DGC, in Houston. Norm first met Professor Zhang in 1992 when Zhang attended the last week of a short course that Norm taught at Shandong University in Jinan. They both were staying at the university hotel and spent their evenings after dinner walking and talking together. This led to a fast friendship. Over the years they have connected in China, Denver and various meetings around the world. With Yu Zhang as catalyst, the three of them are working on an imaging project based on some important theoretical results of Professor Zhang’s derived more than ten years ago.

After returning home, our cousins from England, Peter and Sarah Kelen, and their son, Joseph, came to visit. By then we had our winter rental in Frisco and introduced them to the wonders of skiing. They were all hooked on cross-country skiing in a tracked area, with some lesser attraction to downhill. Joe also enjoyed a day’s lesson on a snowboard. It was good to connect with them and get to know them all a little better from day-to-day companionship.

Back in town, on a mild evening, we visited the Denver Botanic Gardens during a Christmas light display. The photo-ops abounded!

...and so the year ended, about as breathless as it had begun back in Karlsruhe, Prague and Trieste, in the previous January. It has been a year filled with old friendships renewed, new friendships begun, filled with a vast richness of memories of people, places and experiences. We think of ourselves as being among the most fortunate of people and look forward to continuing our joint adventure. We will return to Germany on April 1, with yet another breathless year of travel in front of us, including one round-the-world trip: Denver, Karlsruhe, Stavanger, Karlsruhe, Seoul, Beijing, Denver, and then … . We’ll tell you all about it next year!

Remember, stay in touch and let us know if our paths come close. Perhaps we can connect.

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