

Happy Holiday's to our friends and family! From the Greg and Karen Yurick family!

Another 365 days have passed, and we look with anticipation to the coming 365! Again, we are wishing you the best for next year, 2024! Let us know what is happening with you, and perhaps our paths will cross for some fun!

January saw Greg still having serious headaches and blood pressure issues. Luckily, he again joined Shannon in Salt Lake City for a week of skiing. Shannon enjoyed LOTS of snow in 2023, while working remotely from there for 3.5 months! There were times she could not get to the ski areas because of too much snow! She is sold on SLC and is going back for another 3.5-month stint in 2024! She will ski without dad in 2024 as we bought different ski passes, but Amanda will join her in February for skiing and hiking.

Karen got in on the remote worker gig, staying at her "happy place" in Peoria, AZ. It was a relatively cool winter there, for her January through March stay. She enjoyed hiking, visiting with friends, and taking in the Super Bowl festivities. She returned too early, in April, and got blasted by our MN winter. She has a return trip planned to AZ in 2024 for 4 months of work and fun in the sun! Hopefully, Greg will join her for a few weeks of fun.

In February, Greg traveled and skied for 10 days with three friends to Big Sky, MT and Jackson Hole, WY. In March, Greg and seven friends joined the Yodeler's Ski Group for a ski week in Aspen, CO. Everywhere out West had banner snowfalls this year, so we enjoyed skiing in deep powder. We met several new friends! Unfortunately, Greg ended up straining his MCL at the end of the trip from overuse. He would be in pain and forced to stay home and use a cane for the next 4 months!



Greg & Shannon skiing Utah powder!



Karen at Super Bowl watch party.



Hiking amongst the cactus in AZ!

By April, Shannon had moved to Portland, Oregon for 2 months, followed by 2 months in Seattle. She traveled around those regions, doing lots of camping and several 20+ mile hikes. Exploring several State and National Parks, she loves sampling both urban and rural areas. Surfing has become her newest interest. As of today, she is not sure where she will go after Salt Lake City in Spring. Shannon remains a Senior Art Director at Yamamoto.

We had a low-key summer. Greg gradually recovered with the cane to be able to walk and ride bikes. Due to his illnesses and injuries, this was the least active physical year he has EVER had. He was able to work, and thankfully had more sellers than buyers to work with. It was difficult to tour homes. By July, we had joined a health club to get in regular pool time to heal and strengthen our bodies.

Amanda enjoys her job as an Infectious Disease PA-C at the U of MN hospital. Kevin remains working as a Naturalist at both Wargo Nature Center and Baker Outdoor Learning Center. They both traveled a lot - trips to Arizona, Lake Geneva, & Chicago with friends, and camping with Tilly too! Amanda enjoyed a PA conference in Nashville, multiple state fair trips + The Chicks concert, and horseback riding with friends.

In August, Amanda and Kevin were moving into their new home in Rogers, MN! They had a very excellent (and patient) Realtor to help them find their perfect first house. We are looking forward to helping them celebrate their 1st Christmas there, as they will host this year!

Greg traveled to his 2023 Sibling Reunion, which was held near the Canandaigua, NY home of his brother, Rick. For 1 week, we rented a large home on Honeoye Lake next to his girlfriend June's home. It is always great to be with each other, no matter how brief!

Throughout the summer, we visited friends in Duluth, Manitowish Waters, Wabasha and closer to home. Getting outdoors for bike rides, walks, picnics, music, and more helped us build great memories! Shannon returned home to MN, so we got to see and do more with her.



Greg & guys on way to Aspen CO.



Amanda & Kevin hiking in Sedona, AZ.



Shannon hiking in Oregon.

In October, Amanda and Kevin celebrated their first wedding anniversary while camping in Grand Marais and a belated honeymoon trip to Seattle. Amanda also celebrated a milestone by officially owning Bella, her horse, for 1 year.

By Fall, Greg was back on the tennis court for limited play, once a week. He gave up playing wallyball in October of 2022. Now in December, he is picking up his activity level, carefully watching not to overstress the back, neck, and heart... his trifecta of issues. He has only played about 40 hours of pickleball all year, most in the past 3 weeks. Karen has struggled with knee pain and has recently gotten more injections to help.



Biking in Manitowish, WI w/friends!



Celebrating 1st year owning Bella!



Celebrating Greg's birthday!

We realize how important our health is! We continue to value our family and friends! We are grateful for all we have, including having you as family or friends! We wish you all the best for great health and much happiness in 2024!!

With love from:

**The Yurick's: Greg, Karen, Shannon
Amanda, Kevin, Bella and Tilly**



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