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MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Welcome to the 1999 edition of the *Kavanagh Gazette*. The purpose of this newsletter is to give you an update on our family out here in Oregon. This is really important since a good portion of our family is on the east coast.

1999 was an amazingly busy year. We had two weddings (Erik & Teresa and Neil & Kelsey). The family vacation was a RV trip to Canada. Emily opted to stay home by herself for the first time and also got a job! Mark & Cynthia went to Europe for a belated 10 year anniversary trip. Cynthia completed renovating the living room. Mark went to Germany. Richard started High School. We hope your 1999 was a happy one and we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year (and may the Y2K bug not bite you!).

KAVANAGH 1999 TRIPS

This year the family vacation was an RV trip to Edmonton, Alberta. We had vacationed here many years ago and wanted to repeat the trip. This time only 4 of us went, Mark, Cynthia, Richard and Flame. Emily decided to stay home by herself. She enjoyed the solitude of the house. The rest of us enjoyed the largest mall in North America, Fort Edmonton Park, Royal Tyrell Museum of Paleontology, as well as a walk on an active Glacier.

Mark & Cynthia took a late 10 year anniversary trip to Europe. They couldn't go on their anniversary since Teresa's wedding was in March, but November worked out great. They stayed in Amsterdam for 4 days with side trips to Utrecht and Rotterdam. One day of their trip was spent in Paris, taking a 4 hour high speed train to get there. For details on this trip we encourage you to visit the family website and turn to the Europe page at: <http://home.sprynet.com/~subwayma>.

KAVANAGH PHOTOS &

To save printing costs this year, you will not find any photos in this newsletter. However, Mark the shutterbug still takes a lot of pictures. On the *Kavanagh Family Website*, photos of Mark & Cyn's trip to Europe are shown. More pages about the house re-model and other family items are in the planning stages. The purpose is to share these images with friends and family near and far. Mark also maintains a website devoted to transit systems and RR's from around the world. On the following page you will find all the family website and e-mail addresses. Please e-mail us and enjoy the photos!

Happy Surfing!



WEDDINGS GALORE

1999 saw two weddings involving the Kavanagh Family out here in Oregon. The first was Erik & Teresa in March, followed by Neil & Kelsey in September. Both made for busy times.

Our daughter Teresa was married to Erik in the lobby of the old Elsinore Theatre in downtown Salem. This theatre has a medieval church feel to it. They were married on the stairs under a portrait of a scene from Romeo and Juliet making for a wonderful wedding scene. A delicious buffet spread was prepared by a good friend, Leslie Morganstern.

Cynthia's Mom was able to make it along with Cyn's sister Cara and family from Florida. Cyn's brother George and Family from New Jersey as well as her roving brother William also made it. Mark's Mom flew in from New York. All of them stayed at our house. Luckily our house is big enough (almost). George and family stayed in the RV, Cara and Ron in the Living Room, Helen on the Murphy bed in the dining room, Mark's Mom in Richard's room, and a bunch of kids in the basement.

After the wedding the families took a trip to the Oregon Coast as well as a trip to Santiam Pass to do snow sledding. (This was an experience for the kids from Florida). Everybody seemed to have a great time!

Mark's brother Neil married Kelsey on 9/25. Their wedding was at The Edgefield. It is a famous former poor farm campus turned into a Microbrew/Bed and Breakfast Campus run by the Famous Portland Brewmeisters the McMenimims. The wedding was held in a chapel followed by a reception in "The Attic". Mark danced with Cynthia several times, this was the first time ever in the 12 years they have been together!

Mark's Mom had flown in from again from NY. This time Mark's sister Maureen and her husband Charlie also made it from NY. Even Mark's Dad flew in for the event from NJ. The family went around the valley and the coast and even took the long day trip down to Crater Lake. Fun was had by all again!



MARK HAPPENINGS

With the exception of the Teresa's wedding, the first half of the year was quiet. Due to a major Semi-conductor industry downturn, work was slow and travel non-existent. That changed in June. In June, a trip to Dresden, Germany was made to attend a half day meeting with a perspective customer. Mark may be able to go back there but probably not before April/May of 2000. After this trip, the frequent flyer miles started rising.

There was one trip to NY for a customer source inspection (The last one done in NY, all future ones will be in Phoenix). There were 3 short trips to Phoenix (HQ in Gilbert, AZ), and then many long trips to Pocatello, Idaho for a new equipment install. It looks like work is going to be extremely busy for at least the next 6 months if not longer.

As far as other things go, Mark has dropped back a little from the Trolley Museum, but still maintains their website. His favorite pastime now is working on websites.

EMILY'S DOINGS

Emily is doing really well this year. She has been working hard at school and the results are showing in her grades! She is now a Junior at North Salem High. She again participated in color guard during Marching Band competitions.

Her biggest achievement this year was getting a part time summer job. She worked at Skippers, a fast food sea food restaurant. She worked a few days a week for about 4 hours each. Once school started up she figured out that she couldn't work, do well at school and be in color guard, so she made a very grown up decision and stopped working at Skippers.

She also proved that she can manage by herself in the house during our vacation and anniversary trips. Our little girl is growing up to fast!

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<http://www.trainweb.org/subwaymark>

MARK IS ALSO A WEBMASTER FOR:

Oregon Electric Railway Historical Society

<http://www.trainweb.org/oerhs>

Northern Ohio Railway Museum

<http://www.trainweb.org/norm>

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Cynthia was able to complete the living room remodel in time for Teresa's wedding. The walls are painted red up to the chair rail followed by a wonderful blue/green marbleized paint effect. Crown molding was installed for the finished look (Mark and Cyn had a hard time "coping" with it) New wall-to-wall carpeting was put down across the living room, foyer, dining room and up the stairs to the second floor.

A new solid surface stove and an over the stove microwave was installed in the kitchen, since the old Jenn-air was dying.

Now other major projects are in the works at this time. We are hoping to get enough money together to install a new front walk and steps as well as replace the kitchen counter tops and a new kitchen island and flooring.

CYNTHIA'S YEAR

Cynthia had a pretty good year. She was able to finish the living room as stated earlier. Her migraines did get the best of her several times, but medicine does seem to help. She had carpal tunnel surgery done on her other hand this year, which seem to have helped her headaches as well. She has been very busy keeping involved with the kid's activities and playing Mom's Taxi.

In October she flew down to Florida to visit with her Mom and Sister at their new house in Jacksonville. Helen has been getting better, however she just underwent a major heart bypass operation (12/6), and is slowly recovering.

In November Mark and Cyn flew to Europe for their anniversary trip (see related article). In December she flew down with Mark to Phoenix. Mark had a staff meeting down there, plus also the company Christmas party. Cynthia is starting to become a frequent flyer!

RICHARD WEIRDNESS

Richard started his Freshman year at North Salem High this past September. It is hard to believe that the baby of the family is in High School. He played on the JV-2 soccer team. His soccer skills are improving each year! His school grades are okay, but could be better. He knows his stuff and is in advanced classes, but doing his homework is not his strong suit. He is slowly learning that homework (or lack of it) affects his grades.

This past summer he participated in the Children's Educational Theatre again as a Techie, and also worked on a special project called Project Oregon, a play that was compiled by a playwright based on ideas and stories that kid's (including Richard) had submitted based on interviews with local senior citizens.

Richard also did on stage acting for the first time last May in Raggedy Ann and Andy sponsored by Parrish Middle School and the Elsinore Theatre. He played a Prince Leonard the Loonie Hearted, which fits him well! He had a great time!