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Deb - Yes, Carol is going to New Orleans. She quit her last job and has a lot of free time. Her last job involved very confrontational group sessions with mostly male substance abusers who were ordered by the court to attend. It was not only not the type of work she wanted to do, but was upsetting. She couldn't handle it. She is sick of trying to find a job in the social work field and is trying to get a job with the state.

I liked the Christmas card! How did you capture the pictures? With a scanner?

We will be at Mom's Christmas day and will leave from there for New Orleans the next morning. You weren't planning to sleep at Mom's Christmas night, were you?

We had a Christmas party for Carol's tribe Sunday. 26 people packed into our little house. But I heard a good story. Walt Wheeler is Carol's sister's husband. He said his mother, who lives in Florida, told him of a strange phone conversation. She had been expecting a call from Walt, so when the phone rang, she told Walt's father - Walt Sr. - to pick up the extension so they both could talk. But when she picked up the phone and said hello, there was no response. She said "Hello, who is this?" Her husband on the extension said, "Walt Wheeler. Who are you?" She answered, "It's your mother." And he said, "My mother has been dead 35 years."

See you Christmas day!

Love, Steve