

## Traveling

“Anne and I are starting to do more traveling. Last November we took a three-week tour through Argentina and a little bit of Chile. It was fabulous. We started and ended in Buenos Aires, a beautiful city, with visits in between to most of the Patagonian and Fuegician "must see" spots and a final side trip to the Iguazu Falls on the southern border of Brazil.

As well as having spectacular scenery, Argentina is an easy country to visit because their currency is fixed at parity with the dollar. So almost everywhere you can pay either in dollars or in pesos. They have good hotels, and you can drink tap water anywhere in Patagonia.

In April, we are going for one week to Burgundy, to fill up on good food and wines. One week is all the cholesterol and alcohol that our systems can take. We will be traveling with some German relatives of mine with whom we toured Poland last spring, digging up some Hepner roots in Gdansk and Torun. This time, the only roots we'll be digging up will be truffles. Yes, I know truffles aren't really roots, but it makes a nice segue.”

Left coast, visit to daughter, Liz, and grandchildren Arlo (5) and Frida (2) in Seattle. “We flew out to San Francisco and rented a car to drive up the coast. Highlights included winery visits in Santa Rosa and Philo, climb to top of lighthouse at Point Arena, hike through old growth redwood forest and two-night stay at Requa Inn B&B on Klamath River (wonderful place with excellent dinners), visit to Sea Lion Caves near Heceta Point, fabulous oysters at Local Ocean Cafe in Newport, OR, and more winery visits in the Willamette Valley.”

*-- Recycled from Chuck's Class Notes*