

Christmas 2018

We are calling this year the year of new arrivals. It started, of course, with the arrival of the New Year which we celebrated with our good friends Casey and Shari Childers at the Edmonds Yacht Club. Great start to a great year.

Our next big arrival was the birth of our first granddaughter, Kinsley Anne Field. She was born on March 29th to Jess and Kyle in the too far away location of Charleston, South Carolina. Lynn was soon on a plane and headed south to help out with the new bundle of joy and to give some relief and assistance to Jessica. And Jessica keeps us posted daily with pictures and movies as Kinsley continues to grow. It really helps shorten the distance.



Although not quite as momentous, we then had the joy of welcoming our second cat into our home. Keeping with our wine naming theme we now have Purrseco who joined us on June 16th. She is a Siamese/Lynx mix and a talker. Especially when it is time to eat (which for her is most of the time).

Summer arrived as it does every year and in August we had the arrival of our new class of yacht club compatriots, the rear commodores of the Grand 14 yacht clubs. We met in Bremerton the weekend of August 10th and named ourselves the "G Pod '21". The "G" is to honor the Grand 14, the "Pod" is to honor the resident ORCA pods in Puget Sound and "21" for the year we will all end our commodore year in the Grand 14. We are part of a great group of people and began having fun from the first time we met.





Another boating arrival happened on October 10th when we took possession of a 40' trawler soon to be named the "FAB FOURty". Yes, that's a Beatles reference. Having enjoyed the sailing life for years, it was time to move to something a little closer to home and a little easier to get in and out of. For those who are interested, the FAB FOURty is a Formosa trawler with

two cabins and two heads, a full size refrigerator (Lynn's favorite feature) and twin Isuzu diesel engines. She has only had one owner since being built in 1979. And she lives in the Edmonds marina, only five minutes from the house.

The last big arrival of the year happened on October 23rd when Ben and Jennifer welcomed their new daughter (and our second granddaughter) Madeline Ava. She is a little cutie and will bring a host of changes to Ellison's life as he now has a sibling in the house.



We continue to enjoy a busy schedule with family events, boating and yacht club activities, church involvement and singing whenever and wherever we can. Dave continues to put in his time at the IT department of King County while Lynn remains involved in Rotary as the president of the Shoreline club (yes, again) and watching Ellison a few days most weeks.



Although this year is about arrivals we did have some goodbyes. Dave's grandmother, Neva Flynn, passed away at the age of 95 on March 28th and we lost our beloved Abigail on May 11th. Since we know that all dogs go to heaven we figure Abigail is now being spoiled by Dave's mom, again, and eating all the people food she wants.

We're looking forward to a great Christmas season as we gather with family and friends and then it's off to whatever great adventures lie ahead in 2019.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Lynn and Dave Cheeny and Pinot Meow and Purrseco