

Wishing our friends and family a very happy holiday season!

This was a year of adventure & fun! Our 2018 holiday trip to Arizona extended into 2019. Greg, Karen & their friends, Kathee and Dan, visited the Grand Canyon. Greg and Dan hiked all the way down to the Colorado River, spending the night at Phantom Ranch. Afterwards, Greg and Shannon continued their 5 week road trip to New Mexico and Colorado, stopping to ski at Wolf Creek, Monarch, Crested Butte and Vail. The trip of a lifetime! In February, Greg returns to Vail for his annual guy's ski trip.



Grand Canyon(GC) trip from Phoenix.



Successful return hike from GC base!



Enjoying 1 of 11 ski days on road trip.

Amanda and Kevin are still living in Chicago, with Amanda in her second year of PA school and Kevin working at Shedd Aquarium. They had many fun outings with friends including a trip to Wisconsin Dells, camping at New Glarus Woods State Park, a trip to Iowa to visit Kevin's sister and a winery adventure in Michigan. Amanda continued taking riding lessons in Chicago and competed in her first schooling show, winning first place! In the summer, Amanda went to Denver for the American Academy of PA's Conference where her team was one of twelve to make it on stage to compete in the Challenge Bowl. Staying in Colorado, she visited her Uncle Dave for hiking, biking and horseback riding.

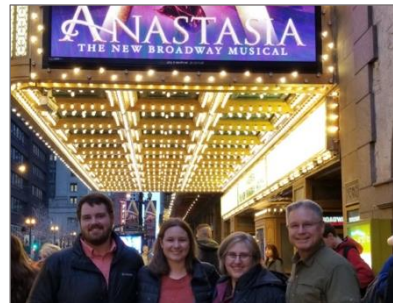
Shannon finished her final semester at the University of Minnesota and graduated with a B.F.A in Graphic Design, a nice addition to her B.A. in Journalism from the previous year. Last year she had accepted and been working as an Art Director/Graphic Designer with Broadhead, a Minneapolis advertising agency, and will continue that job now full-time. Camping trips, tennis matches, and dog-sitting kept her busy throughout the year as well.



Amanda and Kevin wine touring



Shannon graduates with her B.F.A



Karen and Greg visiting in Chicago

Greg and Karen had quite the memorable year, with most of their weekends full of fun outings. Up in Duluth, Greg and Karen got together with friends to celebrate Chinese New Year. This winter also included a friend outing to Manitowish, Wisconsin which was extended as they were snowed in. They both traveled down to visit Amanda and Kevin in Chicago, where they saw Anastasia the musical, got a personal tour of Shedd Aquarium from Kevin, and topped the trip off with a food tour.

Karen continued to volunteer at J.A. Wedum hospice facility and was on the committee for the Allina Health hospice gala. In the Spring, she took a solo trip down to Arizona, enjoying the warmth and good company of friends. Shannon and Karen took a wonderful trip to Boulder, Colorado to attend Karen's cousin's son's wedding. Karen and Greg took to the sky and flew around Minneapolis in a 4-seater plane – flown of course by a certified pilot. A unique perspective to see real estate!



Greg & Karen fly around the Twin Cities!



Greg's 60th is celebrated on the town!



Shannon camping at Taylors Falls

This was a monumental year for Greg as he turned the big 6-0. He continued to work hard with his real estate business throughout the year but strived to make time for playing, as always. Just about every week he was playing tennis and/or pickleball, sprinkling in a few golf outings and biking also.

On top of the travels listed above, the whole family took a trip out to Montara, California to celebrate the ocean-side wedding of Greg's niece. The trip included a variety of adventures including a whale watching extravaganza, tide pool exploration at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and countless hikes along the beach at sunset. Greg, Karen, Shannon and Greg's sister Barb, extended the trip and ventured up to San Francisco where they packed in all the highlights the city had to offer.



Later in the year Greg, Karen, and their friends, the Hale's, traveled to Nashville where they were eventually joined by Amanda and Kevin to see Dolly Parton perform live at the Grand Ole Opry. Other highlights included Dollywood, the Smoky Mountains, seeing the Home Free a cappella group at the Ryman Auditorium, Mammoth Cave Nat'l Park in Kentucky, and of course, eating hot chicken.

Sending our best wishes to you and yours as we enter the New Year!

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