

The greatest of these is love.

This year we are reminded of his phrase so many times. We started the year with Mark going to a bourbon tasting while Laurel inviting the neighbor ladies over for a wine & beer tasting. Apparently "Ladies only" means "No men". Mark returned at 10pm and the ladies are still going strong, having so much fun that they claim to have forgotten the time. Mark did sneak in – after all, he has a key – but the ladies continued to have a good time.

Spring brought sadness to our family. Laurel's father, Richard "Dick" Bryson, passed away after battling Parkinson's and Dementia. We were overcome by the outpouring of love and support of friends and family. It was amazing to see what he had accomplished over the years and the number of people that he had a positive impact.

And just to remind us of our own age and mortality, we both "celebrated" our 40 year high school reunions.



Brewery News! It never ceases to surprise us how this hobby has overtaken our summers. This is our 20th year and we found ourselves at four markets this summer (New Prague, Prior Lake, Farmington, and Golden Valley) starting in May and ending in early October. In addition, we were at the Autumn Brew Review, the Antique Tractor

Show, a Glewwe Family Reunion, and hosted 5 Open Houses with 50-200 people coming each month to share their love of beverages and music. Even the musical groups are asking us if they can come back to play again next year. Laurel calls this "redneck love". Mark just says "uff-da!".

Oh, and kudos to Elliot. What can we say about our newest recruit? He moved into the neighborhood in 2013 with his family, stopped by for our September open house and became mesmerized by the insanity. He's 15, cute as a baby's bottom, tries hard to do all we ask of him, and thinks he is never wrong. We love our newest addition to the brewery family. Kisses & Hugs.



At the end of the season, we packed our bags and took the month of October to travel. We drove out to Lititz, Pennsylvania for the Chocolate Walk. We came back with ideas for chocolate and strawberry soda and possibly an "adult" root beer as we turn 21. Oh, we also delivered cases of root beer to a fan just east of Columbus, Ohio. Now that's service!

We drove back for a quick 2 days to wash clothes and then flew to Nashville, Tennessee for a Mark's uncle and aunt's 50th wedding anniversary party. Congratulations again, Howard & Lea.

From there we flew on to Disney World for the Food and Wine Festival. We had a week of gluttony and fun in the sun with a famous mouse. Over all, not a bad month.



November has brought some more challenges. Mark's father, Carl, suffered a significant stroke and spent a week in intensive care. To our delight, he overcame several medical concerns and is recovering. As we write this, he is still in a care facility, but is participating in physical and occupational therapy. He enjoys visitors and is secretly planning his escape.

In the midst of Carl's situation, our dog, Ruby, had to be put to sleep. Many of you knew she had a birth defect (bad kidneys), but she had a good year and a half. Thank you to all who brought dog treats & hugs when you visited. It was a short but wonderful time we had with her.

This year we are thinking of simple hibernation around the Christmas holidays. Stay close to family, enjoying the simple pleasures of family, a cozy fire, and good food and drink.

Merry Christmas and Happy 2015,

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