

Christmas 2024

We had quite the kickoff to this year. On January 10th Dave went in for a total knee replacement. Surgery went well and he spent one night in the hospital and was then recovered enough to go home. The Monday following he went to physical therapy but Lynn noticed something wasn't right. Off to the E/R we went and they admitted him for four days in the ICU suffering from diabetic ketoacidosis. With proper fluids, meds and meals he recovered and headed home (again).

A total of five visits to the E/R happened with everything from blood clots to sciatica and overall pain management. All this put the physical therapy behind schedule and in February he was back at the hospital for a "manipulation under anesthesia". Good news is that this got the desired results and therapy was back on track. After all of the start of the year, we did manage to get back on the boat (at the dock) to start a few projects with new steps and ladders to make the boat a bit more manageable.

This put us in position to visit the Seattle Yacht Club for Opening Day where we spent the night on our friends the Colemans boat. But by Memorial Day we were ready to take the boat to La Conner for our annual trip with the yacht club. Sure felt good. In May we also got our vegetable garden planted and this year we tried poblano peppers. Good news is, they grew well and in the fall we had delicious chili rellenos and roasted poblano and corn salsa.

June saw us head to Sacramento to celebrate Lynn's brother John and his wife Linda's 60th wedding anniversary. It was great to honor them for such a milestone and to spend time with their family and friends, all great people. And at the end of the month we loaded three of our grandchildren (Ellison, Kinsley and Madeline) on the boat and headed to the San Juan islands for a week of exploring. When we got home we had a visit from Tim, Meghan and Finnegan and a chance to meet our newest granddaughter Violet Noelle (born in January).

Continuing in July on the boat we joined the yacht club for the annual commodore cruise, this year headed to the south Sound. This included a visit from Erin, Jess, Kyle and the kids for a day trip from downtown Seattle as well

as celebrating our 19th anniversary while anchored in a wagon wheel in Quartermaster Harbor on Vashon Island. As part of that trip we also got to spend a couple of days visiting Lynn's other brother, Frank, and his wife Esther at their home on Harstine Island.

Heading towards Labor Day saw us singing with our good friend Buck at the Evergreen State Fair in Monroe, accompanied by our granddaughter Kinsley and good friends Larry and Wendy, and then off on the boat again to celebrate the holiday weekend at Port Ludlow. And we were blessed again with another visit from Erin.

John and Linda came to town to visit for a few days and then we connected them with Frank and Esther in Kingston. Next was to have Kinsley and Cohen spend a week with us so Jess and Kyle could spend a week as adults on vacation in Mexico. All went well other than discovering a bee's nest in our hot tub (didn't end well for Dave but no one else got stung).

November feels nice and quiet as the election is over and we just returned from a week in Mexico with our friends Larry and Wendy. Then we spent Thanksgiving at Jess and Kyle's. Suddenly it will be Christmas and then a new year. Where does the time go?

A couple of random items. Dad is still living in Sequim with his wife Lillian who cares for him. We continue to sing at church and other locations as the opportunities come up. We think we are set with eight grandchildren total and our two cats (Pinot Meow and Purrsecco) and one dog (Sauvignon Bark – Sauvy). Next July is our twentieth wedding anniversary and a great milestone.

Here's wishing you a wonderful holiday season and hopefully some peace on earth.

Lynn and Dave