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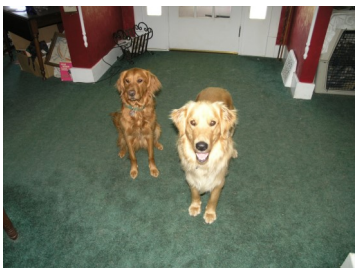
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## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Welcome to the 2008 edition of *The Kavanagh Gazette*. The purpose of this newsletter is to give you an update on the family out here in Oregon. This is really important since a good portion of the family is on the east coast.



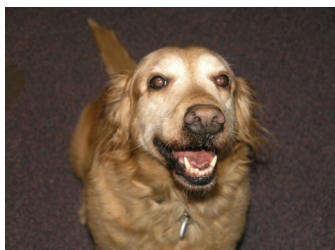
Amber (left) & Cinnamon



Cinnamon and Luke (right)



Bo



Nikita

## KAVANAGH KIDS FLEE MARION COUNTY

As of the August 2008 there are no longer any Kavanagh kids in Marion County Oregon. All 3 live in neighboring Polk County.

Teresa has lived across the river in West Salem for several years with her husband Erik and friends. As a crow flies they are a mere 2 miles away from the Kavanagh home, but a river and a county line separate them! Teresa continues to work for Petco in Keizer. We are proud to announce that she is now a certified dog trainer and regularly teaches classes at the store!

Emily and Matt moved from Salem to Monmouth, OR, about 15 miles west of Salem. Emily is going to Western Oregon University (WOU). They live less than 1 mile from campus, she walks to school. Matt remains working in Salem, at Borders Books. Emily took a trip to Costa

Rica for a week by herself to attend a seminar.

Richard has also moved to Monmouth to get his BS degree at WOU. He is double-majoring in Computer-Science and Math. He is in a college work study program in WOU's IT department. He works on Mac's and PC's as well as networking. His girlfriend, Ellen, is also attending WOU and has moved in with Richard. Earlier this year Ellen was attending a Mennonite College in Kansas. Richard did fly out to visit her there for a few days. They both appreciate Oregon more now :).

## D ST. = D FOR DOGS

The Kavanagh's are still Foster Parents for dogs of Golden Bond Rescue. This year was busy, but so far no foster failures (meaning keeping a foster dog)

The first dog was Amber, a sweet dog from a family that had to give her up for family reasons. She went to a family in Lake Oswego, she was almost a foster failure for Cyn.

The second dog was Maggie. She came to the K's from a family that had concerns with their newborn. Maggie only remained with the K's for less than a week as Maggie attacked Cinnamon 3 times. Maggie was adopted by her second foster family.

Dog number 3 was Luke. A sweet boy who came from a couple who are working towards retirement. Luke went to a family in Washington. Luke's new family had been interviewed by the lady that had adopted Buddy from the K's 2 years ago. Luke a near failure for Mark

Bo dog #4 dog fostered by the K's in 2008. His history

was a little cloudy. He went to a couple from Washington State. He was a near failure as well.

Dog #5, and the K's current foster dog, is Nikita. She came from a family who had to downsize into an apartment. She is 8 years old, so the K's expect to have her for a while, but she is a sweet girl.

Cinnamon does well with each dog (except Maggie). She does get very sad when they depart for their forever homes, but overall she enjoys their company. Cinnamon is still crazy. She ate the braided cord off of a meat thermometer in early Dec. She had to have surgery to have it removed. She is doing fine, maybe too fine. Keeping her calm isn't easy. But they are all dogs!!



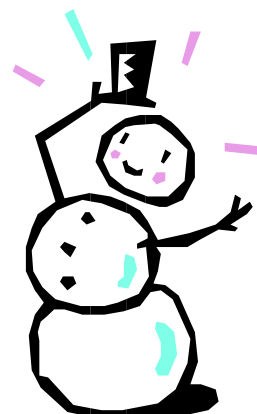
Teresa & Erik



Matt & Emily

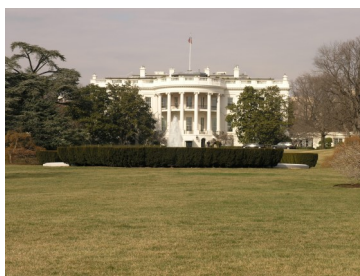


Ellen & Richard





National Cathedral



Who lives here?



David's Tower, Jerusalem



The "Kavanagh" Brick at Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta, GA

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## KAVANAGH TOURS 2008

There were 3 trips for Mark and Cynthia in 2008. A visit to Vegas, travel to Washington DC as part of St. Paul's Trinity Choir. And a fun trip to Atlanta, Philadelphia and NY/NJ.

The first trip in 2008 was really a return trip from visiting Neil/Kelsey & Brooklyn in Las Vegas via RV over Christmas/New Year's. Mark's Mom traveled with them to Vegas from Salem (she flew home).

The second trip was to DC with Mark's choir. They sang at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (Catholic) a beautiful neighborhood Episcopal Church in Tenleytown, and the world famous National Cathedral. Mark was part of the Choir Travel Committee and setup the air flights and the planning for getting around by Metro. He also drove a rental mini-van to taxi people who were unable to ride metro and to lug choir robes to the different venues.

For a nice diversion, Cyn's brother George and his wife,

Paula, drove down from NJ to meet them and stayed in their hotel room. Great fun for all!!

After the choir portion of the trip, the K's met up with Ruby, a middle-school friend of Cynthia's, up in Baltimore for some great crab cakes.

Let's fast forward to August. Mark and Cyn flew to Atlanta for DragonCon, along with friends, Sam & Debbie Hoover. This Con is one of the largest Sci-Fi conventions. Many famous people were in attendance and fans in costume. Cyn met up with Ruby again at the Con.

Mark did not stay long in GA, as he had an Electric Railway convention to go to in Philadelphia. After the conclusion of both conventions, Cyn flew up to Philly. They had great Cheesesteak sandwiches at Geno's (they are much better than Pat's).

After Philly, they visited with George and Paula in NJ, as well as Mark's Mom and sister in NY.

For 2009, Mark and Cyn

celebrate their 20th wedding Anniversary. This is a major milestone. As such, they have booked a trip in March over their anniversary week. They will be flying to Amsterdam in Business Class using Frequent Flyer Miles. Then one night in Amsterdam followed by a train trip to Paris for 5 nights. The hotels are free using Guest Points. Disneyland Paris and a potential Chunnel daytrip to London are in store. Then they return via business class back to home. Stay tuned for details next year!

## MARK'S WANDERINGS

Mark is still working for ASM. Although the product Mark is tied to is doing well, ASM is predicting a disastrous 2009 for sales with the economic downturn. Hopefully, with Mark tied to multiple customers, things will work out.

2008 proved to be a business travel record for Mark. Not only were there many trips to Phoenix, but elsewhere. This included a trip to NY for IBM, Brussels, Belgium for IMEC, Dresden, Germany for AMD, Toyama, Japan for Panasonic, and Tel Aviv, Israel for Intel. Of course Mark rode and/or photographed trains in all locations. In Israel, he even got to spend a few hours in Jerusalem.

Health wise, there has been a lot of stress and severe headaches. A Doctors visit

showed extremely low Vitamin B12 and D levels. The D requires a bi-weekly pill, the B12 requires shots, which he will be on for the rest of his life. Will see if this leads to improvements in 2009.

Mark hobbies have not changed. However he is now the president of the local Geocaching club. For the choir he is now the "roster master" and is part of the committee for the 2010 trip to Boston. For the Trolley museum, no real change, still a trustee and head of the annual Banquet.

## CYN'S ROAMINGS

Cyn has been very busy this year with glass classes at the local community college. She is quickly proving herself gifted in the glass arts. There are many beautiful pieces she has crafted. Mark is envious of her creations. He just can't think/create like that.

Also with the college, she attends a water aerobic class, 3 days a week, and an exercise class about 4 days a week.

Health wise, her back is so much better then in 2007. The surgery was worth it. Her knees are still a problem. But she feels she is not ready for surgery just yet. She is currently working on her stamina, via the exercise classes, for the Paris trip which she is so looking forward to.

Of course the foster dogs keep her very busy, this year she has hosted 5 different dogs, along with our attention deficit disorder dog Cinnamon. It is believed that Cinnamon is much more work then most dogs.

## VEGAS TO PORTLAND

Mark's brother's family has moved back to Portland from Las Vegas. They moved back into their home (which they had rented out). Vegas was just not for them, although Neil loved his teaching job. He now is teaching elementary in the Parkrose School District in Portland.

Neil, Kelsey and Brooklyn love to be back at home. They are remodeling their house with a finished basement. How knew Neil would become a handyman.