

# THE KAVANAGH GAZETTE

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Welcome to the 2012 edition of *The Kavanagh Gazette*. The purpose of this newsletter is to give you an update on the family out here in Oregon.

## Christmas at Disneyland

Mark needed to burn a few vacation days (or lose them) in December, so he and Cyn flew down to Disneyland for 5 days. They tried a new airline, Virgin America, very nice aircraft and good service on-board.

They spent 4 nights at the Marriott Fairfield across Harbor Blvd from the main entrance to Disneyland Resort.

Fun and relaxation was in order riding the rides, enjoying some meals and going at a nice leisurely pace.

The most inspirational moment was watching the Christmas Processional at the Main St. town square. An orchestra with a huge choir filled the air with music and a narrator reading passages from the Bible. The narrator was Kurt Russell the day they were there. The event was staged very similar to the Episcopal Church's Lessons and Carols Service.

DCA's World of Color show was

also very beautiful!

As far as rides, Radiator Springs Racers and Carsland in general was a crowd pleaser. Tower of Terror remains a favorite. California Screamer is a great coaster. The Christmas overlay at Small World was great, and the Nightmare before Christmas overlay at the Haunted Mansion made it a different ride experience.

For Mark, the DL Railroad is great, the Monorail is even better, but the new transportation favorite is the Red Car Trolley in DCA. It makes for a nice ride along Buena Vista St. and Hollywood Blvd.

## WELCOME TO THE NEWEST KAVANAGH!



On May 26 Richard married Ellen Brubaker, so now officially Ellen is under the "Kavanagh Umbrella". The ceremony was outside at the Boyce-Thompson Arboretum in Superior, AZ (east of Phoenix). The weather was perfect. The day before it was 100+, and two days later it was 100+ degrees, but on the wedding day it was in the low 80's. Just simply perfect. The Brubaker's did a great job of hosting the event, the setting was gorgeous, and the ceremony was very special. The Kavanagh's hosted the rehearsal dinner at a western themed restaurant & show in Apache Jct, AZ.

Ellen and Richard spent their Honeymoon in Orlando, FL going to the theme parks and heading to the Gulf coast. After the trip they returned back to Oregon so Richard could go back to work at Western Oregon Univ. in their IT department.

Richard and Ellen are making plans to attend graduate school possibly in 2013, which may require them to move out of Oregon. We wish them much luck together as a couple!!

### *The Kavanagh and Ackley families at Richard's wedding*

From left to right:

William, Keela, Paula, George, Josephine, Cara, Cynthia, Mark, Ellen, Brooklyn, Richard, Erik, Emily, Teresa, Heidi, Kelsey & Neil.



### *The proud parents:*

Simeon & Heidi Brubaker  
Mark & Cynthia Kavanagh



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## CYN'S GOINGS-ON

Cyn has been doing well. She continues to make excellent fused glass artwork via our local community college. She seems to have an eye for it and has fund doing it Someday Mark figures there will be a kiln in the house.

Other then repainting Mark's new office, setting up the new guest room and fixing up a room in the basement for Emily, there has not been any major remodeling projects for 2012 for Cyn to tackle. There are projects waiting, but funding must be found first.

She continues to go to our local Kroc center 3~4 days a week to work out and do water aerobics. She is keeping busy.



## MARK'S WIERDNESS

Mark remains at ASM, and was promoted to Program Mgr.

He did finagle a chance to attend 2 conferences in Dresden Germany, with a weekend in Prague, which was nice.

Overall his travel was very low in again in 2012. 2012 was the first year since 1997 that he did not meet elite status on any airline. 2013 is starting off the same way.

Medically he has been dealing with pain in his left foot. After 6 months of physical therapy, and steroid injections in his lower back, most of the pain is gone.

Other good news, Mark gave up soda, YES SODA (plus candy bars)! In 10 weeks he lost 15 lbs.

## 2012 KID HAPPENINGS

Richard was covered on the front page as he was married this year.

Emily has had a difficult 2012. She stopped going to WOU, which meant she lost her job at WOU. She had plans to move out of state, but that fell thru. She then found a new job, but that only lasted 3 weeks. She remains looking for a job. Her car broke down in June, but she does not have the resources to get it repaired. In October she moved back home with her parents which is not an easy transition for anyone. There is a basement bedroom being finished for her so

she can move out of the guest room. It will be ready before Christmas. We hope 2013 turns out much better for her.

Teresa is doing well. She still works at PetCo as a clerk and dog trainer. Her clan seem to be okay with their rental home in East Salem. Erik is a licensed massage therapist, but is going back to school to become chiropractor.



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Mark & Cyn did a crazy road trip in May & June. Since Richard was getting married in Arizona, they decided to drive to Arizona and back.

The first night was spent in Sacramento, CA, but the second night they stayed on board the Queen Mary in Long Beach. 2012 was supposed to be their Cruise year, but Richard's wedding plans changed that. So a night aboard the former luxury liner was used in its place, which was elegant.

From Long Beach they arrived at a home they rented on the edge of civilization of Phoenix. It was a 7 bedroom home, so most of Cyn's family and Mark's Mom shared the house for the cost of one hotel room for the week. Much nicer. It was basically a mini-family reunion.

After the wedding, the family dispersed. Mark, Cyn and Mark's Mom went north to Winslow, AZ and onto Flagstaff for the night. The next day was Grand Canyon, ending up in Las Vegas for the night. The following day, a stop at the Pawn Stars store was required before dropping Mark's Mom off at the airport to fly home. The same day a Geocacher from Portland joined them for the trip home.

The next two days were spent geocaching the ET-Hwy in Nevada. Time and heat preventing getting a lot of caches, but did get in 3 states in one day. They drove the scenic way through eastern California spending a night in Lake Tahoe before heading straight home to Oregon. About 5000 miles were logged on the trip. All-in-all they had a good time!



Top left: The ET Hwy in Nevada.

Top right: Entrance to Disneyland.

Above: Say hello to Freddie the Cat!

Left: Walt's Apartment above the

firehouse at Disneyland. The carpet is the exact same pattern as the carpet in Mark's and Cyn's bedroom that originally came from Cyn's Mom's house in Nyack. Walt (or Lillian) and Helen Ackley must have had the same tastes. The furniture is similar as well!!

## PETS 2012

The Kavanagh's welcomed a new member to their pet family this year, Freddy the cat. He is a feisty black cat that they got from the humane society. He is sweet, but can play well with the dogs. Cinnamon loved playing with Freddy. Rusty ain't so sure. All in all they are doing well and work well together.

