and has received good reviews. He works for Paragon House, was active in the Minnesota Legislative Evaluation Assembly (MN-LEA), and also worked on a charter school project with National Heritage Academies.

Mary Jane continues to be active in the community and has added more to her list of organizations. She is still chairwoman for MN-ND-SD-IA Region of Women's Fed. for World Peace, is on her last year as president of the White Bear Lake Women's Club, and works as an assisted living nurse for Health East senior care half-time. This year she joined the board for PECA which is non-profit to raise money for education for children in Afghanistan and volunteered for its first major fundraiser in Nov. which raised \$10,000. She continues selling Avon part time receiving the "Spirit of Avon" award again last spring. She mentors others in growing their businesses which has rewards other than just monetary. Lately she took a class to develop her knitting and crocheting skills after helping Tami and Greta learn to knit.



At the Parliament in Budapest



Mary Jane and Sara at Atlantis, Paradise Island



Afghanistan Fundraiser at the Landmark Center

# Childrens' Highlights



Tami and Jaga at Wedding Reception

## Tami (21) and Jaga Gavin

- Wedding Reception at Jax Cafe in Northeast Minneapolis July
- Jaga will remain in the Coast Guard in Duluth until his service is completed in Fall 2005.
- Tami is in her fourth and final year in the interior design program at the University of Minnesota, and worked for an interior design firm RSP over the summer (see [www.tamigavin.com](http://www.tamigavin.com)). She works part-time for Dad during the school year. She stays in the Gamma Phi Beta sorority while in school.



One of Tami's Design Sketches



Jayna at Aunt Barb's house

## Jayna (19)

- Enjoyed working for Uncle John at Lino Lakes State Bank, and the White Bear Yacht Club.
- Moved back home, bought a Saturn, and commutes to the University of Minnesota.
- Switched her major to Advertising with a minor in Business.
- Active social life and ardent supporter of U of M sports teams.



Our Fireplace ready for Santa



Greta in Spring 2004

## Greta (15)

- Got Driver's Permit.
- Is in 10th grade and is taking Spanish as her foreign language.
- Worked in the High School Play as a stage hand.
- Takes an art course through Art Instruction Schools.
- Attended an outdoor church camp in the high mountains of Washington state in early July.
- She has her own website for a group of friends.
- She likes cooking, sewing and other domestic projects.



Greta and our dog "Baby" at the Christmas Tree



Evan's school photo

## Evan (14)

- Played on baseball, and basketball teams since our last letter. He also likes to play ping-pong.
- Is in four advanced classes in Middle School, especially enjoying science and industrial arts classes.
- Plays Baritone, made Honor Band, and is learning piano at home.
- He has a lot of friends his age in our neighborhood.



Evan pitching in Fall Baseball



*"...That glorious song of old, From angels bending near the earth...  
And man at war with man hears not, The love-song which they bring;  
O! hush the noise, ye men of strife, And hear the Angels sing."*



*Joy, Peace, and Love to you from the Andersons*