



Happy Holidays to all our friends, relatives and neighbors (and everyone in-between):

We had a great November with lots of warm weather! Ok everyone, all of your Christmas lights look awesome! We bow to you and your initiative to take advantage of the warm weather. As for us, well we just decorated Big Foot with a bright red bowtie with eight red bowties on penguins pulling the sleigh beside him. Mark did put up some lights up by the brewery but they pale in comparison.

On a sad note: Many of you may remember Mark's dad, Carl. He helped at the Prior Lake Market on Saturdays for several years handing out samples of Glewwe Castle soda. On August 23, at the age of 96, Carl went to be with the Lord. He will be remembered as a father, father-in-law, grandfather and great grandfather with a love for God, country and family. This was a year of several other losses too. We will miss Carl, Milt, & Pat.

Update on Children: Diana lives with Malcom (dog) in North. Chicago. She is still working in the world of imports and pursuing her hobbies of crocheting (she just completed a giant turtle; check her Facebook for pictures), painting pictures, and creating stained glass pieces.

Erik is living with Lauren (human woman), Peanut (dog) and three cats/kittens in St. Paul. After the passing of one beloved cat they decided to adopt two kittens: Denny Crane and Mirabel. He is still delivering mail to us folks that still use the postal system (like Amazon). From what we understand their sanity is kept in check by gardening, quilting, gaming and Erik even brewing Mead.

Thanksgiving found us all together eating smoked turkey and catching up on events. This Christmas we hopefully will be together again and waiting for Santa.

Brewery News: Believe it or not but besides 2024 being an election year, Glewwe Castle Brewery will be celebrating 30 years of making our homemade beverages! I think we should start drinking NOW. We do not have any specific celebration plans yet but we welcome suggestions. How about building a tap room with an amphitheater for concerts? ☺ We are open to more affordable suggestions too.

Mark's Retirement Update: Yes, he did retire in early September from his day job. He is now smiling (a lot), brewing a lot of beer and wines and finds it quite enjoyable sleeping in. As for Laurel, she gave up on her hopes of Mark working till age 72 or until he died at his desk (she held out hopes for more insurance money). It has been an adjustment but we are now enjoying the time together going to concerts, movies and traveling. And traveling usually entails consuming chocolate, wine, beer and other pleasantries. We celebrated his retirement with an enjoyable evening at Fong's Chinese Restaurant with many friends and family. Great evening!

Laurel's Update: Besides trying to keep up with Mark, she is busy with being the treasurer for the DFL's Senate District 54. Laurel is actually looking forward to the 2024 caucuses, conventions and election.

She also enjoy the traveling with Mark. We went to Lititz, PA for their yearly chocolate walk by way of Northern Wisconsin, Michigan and then dropping into Ohio. We sampled 35 chefs each with their own special Wilber Chocolate treat. Then on to Herman, Missouri to sample some of their fine wineries.

Salutations: Not to keep rambling on, we do wish all of you to have a joyous Christmas, happy and prosperous new year, and looking forward to seeing many of you in 2024.

Take care and God bless you all.

Mark and Laurel

