

# KAVANAGH GAZETTE

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Welcome to the 1998 edition of the Kavanagh Gazette. First we would just like to start off by wishing all of our friends and family a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

The purpose of this newsletter is to give you an update on our family.

We know that we don't stay in touch as much as we should, so it is our hope that this newsletter will at least give you some clue as to what we are doing out here in Oregon!

1998 was another busy, but fun year. Cynthia, Emily & Richard were able to spend a few days in Japan with Mark in March. Everybody also went down to Florida for 3 weeks (Mark for a week) to spend time with Helen, Cara's family and William.

Mark & Cynthia took Japanese classes, not just for Japan, but so maybe they can talk with Richard who is a second year Japanese student in Middle School.

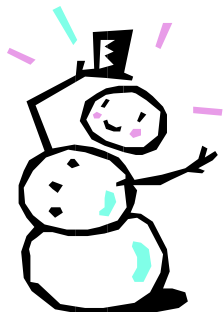
Mark spent the first 2/3's of the year traveling about 50% of the time to Japan, PHX and NY. Cynthia spent the time working on the house. She also started having headaches, which the doctors are working on.

Emily is now a Sophomore in High School and participated in Color Guard this year. Richard played Soccer again, and now is in his final year of Middle School.

Teresa is getting married to Erik in 1999. She is doing very well at her job at PetSmart. So well that she has gotten several raises and promotions!

Neil is getting married in 1999 to Kelsey. He now works in customer service for a pager company.

For more details, continue to read this newsletter. Merry Christmas!!!



## TERESA & ERIK WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Erik Grule & Teresa Long have announced their wedding date. The date is Sunday, March 28th at 1:00 PM (Palm Sunday). The wedding and the reception will take place in the lobby of the beautiful Elsinore Theatre in Downtown Salem. The Elsinore is an old time movie house with stained glass and architecture which mimics a small cathedral. The lobby is large with two staircases on either side for a grand bridal entrance.

We are planning for many out of town guests to stay at our house. Luckily the house can hold the expected relatives. Invitations should be going out in late February. Hope to see some of you in March!



## NEIL & KELSEY MAKE WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

If one wedding wasn't enough, Mark's brother is getting married to his girlfriend Kelsey on September 25th. The ceremony and reception will be taking place at The Edgefield. This is a magnificent old poor farm that has been converted into a hotel with movie theatres and brew-pubs. It is located in Troutdale, OR, east of Portland. Troutdale sits at the western edge of the Columbia River Gorge.

Our best wishes and good luck goes out to the happy couple!!

## THE KAVANAGH'S TRAVEL TO JAPAN

This past March, all of the Kavanagh's were able to go to Japan. It was the opportunity of a lifetime! Mark was going over to install equipment for about a month. During this time NW Airlines was giving a cheap fare for 2 people with some Frequent Flyer Miles. So Emily & Cyn rode on the cheap fare, Richard used FF Miles. They came over towards the tail end of Mark's scheduled stay. They spent 5 days in Tokyo.

Mark picked them up at the airport and escorted the family to the Keio Plaza Hotel in Shinjuku area of Tokyo. The weather was chilly, with snow on the first day. They went to ritzy Ginza, Asakusa Temple, shopping malls in Shinjuku & Yokohama, rode the Shinkansen from Yokohama to Tokyo, and walked...

The amount of walking started a running gag. Every time somebody asked Mark how much longer to where they were walking to, he would say about another 10 minutes. This was always correct, but on aching feet, it wasn't always the right thing to say. They did ride the subways and trains around, but there is a lot of walking to do to get places.

Finally it was time to take the train back to the airport and fly home (Mark flew back on a different airline about 4 hours behind the others). Everybody had a great time and enjoyed the food! Hopefully this can be done again in the future, next time for a full week or two with comfortable shoes....



## THE PETS

Flame, the dog, slept, ate, barked and was depressed when Mark was gone. The cats, Smoky, Ashes & Crystal, just ate & slept and the fish swam around.



Here is Cynthia, working on the living room

## THE HOUSE REMODEL UPDATE

Cynthia has been very busy working on the house again in 1998. She reconfigured and re-painted the rear deck so she can have a place for more potted plants.

In late September she started work on the living room. The carpet was ripped up, the layer of wallpaper removed. By the beginning of December the plaster around the fire place was removed, all the cracks in the plaster in the rest of the room have been patched. Cyn created holes in the exterior walls to blow in insulation. This cut down the drafts considerably.

Mark added many outlets. The room only had 3, it now has 9 plus a new phone jack and cable TV hookup. The room should be painted and back together by early January. The plan is to have all new carpet on the first floor by Early March (in time for the wedding). The next project is to finish up as much of the basement as possible before the wedding.

## CYNTHIA'S YEAR

Cynthia has had a mixed year. She was able to travel to Japan once and Florida 3 times. But her Mom has not been doing very well. Helen had a blood tumor (non-cancerous) on her spinal column that to date has taken 3 surgeries to fully remove.

Cynthia herself has been having a lot of headaches and backaches. She is undergoing diagnostic treatments to determine the root of the problem, but so far nothing has been determined.

She has a lot of positive happenings! She has been working steadily on getting the living room completely remodeled. (see related story). Once Mark's traveling stopped, Mark spent more time working out of the home office then ever before!

## MARK'S DOINGS

Mark now works for a different company. Affective Feb 1, 98 Tokyo Electron Limited (TEL), based in Japan, bought the equipment division of MRC and named the new subsidiary Tokyo Electron Arizona (TAZ). Mark's job didn't change all that much, just the source of the paycheck.

Mark did a lot of traveling this past year. There were: 3 trips to Japan for a total of 10 weeks, 2 trips to NY for a total of 2 weeks, and numerous trips to Phoenix (corporate Headquarters). This does not include the one trip to Florida for vacation.

However all of this travel occurred between Jan and September. The Semiconductor industry is suffering from a major downturn because of high inventories and the Asian crisis. The industry is expected to turn around in 1999. Luckily TAZ has not had layoffs, one of the very few!

Mark maximized his time in Japan. He brought over the family for a few days in Tokyo. He, himself was able to visit Kyoto, Osaka, Nagoya, Yokohama, Toyama, Takaoka, and Niigata. He rode the subways or streetcars in all of those cities and posted photos of the experience on the Internet. He even drove in Japan many times. It was interesting driving on the left and reading the road signs! It is unknown what Mark will do in 1999,

## TERESA SNIPS

Teresa is getting married to Eric in 1999. She and Eric moved into their own apartment, just 3 blocks from where Mark & Cynthia live. Their apartment even features a basement! Teresa is enjoying her job at PetSmart and continues to get raises, bonuses and promotions. Erik is now a Technical Support rep for Diamond Multimedia in Albany, OR. They make modems, sound and video cards.

## NEIL SHORTS

Neil is doing very well. He is getting married to Kelsey in 1999. Neil moved out of his former College roommates house, and has moved into a small rental house with Kelsey, still in the Hawthorne/Belmont District of Portland. He now works for a paging company as a customer service rep. By the time you read this, Kelsey will have graduated from Portland State University with a BoFA!

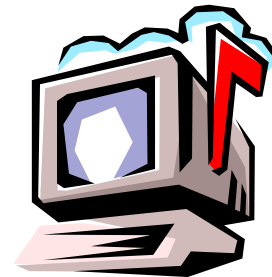


## EMILY & RICHARD

Emily & Richard are getting busier & busier as they get older. It is hard to believe that Richard is in eighth grade and Emily is a sophomore

Emily is using herbal medicines and counseling to help her through tough times at school. This year she decided to go out for Color Guard instead of Marching Band. She went to all the band competitions, waving flags in drill precision. North Salem High didn't place as high as it did last year, but in its class they always placed first! She continues to have a good circle of friends to hang out with. And now she has her own e-mail address.

Richard is no slouch either. He played Soccer again. This is his last year playing youth soccer. Next year he plans to join North Salem High's Jr. Varsity Soccer team. Over the summer Richard was in Children's Educational Theatre as a Techie. He also learned the art of Mime. Richard continues to do well in school and is now in 2nd year Japanese. He knows more Japanese than Mark who travels to Japan!



## KAVANAGH'S ON THE INTERNET

Anybody who knows Mark, knows that he enjoys working with computers. But did you know that he also maintains websites? He maintains 3 separate sites, his own personal one, mainly with photos of subways, trolleys and trains, from throughout the world. He also maintains a Website for the OERHS, the trolley museum here in Oregon. He has also created a Website for a trolley museum located in northern Ohio (NORM).

If you have internet access, please drop us a line, and visit Mark's websites. Even Emily has her own E-mail address.

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# THE KAVANAGH PHOTO PAGE



This photo shows the family in Tokyo Japan. This was our first day together. Tokyo had a rare snow fall that morning leaving everything a beautiful White. Look at those smiles! We all had a great Time!



Here is Richard, a Goalie Superstar. This is his last year on the City Youth League. Next year he plans to be part of North Salem High's JV Team.



This is Emily during a Band competition in Portland. We were hoping to get a better photo, but they have not arrived yet from the photographer. She had a great time in colorguard this past year

**From the Kavanagh's of Salem We like to wish everybody a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**