

## *RosenWeld 2020 Holiday Letter*



*July 15, 2020: Comet NEOWISE setting north of Mt Rainier (note climbers' headlamps below the summit)*

Dear Family and Friends,

Happy New Year! Those three words have never rung so true. We are hopeful that the vaccine and a new administration will bring light at the end of the tunnel. We are all bloody sick of sheltering in place. But there have been some silver linings to year 2020:

- Ellie (our fluffy white Samoyed) has become utterly spoiled
- Can't beat the commute
- New espresso machine
- No wardrobe stress, especially below the waist
- Getting to spend more time with family
- Galen babysat a sourdough starter for 6 months, which substantially upped the game in terms of our bread and pizza dough consumption

Notable pandemic – themed highlights of 2020:

- Margaret traveling to Uganda to work on a mobile health tool just before COVID hit – seems a lifetime ago
- Olympic National Park officially closing while Margaret and Dan were backpacking there, so we were literally the last people on the Olympic coast, with the eagles, sea stacks and sunsets all to ourselves



*Dan & Margaret on Table Mt. with Mt. Baker behind*

- Galen getting to spend lots more time with his girlfriend, Rebecca, in Seattle and Santa Barbara (with much time spent driving between the two)
- Dan had knee surgery & turned 60 with a partial recovery (for the first of these), but still managed two trips to Utah, a backpack in the Wallawas, and ...
- Many days hiking in the Cascades during the glorious summer
- Some more adventurous rock climbs were undertaken by the boys: Mt. Triumph, Inspiration Peak & the Liberty Traverse...



*One of those Olympic Coast Eagles...*

*Dan's 60<sup>th</sup> celebration with Galen, Dan, Anna, Adam, Becca, Margaret (and Ellie lying down); we tried to escape the smoke from Oregon fires by heading north to Mt. Baker, but the smoke cloaked everything.*

- Cas started their 4<sup>th</sup> year at Tufts (out of a 5-year dual degree program) with distance learning – a crummy way to experience college ☹️
- Missing Cas terribly, Dan & Margaret donned masks to the east coast for a visit, managing distanced encounters with some other friends and family as well
- Adam converted Galen to mountain biking – many evenings were spent (in the summer) or late mornings (in the winter) pumping up steep trails and then barreling down scary-steep singletrack

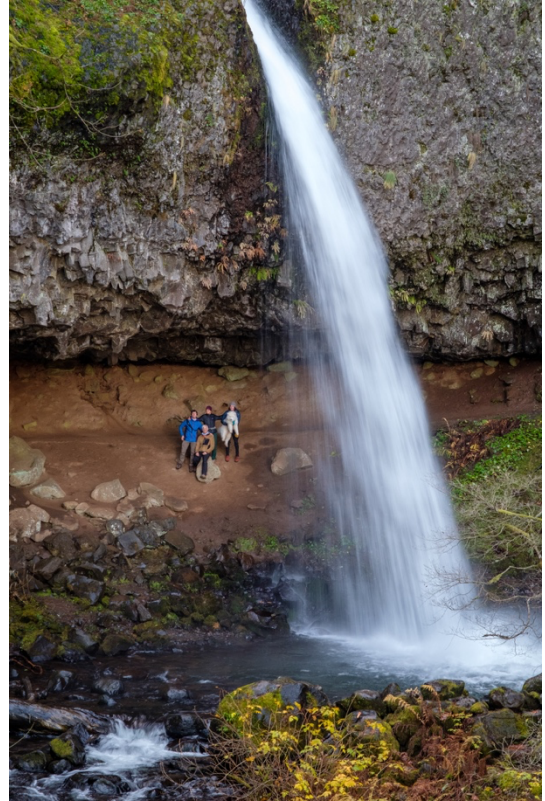


*Adam on the summit of Mt. Triumph with the Picket Range behind*



*Ani and Cas in Boston*

- Skiing. Lots. Galen managed to ski every month of 2020, but Adam perhaps skied more days in total?
- Lots of fun cooking together



*Thanksgiving trip to see Oregon Waterfalls*



*Ellie welcomes Dan into the pack*

We hope we'll get to see lots more of you in 2021!

Love,  
Margaret,  
Dan,  
Adam,  
Galen and  
Cas



*Becca & Galen in Red Breaks canyon, Utah*