

2022 RosenWeld Year-end Letter



Sossusvlei sunrise, Namibia

Dear Family and Friends,

It's been a tumultuous year globally, but life has been good to us bringing many fun times with family and friends. Dan's mom, Anne, passed in February, marking the end of an era. Fortunately, our sadness is tempered by memories of her long life and the telling of many stories during an August memorial at Upper St. Regis Lake – the Adirondack sanctuary that she loved so much.

In 2022 we several other good trips: backpacking in Utah and the Washington Cascades plus several weeks in [Namibia](#) with friends. A visit to Becca in Santa Barbara, followed by Thanksgiving in Bend. And just now, Christmas in Cuba with Margaret's



Top: Dan, Margaret, Galen. Bot: Ellie, Mica, Adam



Streets of Havana

sister's family, an incredible and eye-opening experience that we are still digesting. Hybrid work also allowed a week in Sedona with early morning hikes on crimson slickrock and another week in a Methow cabin just off the xc ski trails.

We did have a major scare in the summer when Margaret's corneal graft suddenly failed. Luckily, we were able to make an appointment with her previous surgeon in Indianapolis, so we left Seattle abruptly. The replacement went smoothly, but a gas bubble byproduct meant Margaret couldn't fly, so

we booked a sleeper car and took the train from Chicago back to Seattle, spending two nights on board and absorbing the slow change of scenery out the window.

Adam and Galen (27) decided backcountry skiing and mt bike riding weren't providing enough thrills, so they gathered some friends and went to Salt Lake City for a week-long paragliding course. Now they look at birds in a new light, feeling envy when spying a gaggle spiraling in a thermal. They get out regularly, but we've only been able to see one flight firsthand – quite amazing! When not playing outdoors, Galen continues his graduate computer-science research on governance of online communities in social networks (like reddit). Adam is an electrical engineer, working for a company called Valve where he designs microelectronics for next generation VR headsets and lately, he's been working to revamp their design-software infrastructure.



Galen, flying high

Mica finished their undergraduate degrees in December (yay!), a Tufts BA in Environmental Biology and a BFA at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. They especially liked crafting metalwork enamel this past semester, fabricating some beautiful pieces.



Margaret, atop Dune 43, Namibia

Margaret has had a good (if busy) year. Highlights other than those already mentioned include a conference in Rotterdam with a wonderful trip to Paris with her dear friend Claire and cycling on an island of the north coast of Rotterdam. She is seriously jealous of the cycling and train infrastructure in the Netherlands!

Dan started the year recovering from a total knee replacement, but that's healed nicely, and he was able to go backpacking and even backcountry skiing by early summer! Fortuitously, some incidental medical imaging over the summer revealed nascent thyroid cancer, so he's

having that removed in January. (Since it's both early stage and a very slow growing cancer, the prognosis is excellent). Workwise, Dan enjoyed his first year running the Semantic Scholar team at the Allen Institute for AI – it's been an especially wild ride with all the crazy advances this year!



Galen, linking tele turns, Glacier peak behind.

So that's it for 2022. Let's hope 2023 is at least as good from a family POV... and even better on the world stage. Please come visit us in Seattle (or call or email); we miss you all!

Dan, Margaret
(and Adam, Galen, Mica, Ellie & Sahara)



Island Fox on Santa Cruz Island.



Mt. Terror in Washington's Picket Range from a stunning sunset flight with friend Peter.