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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Welcome to the 2014 edition of *The Kavanagh Gazette*. The purpose of this newsletter is to give you an update on the family out here in Oregon.

WOW!!

That is the only word that can come close to try to describe what happened in 2014!

This year was Mark & Cyn's 25th Wedding Anniversary and it turned out to be a great year with lots of travel and memorable times. In this issue of the Gazette you will get a brief description of once-in-a-lifetime events that occurred.

A quick rundown is

- 5 days at Walt Disney World
- A 15 day cruise from Ft. Lauderdale to San Diego via the Panama Canal
- A Trip to Japan that included spending 1.5 days at Tokyo Disneyland/Disney Sea
- A trip to Central Illinois to attend a wedding of Richard's best friend growing up, Ben Johnson.
- A Trip to NY that included seeing a niece that we haven't seen in probably 20 years
- Mark being the logistics manager for his Church Choir in NYC singing at great churches and having fun to boot!
- And much more!!!! Read on!!

25th Anniversary Trip

One could say a 25th Anniversary trip is a once in a lifetime event, and Mark and Cyn celebrated it in grand style. It was a 3-week, better than first Honeymoon, trip!

It started with staying at the Pop-Century Resort on-property at Walt Disney World. This was their first time staying on-site at Disney, and it won't be the last! They proudly wore their Happy Anniversary buttons, which the Concierge put the # 25 on, which made it more special! They even were able to get reservations at the very popular Be Our Guest Restaurant for Dinner in the Magic Kingdom!

After the magic, they drove to Cocoa Beach to meet with Mark's Aunt & Uncle before heading on the next portion of their grand tour starting in Fort Lauderdale the next day.

At Ft. L, they boarded the Royal Caribbean *Legend of the Seas* Ship to embark on a 15 day journey to San Diego. They were on deck 6 inside cabin, but close to the coffee shop where the Baristas learned their names and said hi Mark & Cynthia every time they walked past. The Ports of Call were Cartagena, Columbia; Colon, Panama; Puntarenas, Costa Rica; Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala, Puerto Vallarta and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. But the main attraction was the transit through the entire Panama Canal. This was definitely a once in a lifetime trip. It took 12 hours from the time we entered the mouth of the canal from the Caribbean until we were entering the Pacific Ocean.

Eventually we got to San Diego where we spent one night (with a room overlooking Petco Park for the Padres/Dodgers season opener), before flying home

For more details and photos of this trip, see Mark's Facebook timeline, or by the New Year Mark hopes to publish a blog with all the details about the trip at <http://subwaymark.blogspot.com>.



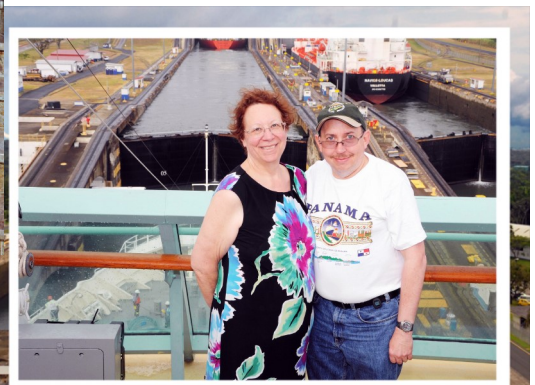
Top left: Mark in front of the Shanghai Maglev



Bottom left: Mark & Cyn are in the second row on the Tokyo Disney Sea Tower of Terror

Bottom Right: Mark & Cyn at the bow of the cruise ship as it enters the first locks for the Panama Canal

Center: Mark & Cyn during Formal night on the Cruise.



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MARK'S WIERDNESS

Mark as usual is a very busy person. This was his 10th year working for ASM. On top of all the personal travel this year, there were many work trips. Several business trips were to Phoenix and a few to the SF Bay area. But there were also International trips.

One week was spent in Ireland. He did have one day off to head down to the "Kavanagh" homeland about 100km south of Dublin.

The big trip was a week spent in Singapore then flying straight from Singapore for a week in Shanghai China. He was able to ride China's High Speed trains from Shanghai to Nanjing and back (About 90-min one-way). Another highlight was riding the Shanghai Maglev Train to/from the airport, as well as exploring the world's largest metro network in Shanghai!

Geocaching wise, he is closing in on 3000 cache finds. In 2014, he added 6 countries to his world map.

He is still a member of his Church (St. Paul's) choir. He was a rolling supervisor for the Chi-Yo (Vietnamese Spring Rolls) project in the summer, and was a key coordinator for the Choir's trip to NY in October.

He is still the secretary for the local Trolley Museum.

We're not sure where he finds the time to do much else.

CYN'S UPDATE

Cyn had a great year. She is nearly 18 months out of her bariatric surgery and is looking good. She made her goal of weighing less than Mark for the first time since they met! She is also off many medications. She is the healthiest she has been in years and gets around so much better with less pain and much more energy!

She has re-organized her sewing room and has started sewing projects again. This is in addition to her glass projects she does at the Community College, and working out the Kroc center 4 mornings a week!!

KID HAPPENINGS

Teresa continues to work at PetCo and enjoys her job. Erick is going to school to become a Chiropractor. Teresa is currently very worried about one of their house mates, Ernie, he has been very sick for the past 3 months or so. Keep him in your prayers..

Emily's year started rough losing a job she had just started. But as of now she is a full-time cook at a different Assisted Living/retirement community in Sublimity. She just signed up for

full benefits and really enjoys her job. She just needs to get a car so she can commute easier.

Richard still works in IT at Western Oregon Univ. and enjoys his job. He and Ellen are currently in process of buying a house in Independence. They hope to close before the new year!



Left: Cyn at the Golden Temple in Kyoto



Right: Mark & Cyn holding up fingers showing 25 years of marriage at Disney Hollywood Studios

JETSETTERS



The Anniversary trip on page 1 was only one of several trips in 2014.

In June, Mark attended a conference in Kyoto, Japan. He cashed in FF Miles to bring Cyn along. The hotel was connected to the main train station. Cyn was able to walk around the area on her own and took a guided tour of Kyoto which she loved. After Kyoto, they spent 2 nights in Tokyo so they could visit Tokyo Disneyland and Disney Sea. 2 great Disney Parks. At Disneyland they spent an evening concentrating on Tokyo unique rides and their personal favorites. At Disney Sea, they spent the entire day in this unique Tokyo Park.

In July, Cynthia spent a few days in Ohio to attend a Memorial Service for Martha and Russ, which turned into a mini-Family Reunion.

In August, both Mark and Cyn flew to central Illinois to attend a wedding for Ben Johnson, Richard's best friend in Jr & Sr High School. Ben spent a lot of time at their house growing up. They used this opportunity to visit Springfield, IL and visit the Lincoln sites!!

In October, they flew to New York. They spent one night in NYC, then visited family in NY & NJ. Including a side visit to see Mark's niece in PA who they have not seen in many years. After visiting family, it was back to NYC to greet the St. Paul's Trinity Choir at JFK to a whirlwind 3-night, 4 day tour of NYC. This included singing at Grace Church in Brooklyn Heights, The Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Times Square, and St. Paul's Chapel in lower Manhattan. They also visited the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, 911 Memorial and Museum, a Broadway show (M&C saw On The Town), and a Group Dinner at Ellen's Stardust Café. All city travel was by Subway with Mark leading the way! From NY, Mark & Cyn flew directly to Phoenix AZ, as Mark has meetings to attend there before heading home.

Plans for 2015 including visiting NY for Mark's Mom's 70 B-day. A Trip to Europe is planned to board a cruise to see the Fjords of Norway! Another busy year coming!

WHAT ABOUT THE DOGS AND CAT?

No new additions for pets in 2014. Cinnamon is really starting to mellow as she gets older, with Cinnamon-pie being out more frequently than her alter-ego, Cinna-Monster!

Rusty remains the Love Bucket. His tail often wags his whole body when he is excited. He is a very happy dog!

Freddy is the trouble-maker cat. He loves trying to climb into the Christmas tree. But he is a great cat and loves to cuddle in people's laps.