

Christmas 2025

This is it, the year we go green! So appropriate for the holiday season. Green means not printing out all those Christmas letters, printing cards, labeling envelopes and using so many stamps to cause trucks to deliver them across the country (and internationally!). So, this is it, our first year of a green e-mail Christmas letter.

Based on input from my editorial board, I will try and make this a little shorter this year. Perhaps just the highlights. First, kids are all good and so are grandkids. We continue to enjoy time together whenever we can and even enjoyed a great visit from Tim and family all the way from Athol, Idaho. Spending a few days with Finn and Violet was a highlight but we also enjoyed catching up with Tim and Meghan. And we got to visit Erin in Atlanta for a few days. Jobs continue for everyone (thankfully) and we're proud of them all.



Speaking of grandkids, we took the three oldest (Ellison, Kinsley and Madeline) on our second annual "Grand Adventure" this summer. We visited Sucia Island, Deer Harbor, Spencer Spit and Anacortes. Hopefully they will have great memories like we have as they grow older. And for next year we look forward to our first overnight boat trip with Cohen.

We spent the Fourth of July portion of the Grand Adventure in Anacortes for a parade and fireworks then waited for parents to retrieve their kids so just Lynn and I could depart for Canada with our friends Larry and Wendy. Amongst other destinations, we spent a few days in Victoria and had a wonderful time enjoying the sights and sounds of Canada and the San Juan Islands. We also returned to Canada (Vancouver) at the end of July to celebrate our 20th wedding anniversary via Amtrak.



In April we experienced a life change for dad as we relocated him from



Sequim to an adult home here in Edmonds. Ah huge thanks to our friend Larry who came with us to load dad and his stuff in two vehicles and get him settled in his new home. Despite some concern on our part about the change, dad is doing very well with very attentive staff looking after him. Plus, we are able to visit regularly (even bringing our dog Sauvy sometimes) and bring him to our house for special occasions.

Speaking of family and Franks, we are happy to report on brother Frank's miracle. Despite some medically challenging times earlier this year, he returned home in July and is doing well. Lynn spent time visiting him in both the hospital and a rehabilitation center in Olympia and brother John and Linda came up from Sacramento. Lousy reason to gather but always good to see family.

We took a trip to Mission, British Columbia to celebrate the life of Lynn's Aunt Doll who passed this year at the age of 104. It was a chance to share memories with family and friends and honor the life of a great lady. Plus a chance for a road trip with two of our grandkids (Kinsley and Cohen).



Speaking of road trips, we continued our green theme by trading our Kia hybrid for a Tesla Model Y in September. We rented a Model 3 last year when celebrating John and Linda's anniversary in Sacramento and really enjoyed the car. So, no more trips to the gas station, just plug it in every so often and drive on.

Our musical adventures continue as we sing regularly at our church, did some performances with our friend Cowboy Buck when he was around this summer and also sing at senior homes and events. And for special times we enjoy some four part harmony with our friends Shari and Casey.

That's life in our world. Hope you are taking time to enjoy the holidays with friends and family.

From our house to yours, Merry Chrstmas and a Happy New Year!

Lynn and Dave