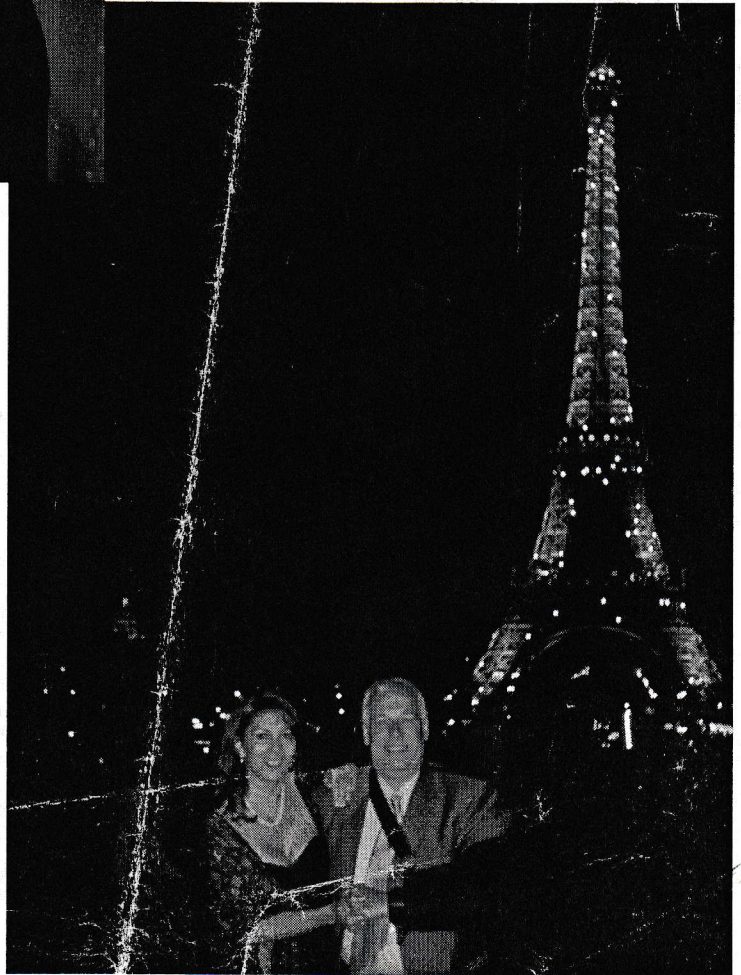
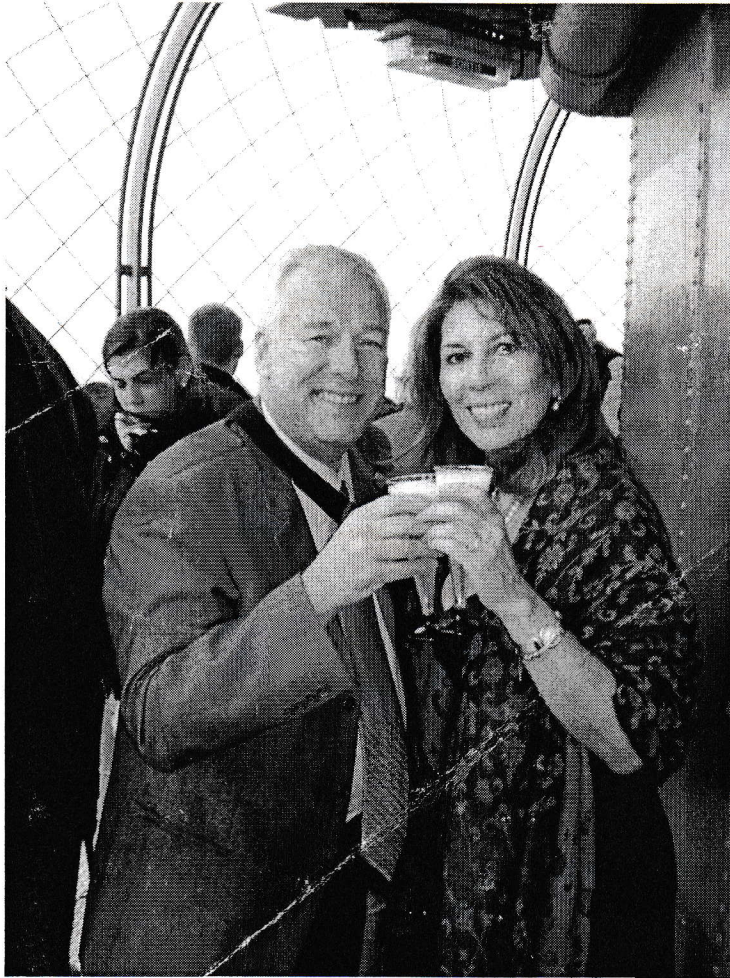




April 2008 – Our trip to Paris, France. Dave proposes marriage to me on top of the Eiffel Tower – April 8, 2008. After our engagement, we depart from Paris and land in the south of France, the Provence region. We stayed at the Four Seasons in Provence, France. Incredibly romantic and a dream come true for both of us.





TALK ABOUT NICE PEOPLE



Shawn and Dave Spalding
3993 Spring Garden

Dave Spalding first visited Spring Garden in 2004 but the neighborhood was unfinished, weeds were growing on vacant lots, and algae were accumulating in the pool. The small HOA was struggling to keep up appearances and running short of money. Despite the appearance of some neglect, he saw a "diamond in the rough" and purchased his home at 3993 Spring Garden Drive.

By 2007 he had been single for almost 20 years and was preoccupied with building a "clean energy company" he had founded. Regarding his bachelorhood, he says now "he was just looking for the right one." A company specializing in matching up busy executives, "Its Just Lunch", convinced him they could help.

Meanwhile, **Shawn Lombardi**, a CFO with a Dallas oil and gas company, was listed in that same data base. She had been single for 10 years; she enjoyed her work and didn't have a lot of extra time for dating. Shawn and Dave met for the first time on February 20th, 2007. Testing the premise of "its just lunch" they met in Las Colinas in the evening for drinks. Dave remembers meeting an intelligent, beautiful woman who was also a great conversationalist. The one hour or so he had penciled into his schedule turned into three. Shawn remembers meeting someone in her field of work with whom she had so much in common.

Dave grew up on the shores of Lake Geneva in southern Wisconsin. His father was a Naval Lt. Commander and chemist who worked on biological warfare as a backup if the Enola Gay's mission was unsuccessful. His mother was a Naval Nurse who became a home maker raising four boys. After high school, Dave chose to attend Baylor University in part because his father grew up in Sherman, Texas.

Shawn was raised in Denver, Colorado and graduated from Regis University. She has worked in accounting and finance for companies in the oil and gas industries. Her career took her from Colorado to New York to Texas. While in New York, she worked in international finance allowing her to travel extensively. She came to Dallas when offered a Vice President of Finance position that led to a CFO position some time later. She remained in that position until it grew and ultimately merged with a larger company.

Shawn is currently kept busy working as CFO with Dave's company, Baseload Energy. She also volunteers her time with the Big Brothers Big Sisters Organization, mentoring a 17-year-old girl from Colleyville Heritage High school. When asked what she likes about Spring Garden, she responds, "The Book Club." "It gives me a chance to have substantive conversations with intelligent and stimulating friends."

Dave and Shawn enjoy biking and they log 50-60 miles on the weekends. In addition, Dave rides four to five other days per week. Shawn also continues to run but has given up running marathons. They also share a love for gourmet cooking and traveling. Dave agrees he got a good deal here in Spring Garden, both got an even better deal when they met each other for the first time in Las Colinas three years ago.

Interview by Bill Martin

Merry Christmas – 2009 From Shawn & Dave Spalding



What a wonderful year and challenging year - We celebrated our first year anniversary in Aug. 09 – at a resort east of Bath Maine over the Labor Day weekend – Eating Lobster, Kayaking, Biking, and enjoying our time together. We are very madly “in-love” with each other. We continue to enjoy our gourmet cooking and entertaining guests with our numerous dinner parties. Most parties include Uncle Jack – our 86 years young uncle. We continue our weekend bike rides to work off the dinners. Shawn continues to do her daily 5K runs and Zumba dance classes.

Dave’s brother Robert and his wife Tara battled breast cancer and WON!! She is now cancer free and doing quite well. Tara held up through the process with dignity and a smile. It was quite amazing to watch her go through the process with such a positive attitude. We are blessed and so happy she is flourishing in life. Their two sons, Chandler and Trevor were troopers through the process. All the boys shaved their heads in support of Tara when she lost her hair. She now has a full head of hair. Shawn’s parents are doing well considering their age and health challenges. Shawn’s brother-in-law Rod retired from the North Carolina National guard after 33 years of very impressive service. Her sister Gina and Rod look forward to the second chapter of their life with traveling and spending time together.

The past year offered many business challenges as the world economy slowed and the credit & financial markets shut down. The oil and gas company Shawn was the CFO for sold all of their assets to a larger oil and gas company in the fall 2009. Dave put together a unique renewable energy project that involved both solar thermal and wind power in the Texas that was very challenging in this market. In December 2009, we received news from the Ontario Securities Commission (OSC) of preliminary approval to take the project public on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX). During the past year the project took huge twists and turns as we had to adapt to current market conditions. With the wind-down of Shawn’s oil and gas company, Shawn joined the team and helped with the task of getting the many steps completed. We immensely enjoy working together as we work in sync with each other. We could not have done this with out the efforts of the dedicated team, business contacts and many friends whom believe in the project and renewable energy. We look forward to 2010 and the pending completion of the project.

Shawn joined a book club and immensely enjoys reading outside of her accounting and business journals. She also joined the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program in March 2009. Her “little” is Alexsa who is now 16 and in her first year of high school. Alexsa is a great kid and Shawn enjoys mentoring her and adding a new friend to her life. It has turned out to be a very rewarding experience for both of them.

The New Year brings new life. We plan on adding a new addition to the family, a doodle dog. A doodle dog is half golden retriever and half poodle. Hopefully this time next year there will be a picture of us and our doodle dog in front of the Christmas tree. Of course, if we get a doodle dog, we will need a new house to raise the puppy. On our list of things to accomplish in 2010 is move to a new house.

We wish you in this coming New Year health, happiness, and prosperity. Much Love Shawn and Dave