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This was the first trip to see Christopher, Cyndi and Sammy since December 2019 so we were looking forward to seeing them again and catching up on the events of the past 18 months.

Friday May 14

We had stayed at the airport Marriott (after having had dinner with Peter and Leslie) and were up at 6:30 to take the shuttle. We had time for breakfast in the Sky Club before our 8:20 flight to Salt Lake City. This and the subsequent onward flight to Sacramento were uneventful but both were full – a noticeable change from recent trips we have taken.

We picked up our car in Sacramento, where the temperature was approaching 80F, and were able to check in at the hotel before meeting Christopher and Sammy for a late lunch at Panera. We had about an hour together before we returned to the hotel and Sammy went to visit a friend. I was able to take a 3-mile walk before a nap, and then we left to meet everyone for dinner at iHOP.

Saturday May 15

I had a 3-mile early morning walk and then we spent several hours on the phone with Delta re-arranging our trip to Manchester in two weeks' time. We believe it is settled!

At 1pm we met Cyndi, Christopher and Sammy for a pizza lunch. Sammy had her first Covid shot this afternoon, so it was about 5:30 before we went to see their new house in Rocklin. It is enormous! We were told that its actually slightly smaller than their old house on Kandinsky – although it felt bigger – and is much bigger than where they now live.

We also stopped at Sammy's new school (starting in the fall) before having a very good dinner in Roseville. The whole area around their new location is very ritzy and beautifully landscaped – obviously the high rent district of Sacramento.

Sunday May 16

Molly and I had coffee at Starbucks before returning to the hotel. We both went for walks before meeting the family for lunch at Mimi's. In the afternoon we went to their (current) house and three of us went for a short bike ride.

Tonight, we ate at Kobe, a Japanese steakhouse and had a very good farewell (for this trip) meal.

Monday May 17

I went for a walk before breakfast at iHOP and then we packed ready to leave for the airport about 11:30. It was a late arrival into Cincinnati but we arrived home safely about 1:30am after a very pleasant visit with our California family.



Sammy's new school