

Here we are in the Christmas season of 2021! For those of you looking at our card with the four pictures, this will help explain what you are seeing.

First, 2021 is the year of grandsons. We began this year of family growth in February (8<sup>th</sup> to be precise, Dave's birthday) with the arrival of Cohen Allen Field. He is the little brother to Kinsley and the latest addition to Kyle and Jess' family. Then on Memorial Day weekend we received news that Kimberly and Cory welcomed Callen Lee Kocher, our next grandson (and their first child) on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Not to be outdone, Tim and Meghan announced that in mid-December (any day now) we will all get to meet Finnegan Charles Cheeney. What a year!

Not to be outdone, we felt the need to grow our immediate family. So, we welcomed Sauvignon Bark, a purebred Beagle puppy into our home on March 6<sup>th</sup>. She is a sweet girl but certainly a puppy and definitely a Beagle. But we love her.

For most of our travels this year, we stayed domestic. We spent a good amount of time on the boat, including travels to the San Juan islands (our old stomping grounds), down the Hood Canal and various trips to Langley, Poulsbo, Port Orchard and La Conner with our friends from the Edmonds Yacht Club. Speaking of the yacht club, this June completed our time as officers on the bridge. We had the most interesting commodore year as we had no in person meetings throughout the year but made up for it with great cruises and outdoor events, all within safety protocols and the restrictions in place at the time.

For other random travels, we spent some time with Frank and Esther at their home in October for a delicious oyster feed; visited for a week with Erin in November and then successfully crossed the border to visit Dad and Lillian at their home in Victoria, BC the weekend following Thanksgiving. We also had a visit from John and Linda in August at our home.

Other than that, Dave is still working from home and Lynn has been able to resume watching our granddaughter Madeline a few days a week. We have done a little music, including occasional participation at church as schedules allow plus we were able to sing at a local senior home (Northhaven) for the first time in two years. It felt really good to have that opportunity again!

Kids are all good and gainfully employed, with most working from home. Our two medical professionals (Kim and Jennifer) have worked straight through the pandemic and we appreciate all they do.

So that's the quick update from our house to yours. We are wishing you a most wonderful Christmas and an even better new year!

Dave & Lynn