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# Kochert Kronicles

## December 2004



### New Home on the Horizon

Well, we have gone and done it. The kids are on the way out and Steven and I have decided to build the house we have always wanted to build.

Almost one year ago, we began the search for property to make this dream come true and in March of this year, we found it. It is about 1.5 acres out in the county and its' location will shorten Steven's commute by 30 minutes per day.

Then, we started looking at house plans. None of them were really what we were looking for so we took the closest match to a designer. After several months of revisions, La Kocharosa was born. It will have all of the bedroom space we need and we will finally have the screened porch we have always wanted. Off of our bedroom, Steven and I have decided to have a pergola built and there is most definitely space for the hot tub.

We found a builder we are both comfortable with and weather

permitting, the building will begin. We are not looking to be in the new house until June, but we firmly believe it will be worth the wait. In the meantime, five adults, two dogs, one cat and snake are living in a 3-bedroom duplex. We have most of our things in two storage units. That means we can never find anything when we need it. Making a traditional thanksgiving dinner was certainly a challenge.

Our current address is **4709 Derby Ridge Drive, Columbia, MO 65202**; 573-817-1019. As you may have noticed above, Kochert Kronicles is now available online and we all have new email addresses (see below). We would love to hear from you. We will do our best to update the site on a monthly basis or sooner if major events occur.

Anyway, plan on a housewarming party somewhere around the 4th of July. We would love to have all of you there to bless our new home.



**La Kocharosa**

### Silver Wedding Anniversary

Twenty-five years later and neither of us can fit into our original wedding clothes. Really, we can't! So, we went down to the local photo shop and borrowed wedding clothes for our 25th wedding anniversary photo.

Actually, Steven and I took to the hills of the Ozarks in Eureka Springs, Arkansas to celebrate this milestone. We decided to commemorate the event with the photo below. Trust me it was a better choice than the two hillbillies, their corn cob pipes along with a moonshine bottle and the "still hitched" sign!

We stayed at a beautiful bed and breakfast; Angel at Rose Hall. We enjoyed dinner at wonderful restaurants, shopped and visited a couple of noteworthy sites. The



most inspiring were Thorncrown Chapel and the Christ of the Ozarks statue.

Anyway, we made it 25 years and both of us have renewed our contract for 25 more. Stay tuned!

### New Email Addresses:

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## Ashley and Joseph

Ashley (23) continues to attend classes at Columbia College. If all goes well, graduation is most likely next December. Keep your fingers crossed! After that, who knows. We are hearing talk about graduate school or perhaps even law school. Like her parents, you will just have to wait and see what happens next.

She is coming up on her six month anniversary working at the University of Missouri in the Biographical Records Department. She thinks the job is boring and hopes to transfer to another office

after her probation period ends. But, the job was a foot in the door.

2005 marks a milestone in Joseph's life as he turns 21 at the end of January. That is probably the only thing he is absolutely sure. He is currently in a state of "I don't know what to do with my life."

He is still taking classes at Columbia College, but really does not have an idea of what direction he wants that to take him. He is also toying with the idea of enlisting

in the military, but has not made the final decision to sign on the dotted line yet. And, as for employment, he is currently looking for a new job.

As for significant others, there are currently no serious contenders on the horizon for either Ashley and Joseph...at least as far as we know!

So, Steven and I look for patience as both of our children continue their life path searches. In time, we know they will find their way.

## Sandy

Sandy would like to find another crossing guard job, but none have been available this year. So, she is currently doing all of her working here at the house. She has been very helpful in keeping the house cleaned up and believe it or not, she has cooked the family a couple of meals. She calls it "Indiana" food.

She is also looking forward to the new house where she will have a larger room, a walk-in closet and her own bathroom. An added feature for her will be direct access to the screened porch. We can definitely see her finding a way to sleep out there on nice evenings.

Sandy has visited a couple

of nearby churches since we moved to the other side of town. We are not aware of any decisions on that front yet.

Other than that, she is healthy and for that we are grateful!

## Closing Thoughts (poem by Verna S. Teeuwissen)

Is Christmas the smell of evergreen,  
The jingle of bells on a sleigh;  
Is Christmas the laughter of children,  
The greeting of friends in the way?  
Is Christmas the lighting of candles,  
The hanging of wreaths on the door;  
Is Christmas the welcome of loved ones?  
Yes, Christmas is this, and more.

For Christmas echoes from angels  
Its message of peace and good will;  
And Christmas tells of a manger  
On a calm Judean hill,  
Where shepherds bowed and worshipped  
As God incarnate slept,  
And it's only as we kneel with them  
That our Christmas is truly kept.

**May your Christmas  
and the new year  
bring you much joy,  
happiness and  
peace!**

