

# *Sacramento*

*February 2017*



*Bob and Molly Hillery*

***This was our first visit of the year to see Christopher, Cyndi and Samantha. As usual, it was great to spend time with our California family and, despite both Molly and I having terrible colds, we enjoyed the various activities that had been planned for our time in Sacramento. We also managed to fit in several family meals!!***

#### **Friday February 10**

We had stayed at the airport Marriott overnight so we took the shuttle at 7:30 for our 9:15 flight to San Francisco. The flight left a few minutes early and we had a decent breakfast on board. It was mostly smooth, although the captain seemed a little trigger happy with the seat belt sign.

We had taken this direct flight to San Francisco because we couldn't find any flights into Sacramento at a reasonable fare and/or with convenient connections. It was nice to have a non-stop five hour flight but it also meant a two hour drive after we landed. There was the usual protracted process for getting to the rental car center at SFO but we were on our way before 12:15.

It took about 2 ½ hours to get to Sacramento (including a brief stop in Vacaville) and we were checked in by 3pm. We talked to Christopher and declined the offer to go to Sammy's cheerleading class as we both were suffering from heavy colds and felt we needed some rest. We did, however, meet them for dinner at On the Border and had a nice two hour chat – much of it about their plans to visit us in England this summer.

Molly and I were in bed by about 9:30.

#### **Saturday February 11**

I had had a reasonable rest but Molly was still suffering this morning so we decided to visit an Urgent Care facility. Unfortunately it didn't open until nine but we felt we would still have plenty of time before our 11:30 brunch with the family at iHop. It turned out that Molly had a cough only, with no additional issues so a cough suppressant was prescribed.

We had brunch and then Molly was taken for her birthday gift – a "chocolate tour" of Sacramento in which she was able to select specified boxes of chocolates at a total of three stores. Actually, we made only two of them today before returning to their home for a slide show of their visit to the Southwest last fall.

After a two hour rest period back at the hotel we met again for a very good (and very large) Chinese meal at a relatively new restaurant. We returned to the hotel by nine.

#### **Sunday February 12**

I managed a short walk this morning before we met the family at California Pizza Kitchen for an early lunch at 11. After eating, Molly made her final birthday chocolate selection at Godiva and then we returned to the hotel for a while.

We went to Christopher and Cyndi's home about 3:15 and watched some videos of Sammy's Christmas Show (dancing, juggling, singing, story-telling) before leaving for Sammy's cheerleading class in Roseville. I thought it was more like gymnastics but nevertheless it was interesting to watch for an hour. We followed this by dinner at "Islands" in Roseville and then were driven back to their home to pick up our car and say our farewells for this trip. We were back at the hotel by 8:30.

#### **Monday February 13**

We went to iHop for breakfast and then I went for a short walk before we finished packing and checked out around 11:30 to return to San Francisco. The journey took 1 ¾ hours – a lot easier than the outbound last Friday – and we checked into the airport Marriott before 2pm. We were able to return the car at the hotel so tomorrow's journey to the

airport will be on the hotel shuttle.

We ate at the hotel restaurant tonight and were in bed by 9pm.

**Tuesday February 14**

We had breakfast in the Concierge Lounge and too the shuttle to the airport around 10:30. Our flight to Cincinnati left on time at 12:15 and arrived as scheduled soon after 7:30. We picked up the car at the Marriott and were home by nine after another very pleasant weekend with our California family.



