

Thank you, Alice, a true ambassador for community!

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This post carries sad news. Alice David—one of our own, one of the most positive, creative, energetic people I've ever met—died yesterday, March 4, 2015. She was our early morning ambassador for about 10 months, and she quit last June to take the summer off only to discover that she had colon cancer. She started out with a very positive prognosis but it didn't go well. Last fall she slid quickly into the reality that this might be terminal. Then there was some hope. And now she's gone.

I'd like to thank all of you who visited Alice, gave some money to her family, kept her in your thoughts. I also want you all to know that long-time members and constant supporters Dave Kragen and Linna Callaham came through with giving her rides to her chemo treatments and other appointments, and Linna's husband

Jack became a regular chauffeur for a while! Wonderful gifts from a wonderful family of coworkers.

In any new community there are those moments when it feels surprising that life happens to its members no differently than to any other community. Babies are born, people fall in love, families come together or fall apart, and people die. Alice was not the first of our young community to pass on. But she is the first "inner circle" active member, and always our most enthusiastic evangelist.

Alice did share a first for our community, however. She and Bruce Carter were the first couple to find each other here. I am so honored to know that we all played a part in creating an environment that nurtured a young love with two people who really deserved it. Seven months. That's what they got to have together, of active happy times. I just got off the phone with Bruce, and his words... "oh, it was so much better than good." Bruce stayed incredibly devoted to Alice throughout her illness. He is hurting, and also very appreciative for what they had.



You will continue to see signs of Alice every day in the office. For the OfficeXpats 2nd Anniversary, Alice gave us a creative gift that hangs splendidly in the event room—the steampunk clock. And I take great pleasure in knowing that her deep dive into steampunk artistry was a direct outcome of my connecting with her and sharing some of that enthusiasm.

We are planning an event to celebrate Alice and share stories. Whatever else we decide to do, we will honor her creative artistic spirit and have a table of steampunk goodies that we can play with and craft items the way that Alice did. We won't spend months doing it the way she did, but still, it will be fun and provide some closure for us. Stay tuned...



Thank you, Alice, for your many heartfelt contributions, and as in all communities, we sometimes have to say a sad good bye. We send our deep condolences to her family.

Gratefully, and March Forth.

Leslie and Jason