



Our Best Holiday Greetings to all our friends and family. We hope this finds you all well and looking forward to a wonderful Holiday Season and New Year.

We're happy to say we have been blessed with a good year and are doing well, along with all our critters (Dogs Bruiser & Vinnie; Cats Archie & Lilibet; and Horses Tio and Sunny Girl). We are looking forward to good health and an enjoyable 2024.

After years of talking about it, we finally took our trip to Italy. We traveled from North (Milan) to South (Sorrento) with stops in Venice, Florence, Assisi, & Pompeii, ending in Rome. We were able to see and do all we had hoped but have to admit we were greatly disappointed by the large numbers of fellow tourists which limited our ability to absorb and appreciate what we were seeing. Our most enjoyable times were getting out on our own (often lost), mingling and browsing with the local culture. Italy is still a treasury of art and history.

Our planned British Isles cruise in August was postponed til May 2024 - a windfall due to an over-booked cruise and a wild offer from the cruise line that was too good to pass up. Our travel companions, Linda's sister Judy & husband Adrian, took the same offer. And coincidentally we all rescheduled for the same cruise Chad's brother Gary and his wife Liz had previously booked. Such a deal!

We also took several short trips to see friends & family and in turn were lucky to have visitors. It was good to get out & about after dealing with COVID restrictions for 2 years - though we consider ourselves lucky that neither of us ever had or showed symptoms for COVID. And yes, we did get all our shots.

We also were lucky to experience an annular eclipse in October as our home was on the edge of the path of totality (though an annular is not total and it really didn't get that dark). But that was a warm up for a total eclipse in April '24. Again we are on the edge of the path of totality and it promises to be spectacular. Two "once in a lifetime" events 8 months apart!

Beyond that we both have continued with our volunteer work which takes up perhaps more time than it should but is nonetheless rewarding. Chad injured a shoulder (mowing the lawn!) and had to lay off golf for about 9 months but is now getting back into "the swing" of things. Linda (for a change) has pretty well healed from past years of bone breaks with no incidents at all this year (knock on wood). She is at the point she wants to get back being more active with the horses (anybody see any danger signs there?!)

So - a good eventful/non-eventful year. And looking good for 2024. May you all (y'all) be likewise blessed with a Happy & Healthy New Year.



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