

RosenWeld 2021 Holiday Letter



View from our September campsite in Wyoming's Wind River Mountains

Dear Family and Friends,

Happy New Year! Alas, last year's optimism about the vaccine proved a bit misplaced, but we made it through another year with everyone in good health and some fun memories: A week of working remotely in the Methow with great xc skiing after a day's zoom calls. A long backpack to Escalante Utah in May with dear friends. Two beautiful excursions to eastern Washington, one for photos in the Palouse and a hiking trip with the Buckners. Some fantastic adventures in the Cascade Mountains. A trip back east for a Weld-family reunion on beautiful Upper St. Regis Lake in the Adirondacks. Another long backpack, this time to the long dreamed about Wind River range in Wyoming, which lived up to the hype. A fun full house over Thanksgiving with Rebecca Vincent and her family.

Margaret celebrated her 60th birthday with an extended family long birthday party in the Methow Valley with a beautiful cake and some great xc skiing. At work, she's increased



Alpine Lupine in Spray Park, Mt. Rainier National Park



Dan & Margaret in Cirque of the Towers, Wyoming

Adam quit his job at Amazon Prime Air and started a new position at local company Valve, developing microelectronic parts for the next generation of VR/AR goggles. With the pandemic moderating, he was able to resume visits to the Seattle Bouldering Project, but had even more fun skiing and mountain biking, mostly with Galen. (Indeed, Adam had a special Mt. bike frame custom fabricated in Peru and painted hot pink – watch out!)

Galen started his fourth year in grad school at UW, which thankfully reopened, letting him more easily meeting with fellow grad students. He skied, climbed, and mountain-biked up a storm – mostly superb fun, but one fall led to a broken wrist and a few months of purgatory. (Thankfully, he's back in action again – we hope a tad more careful!).

her focus on mobile health by creating a burgeoning center at UW with fingers crossed for a \$20M NIH grant under review (don't hold your breath).

Dan was promoted to General Manager & Chief Scientist for Semantic Scholar at the Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence with a team of 50 developing AI tools to help accelerate scientific discoveries and avoid information overload. So far, he's loving the new challenge, but it was sad converting his UW position to Emeritus Professor (no more teaching, but he's still running his lab there and mentoring graduate students). On weekends, he sometimes sneaks out to survey the 520 bridge construction by kayak. By year's end, Dan decided that hiking with his old knee hurt too much, so (three weeks ago) he had a total replacement of his left knee. Recovery will be slow, but so far so good.



Galen, Mica, and Adam

Our youngest, who has chosen the name Mica, is still in school at Tufts in a dual BA/BFA degree program. They've made some incredible pottery this year, and when schoolwork is done, they gather with friends and enjoy live-action role playing games.

Our pets survived the year as well, though Ellie (our Samoyed) gave us a scare in February with a sudden pneumothorax which required a week in the hospital. She seems to have



Ellie at Tank Lakes with Overcoat Peak behind



Ani and Mica at Upper Saint Regis Lake, NY

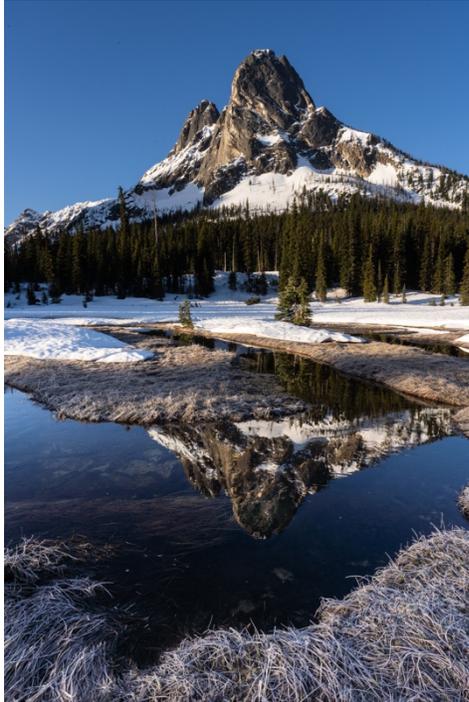
recovered, though, and delights in chasing our cat, Sahara, when the feline foolishly ventures into Ellie's domain on the first floor of our house. Now almost ten years old, Ellie is slowing down a bit, but she still joined us on a few hikes and backpacks as shown in the picture.



*Giant porthole into the water—
part of the 520 bridge construction*

We miss you all and hope we don't need to learn too many more Greek letters this year... Fingers crossed that we get to see more of you in 2022!

Love,
Margaret & Dan



Liberty Bell from near Washington Pass.



Galen, Dan, Becca & Margaret on the summit of Ruth Mt with Glacier Peak and Mt. Blum behind



Death Hollow, Utah

Storm's passed! Upper Saint Regis Lake, NY