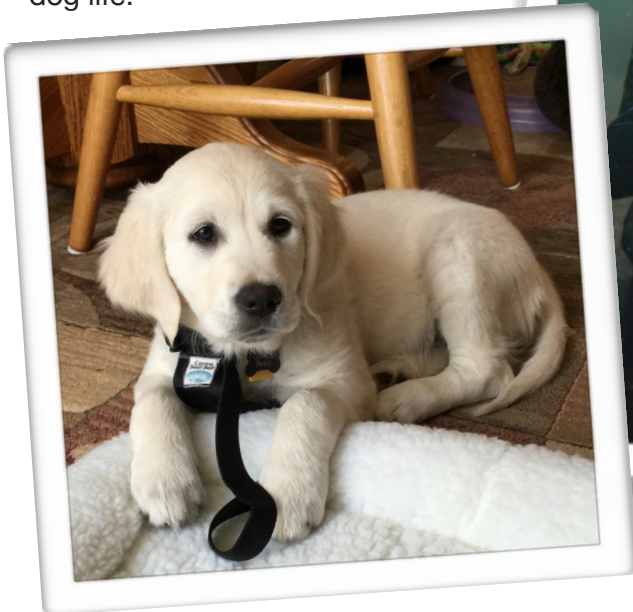


# The Garrett Times

## Happy New Year...one and all!

Our annual newsletter comes to you a bit late this year for no particular reason; well we have excuses but we won't go into that! We once again reflect on the past year with thanksgiving for all that we were able to do and experience.

We'd like to introduce Piper! An English Cream Golden Retriever, who came to us in February as an 8-week old pup with more energy than either of us were prepared for. Now she is ruling the household as she continues to learn the ways of big dog life.



Brian made his second trip in 8-months to Bangalore, India where he provided mentoring to the VMWare offshore team. Our one-and-only Fly-In during 2015 ended up being a "drive-in" to Kansas City, MO. Poor weather conditions kept us on the ground so we drove with our fellow flying buffs Bob & Shawn, where the WWI museum, and of course, the BBQ were highlights. Piper and Laurie spent a week hanging out and working in Breckenridge. Piper loved spending time on Main Street honing her manners. She quickly became a pro at riding the gondola too. August brought our best memory, a week on the Sea of Cortez! The Rocio Del Mar live aboard was our home for a spectacular week of diving with wildlife like sea loins and octopus, snorkeling with gentle, yet enormous whale sharks, and experiencing this gorgeous body of water and its surrounding lands.





October and November brought rest and relaxation (well, sort of) as a result of yet another orthopedic surgery for Laurie (hip tear). But this time Brian didn't let her go through it alone, he went under the knife to repair a bothersome bone spur in his foot. Our physical

therapy goes well into the new year, but watch out mid-2016, Brian will once again be on the 1/2-marathon circuits, while Laurie hopes she can be walking long, pain-free distances. As a result of the much needed healing time, we spent the week of Thanksgiving in Beaver Creek, where we enjoyed doing nothing but watching the snow fall. We hope you had a very Merry Christmas. We wish you health and happiness in 2016. Love Brian, Laurie, Piper, Tank & TC.

(More photos are available at: [briangarrett.net](http://briangarrett.net))

