

# 2013 Wittmann-Family Christmas Letter



Mark with all his girls (Sabine, Meike, Mark, Lisa, and Heidi) at Brunch

Dear Friends,

We wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2014.

We hope that the New Year will bring more justice and equal opportunities for all and bring us closer to a modernized version of Kant's world citizenship and global peace or literally peace "without borders" meaning the end of nationalism that constrains the individual's freedom more than needed.

Our personal life in 2013 has been rather uneventful. Anna and her Family spent last year's holidays with us and left in January returning home to NZ. We enjoyed visits of Dietmar's brother Volker and his wife and also his cousin Walter. The following pictures may provide more information about our 2013.

Dietmar & Heide Marie



Sunrise over the intracoastal and photovoltaic solar pannels



Our Christmas Tree 2012



Our garden in June 2013 with blooming Poinciana in front of the intracoastal waterway



Our Family at Christmas Dinner 2012  
Lisa-Anna-Sab ine-Daphne-Syrah-Mark=Heidi-John

Perspective

We did not want to talk this year about our views on politics. We wanted to act like good Americans who told us early to better exclude politics and religion from discussions.

Two recent events, however, were stronger than our desire to stay out of politics: the election process in Germany and Pope Francesco's truthful comments on capitalism, which confirmed our remarks in our previous two Christmas letters.

Men realized early that communism is unachievable because of our evolutionary conditioning for survival. Now we start realizing that capitalism too, is shifting to the extreme and becoming unfeasible for the same reason. "Irrational exuberance" will extinct capitalism. Establishing an effective control may be impossible.

The argument against this thesis may be seen in the "civilized" election process in Germany with its eight weeks of fair campaigning bearing some hope for capitalism. There too, however, lobbyists do have the advantage of more insight driven political power than the regular citizen. This unfair game will not last for ever and the Pope's letter is a serious warning with non moral implications.



Anna with Syrah at our beach

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Dietmar's brother Volker and Jutta  
at Lido Beach



Daphne and Syrah with Milou



Heidi in discussion with Jutta and Volker



View from our library towards the  
garden



Struppi and Milou chase a ball on our  
tennis court



Our living room in front of the pool  
area and lanai



Milou and Struppi have discovered a  
Gopher Turtle



Just a nice picture taken in Oscar  
Scherer (OS) Forest and Park



The turtle stays retracted



Myakka river at the sleeping Turtle  
Preserve Park



Clouds in the sunset



Syrah with the dogs