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Christmas  
2011  
from the  
Seattle  
Schriers**



**The Seattle Schrier Family in 2011**

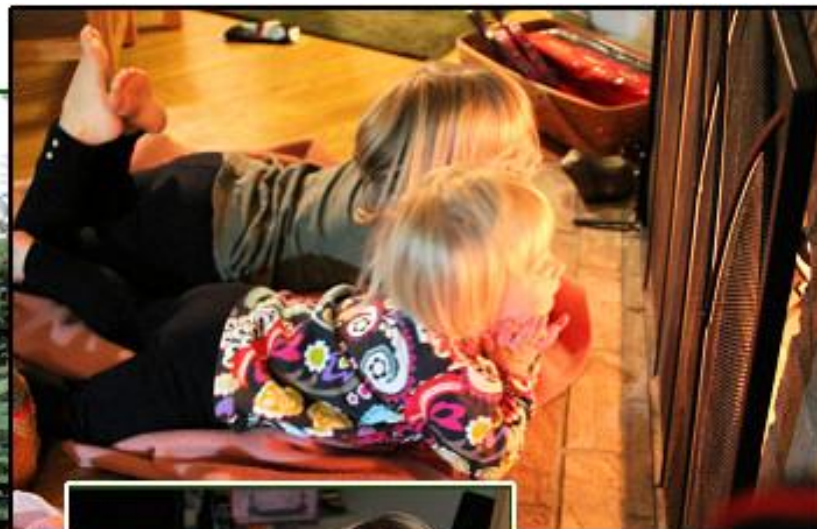
**Front: Wayne, Alex (Age 6), Alex's best friend Jack**

**Back: Bill, Sydney, Marlenea, Kathy, Julia, Ryan, Lara holding Elle (age 18 months),  
Ryan LaFollette (cousin)**



Easter with Ryan

Cutting the Christmas Tree



Halloween with Scooby Doo



Lara does the Thanksgiving Turkey

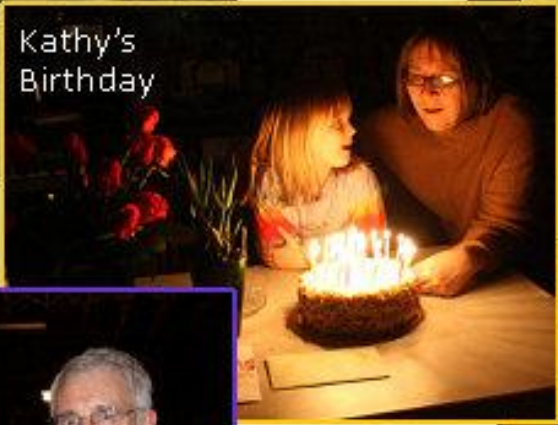
Cousin Ryan LaFollette joined Elle and Alex hunting Easter eggs in April. Alex and Elle also helped Lara and Bill find and cut a Christmas tree at our usual place – the Country Tree Farm in Kent. After we put it up at home, they watched the fire in the fireplace (top right). For Halloween Alex dressed as a Chinese Noblewoman and Elle as ladybug. We carved jack-o-lanterns including one of Scooby Doo. Lara cooked the Thanksgiving turkey using a Julia Child recipe.



With Lofthouses at Columbia Gorge



On the farm with Mary, Jane, Anne, Barb, John



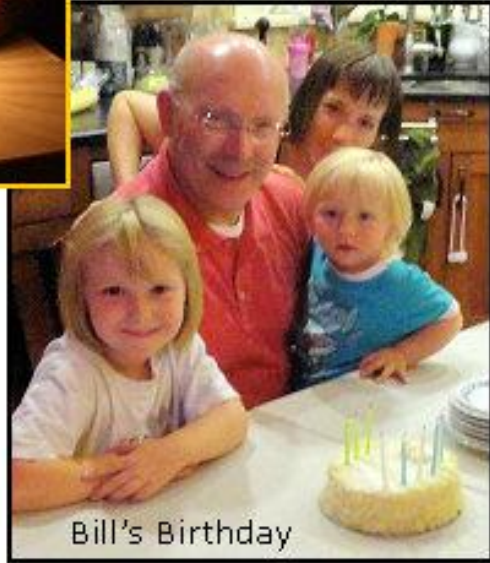
Kathy's Birthday



Alex turns 6



Muni League Award with Bill Gates Sr John Hamer in March



Bill's Birthday

Kathy and Bill joined our long-time friends Wayne and Pat Lofthouse for some "getaway time" in March, visiting Portland and the Columbia River Gorge. Bill visited his Iowa Farm roots in November, having a mini-family reunion with siblings there. We celebrated birthdays all year (Julia is pictured in back of two of the photos). The Washington News Council, Kathy's long-term employer, won a Seattle Municipal League "best non-profit organization" award in January. They have a Gates Foundation grant.

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