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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Welcome to the 2002 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.



KAVANAGH 2002 TRIPS

This year we did not really have any family vacations. However, Cyn had a record flying year. By the end of 2002 she will have flown 30,000 miles. Mark has a different kind of record year. This is the least flown year in 5 years. This is the first year ever that Mark flew more personal miles than business. 26,000 vs. 12,000. Not enough to make Gold :(.

Mark and Cyn went to Toronto and Niagara Falls as a vacation in May 2002. This was a postponed trip from September 2001. The rest of the trips this year were dealing with family. Mark flew to New Jersey 5 times to visit with his Dad who is very ill. Cyn joined him on 3 of those trips. Cyn went down to FL to visit her Mom and sister in July for 2.5 weeks. Mark joined her on her last week.

Just before Thanksgiving Cyn flew down to FL again. Her Mom is not doing well at all. Mark, Cyn, Emily and Richard all plan to be in FL from Christmas to New Years.

For 2003 we are working on a plan to take Richard to Japan for several days for his Senior Year trip. I'm sure we will be traveling again.

CYNTHIA'S YEAR



Cyn has been busy this year. She started a part time job with Keizer Stretch and Sew/Bernina. She is in sales selling her favorite Sewing Machines, Bernina. She hopes to purchase the newest Bernina Machine the Artista 200E sometime in 2003. She also works part time for Weight Watchers checking people in at her weekly meetings.

Speaking of Weight Watchers, Cyn has done great this year in losing weight. She has lost over 25 lbs, despite all the trips we have taken this year. She deserves a lot of credit for this hard work. Cyn has also been doing water aerobics twice a week and a bell dancing class once a week.

MARK HAPPENINGS



Mark had a very rough working year putting in a lot of hours with SSI to the point of burn out. In October he got a job offer from another company from Switzerland/Florida, so he took it. After he submitted notice to SSI, TAZ, Marks' old division within TEL found out. They

convinced him not to leave the TEL family. They transferred him out of SSI and back into his old position at TAZ. Albeit he must also do a little sales as well. Mark is in better shape now.

Mark joined the St. Paul's Episcopal Church's Trinity Choir. This choir sings every Sunday alternating between the 9am and 11am services.

He continues to maintain his large transit website as well as sites for 2 trolley museums. He added another website to his portfolio. He is running the website for Keizer Stretch and Sew/Bernina.

EMILY'S DOINGS



Emily is attending Chemeketa Community College. The plan is to get her Associates degree then move on to a 4 year school. Her goal is to become a High School Guidance Counselor. She is still living at home.

She has a very part-time job as a server on a riverboat. It is a "sternwheeler" that docks in downtown Salem.



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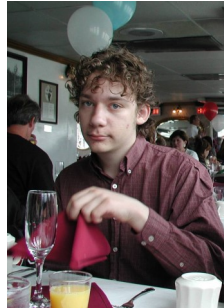
This year it was time to start tackling the kitchen. We pulled down plaster from the ceiling and two walls. The purpose was two-fold. 1) to add additional lighting, and power outlets, 2) the plaster was in bad shape and was not

repairable. Cyn sanded the rest of the cabinets and resealed them. All that is left is the top cabinet doors. The new wiring and lighting is complete. A new dishwasher is installed.

The linoleum floor has been pulled up. The door between the kitchen and the foyer has been removed and walled in. (We haven't used that door in years).

We have hired a contractor to complete the counter tops and build a new island and one cabinet in front and the new sealed door. We still need to find a flooring we want installed. We should have the new sheetrock installed by the first part of January. Hopefully by mid-February the kitchen will be complete. Then it onto the downstairs foyer followed by the master bedroom.

RICHARD'S ROAMINGS



Richard is now a Senior in high school. Most of his classes are related to computers. He is on his second year towards his Cisco Certified Network Associate. Over the summer he got a job as a intern with the State of Oregon to work on redeploying computers for state agencies. He still does it on a very part time basis. He continues to be the head student doing stage

lightening at North Salem.

OTHER OREGON FAMILY

Teresa and crew have really settled into their home in the West Salem Hills. Teresa still works at Petsmart. Erik works for Supra (now owned by GE). They make lock boxes mainly for Real Estate agents. The newer types are electronic, he is tech support for the electronic types.

Neil and Kelsey are doing well. Neil is working to get into the teaching certificate program at Portland State. If you ever see Kelsey's coffee cart around Portland, be sure to stop, she has the best coffee and hot chocolate that we know of!!



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 Keizer Bernina/Stretch and Sew
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