

# Happy Year of the Dog!

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**Greetings friends. January 29 begins the new year in the Chinese calendar.**

## Skipping Christmas

David was sent to **Hong Kong**, December 13-20, 2005 as an observer of the **World Trade Organization** Ministerial Conference; Mary went too, for the sights. And what sights! You can see our **photos** on our website [www.trumbullofboston.org](http://www.trumbullofboston.org). There you'll also find (click on "writing") David's newspaper column about the trip, including how we got **locked out of our hotel during a riot**.

## More Travel

Yes, we ended 2005 with a bang, but with no time to send our customary Christmas newsletter. It was a grand ending to a good year. It started with a January trip to New York City and tickets to the **Metropolitan Opera's Turandot** -- a birthday present for Mary that promises to become a family tradition.

Our customary summer week in **Provincetown** was especially gay this year, as our friend **Carolyn J.** took the room across the hall from us. We're reprising that the first week in August this year. The Hong Kong trip displaced our customary Christmas-to-New Years Miami Beach outing with Mary's father **Alec**, but Mary had a few luxurious days in the sun while David worked at the **National Textile Association** Annual Meeting on **Amelia Island, Florida** in November.

## Eating, DRINKING, Partying

In 2005 Mary joined the (Boston) **Southend Girls' Night Out** restaurant group. She also agreed to take on leadership of the **Culinary Discussion Group** at the **Boston Athenaeum**.

Once again we enjoyed the glorious **Fourth of July** on our Boston View roof deck with Mary's father and old friends the **Ohanians** for cocktails and fireworks over the Charles River.

The **Robert Benchley Society** had a blast Labor Day Weekend in Boston, when Benchley fans from nine states as well as from Canada came to town to honor **Joe Daggy**, the winner of the RBS/Espree Magazine Humor Writing Competition. Several new local RBS chapters have formed over the past year. Pictures of the weekend, and news of the group, which we started in 2003, are at the website [www.robertbenchley.org](http://www.robertbenchley.org).

Our friend **Kevin F.** who runs the **Dorothy Parker Society** has just published his book **A Journey into Dorothy Parker's New York**. It's a must-have for anyone with an interest in Parker, Benchley, or the Algonquin Round Table. See his website <http://book.dorothyparker.com>. Kevin's 2005 Parkerfest in October was the best ever, with a fabulous 1920s-themed cruise off Manhattan Island.

Mary's passion for the theatre is unabated, attending performances of Boston Lyric Opera, the Huntington, A.R.T., Lyric Stage, and other local venues.

## Reading and Writing

David's **Men's Reading Group** continues to meet to read the biographies of great men. Along with **Chris M.** from the group, David will be teaching a course, in the spring, at the **Cambridge Center for Adult Education**, on **Plutarch's Lives of the Noble Greeks and Romans**, based on the group's reading and discussion. David and **Patrick M.** have a website [www.bostonleadershipbuilders.com](http://www.bostonleadershipbuilders.com) for their writings on Plutarch and leadership.

Mary's "**All That Zazz**" columns continue to appear bi-weekly in the **Post-Gazette**, the Italian Voice of Massachusetts, and online at the website for her shop **Mary for Nails, etc.** in Andover. The web address is [www.mary4nails.com](http://www.mary4nails.com).

**Wishing you all  
health, wealth, and happiness  
in 2006, we remain, your servants,**

**David and Mary Trumbull**