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Dear Cousins,

I wasn't quite sure I'd be up to putting out a newsletter this month; but I knew it would be nagging at me if I didn't, so I've been chipping away at putting it together as I've had the energy. I've spent the last six months battling breast cancer - and the treatments are about as deadly as the disease! Finished treatment a few weeks ago and am on the way back up!

I've made no progress since last time at getting the Hoopes Family website up. It's going to take some time scanning the graphic material that was cut and pasted for newsletters over the past 5 years and figuring out how to do the whole thing. I'm also nervous that management of the website may be more than I can handle in my spare time.

I'm planning to return to work after 3 months on disability and am not going to be able to ease into things gradually as I had hoped. I have to travel to a 3-day work session for an International Code Council committee to work on structural concrete certification exams at the end of the month. Then I'm scheduled to do a presentation at a corporate earthquake preparedness conference in early November. I'm trying to learn to take things slower, but I obviously don't have the knack for it yet - and circumstances don't make it easier.

The kids and grandkids are active as usual. Damon keeps busy with his website design work and window-washing business. He and Maryann have become active in Toastmasters; their son Devin is now 9 and enjoying school and soccer. Ange still supervises at the greeting card warehouse and teaches water aerobics classes at the Y. She enjoyed a train trip to New Orleans and a visit to friends in New Mexico during the past 6 months. Pam and Kirk have been swamped with work for their construction firm, but managed a week for a great time with me and their 5 boys - now ages 4-16 - in Hawaii and a week of camping at our favorite spot (and I managed to join them camping for a few days between treatments). Bryan works with Damon, has his own handyman enterprise, and continues to enjoy singing, playing, and writing songs. He just left for a week in Hawaii with his girlfriend, Claudia.

Mother/June stays occupied with all her usual activities and a few trips here and there. She just returned from a trip to the Biloxi/Gulfport area where she saw a performance of the wonderful *Cirque du Soleil* for the first time.

Rob and Wayne and their crew are doing fine. Wayne recently completed engineering work on the rehab of 2 large dams. Rob works part-time for Hallmark but doesn't let it interfere too much with her golfing and skiing. Son Jason is working for a website design firm and continues with his music. Jen graduated in May from San Francisco State University with a BS in Kinesiology - just the start of her long education to become a physical therapist.

Hope you and yours are happy and healthy!

Sincerely,

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