



Sierra turned five on February 5th! Like thousands of other little girls around the world, she decided on a "Frozen" theme birthday party! She wore a Frozen dress. She had Frozen party plates, cups and napkins, Frozen wrapping paper, and a Frozen bounce house. Kathy made her a Frozen cake and when she was at our house for the week, I made her a Frozen pancake cake.



Our town once had a renown tree moose, actually a branch growing out of a huge eucalyptus tree that looked just like a moose. It was painted and decorated many times over the years by the community and enjoyed by kids, teens, and adults alike. Sadly, on New Year's Eve, a handful of hooligans took a chain saw to it and hauled it away! Mid-February, the moose head resurfaced and is now being held as evidence at our local police station. For several years now, I have taken photos of this moose almost every time it was painted. I have hundreds of pictures and want to publish a book. I was looking at hard copy publication but the cost is quite prohibitive. Now I am considering publishing an ebook. If so, would you want one?

Our fava bean crop (fertilizing winter crop for our summer garden) was fabulously successful this year due to heavy rains in December; growing so tall, Sierra almost disappears when walking through them.



A family gathering of cousins, my Mom's idea. Robert, she, and I drove to Southern California to meet up with the few remaining relatives in the area. We all enjoyed an extraordinary lunch at Johnny Reb's in Bellflower.



Paris, now eleven, taking a rare rest break when we took dogs to an off-leash 6,000+ acre park in February.

Dakota, now eight, proud of all the sticks she has collected at our local park where we take morning walks.