



A Photo Review of Our 2019



We started the year with a fun visit on Jan 4 with Sandy & Robert, dinner, cats, VR and a tour of the Stillman Railroad Park. Susan and Duke treated us to dinner and The Music Man at the Herberger on Jan 12. We had loaned them our DVR to dub family tapes to DVDs. Another couple joined us. We watched and photographed a dramatic lunar eclipse on Jan 20.



We saw the moving Peter Jackson documentary They Shall Not Grow Old about British soldiers in WWI on Jan 21 with Marshal and Julie. Marshal was thrilled to get to sit next to Smoot! We got together with Bonnie and Ed on Jan 25 and showed them our virtual reality system. In addition to family music, the choir sang at Ray Manker's memorial service on Jan 26.



We took gifts and a cake to Ginny on her birthday on Feb 9. We also took her our video recorder for her to use to dub family tapes to DVD. That evening we went to Rev. Margret's auction dinner with entertainment by Igor Glenn. We dressed in appropriate colors for our Valentine's Day Mexican dinner.



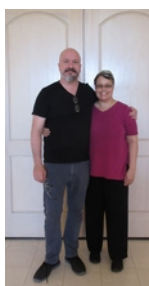
Our nephew Sean and his new wife Margaret came to visit us on Feb 17. They treated us to a tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin West. On Feb 23 there was amazing snowfall on the mountains. I took pics but this one by Rudolf Volkmann shows it much better. Bunny hosted a stewardship party on 2-23.



On Feb 25 we had dinner with Bonnie & Ed and their beautiful cat Oliver Beasley. Bonnie is a cat foster too. We had lunch with Gary & Linda and Julie & Marshal on Mar 3. Joan came over for a cat cuddle on Mar 4. All four of ours surrounded her!



Ginny came by on Mar 12 and got up close with Gheer. Linda & Gary had us over for a lasagna dinner on Mar 13 before they went back to IL. We had dinner on Mar 16 with next-door neighbors Lee & Bob before they went back to Canada. (They'll sponsor us if we ever decide to move there!)



Jency visited us Mar 22-26. She liked the tiny library at the Railroad Park. We saw Simon & Toni's new home on Mar 29. We hosted the UUCP bridge group on Mar 30. Gary E gave us his tickets to Bocce Ball & Dinner at Bonnie & Ed's on Apr 6.



Vitalant hosted repeat plasma donors like Smoot at a Diamondbacks baseball game on Apr 12. We had a full orchestra perform with the choir on Easter, Apr 21. After the service we had lunch with Eric & Joan then they came to visit Lily's tiny kittens.



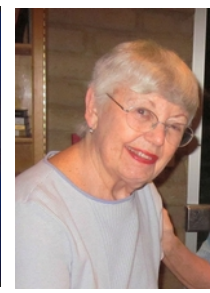
On Apr 28 we got to meet our new settled minister, the Rev. Christine Dance from Florida. She also attended our UU Foundation Chalice Keepers gathering that afternoon. On May 17 the Cawthornes had us over for dinner to thank Smoot and Dale for helping with their UUCP Traveling 2nd Friday programs.



On May 23 old & new UUCP Share the Plate committee members met. On May 24 our new pull-out drawers installed. Smoot golfed 5- 27, Memorial Day, in patriotic attire. Jerry's 80th & karaoke on 5-29.



June 16, Smoot fixed my poster box and my Enterprise so it flies again! On June 20, Smoot celebrated his birthday at bridge with a real bridge hand cake.



On Jul 4 we had shakes with Dale. He tried our VR too. Bill & Joan were supposed to join us but couldn't but did for the new Spiderman flic on July 6. The choir sang at Sally M's memorial on Jul 25.



On Jul 27 we went to the Summer Sing concert at St. Barnabas Episcopal. I had to have a colonoscopy on Aug 1 so the day before, my meals consisted of broth, jello, tea & a popsicle. Yum. Aug 4, we celebrated our 46th anniversary with lunch at the Phoenician resort. I displayed wedding pics & flowers.



We had supper with Smoot's duplicate bridge partner John and his wife Mary on Aug 17. As an early birthday celebration we went to Medieval Times on Aug 24 and had our photo taken with the 'queen'. The next night we had supper at Jane's with neighbors Charles, Bob, Janice and Robert.



On my actual birthday, Aug 26, I did my usual freebie crawl at Denny's and Red Robin and got a new iPad. On Sept 1 we brought Lucienne's painting to UUCP to be in the Members Art Show.



On Sept 4 the summer birthday folks were honored at choir. Smoot fixed our broken wind chime on Sep 14. Heat and high winds had torn it apart. We discovered a coyote eating at our stray cat bowl in our backyard on Sept 19 so I stopped putting food out.



Dave and Nancy had us over for food & fun on Sept 28 with Wanda and Don. We surprised Heidi by showing up at her 40th birthday bash on Oct 1. We attended UUCP's fall fundraiser on Oct 19.



After our monthly lunch in Oct with Julie & Marshal on the 22nd, Julie came over to meet my foster kittens. She was especially taken with Cornbread. Julie and I had lunch with Billye, Judy and Ellie at The Beatitudes on Oct 24. My pumpkins lit up our front porch for Halloween. Below, costumes at choir practice on Oct 30 and my talk on UUCP's history at the new member class on Nov 1.





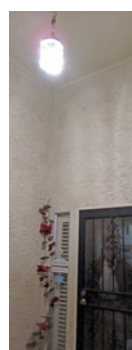
Lee and Bob had us over for snacks on Nov 15 with kitty Gracie looking on and me in the mirror. Twenty choir members from UUCP sang at Kellie's final service at VUU on Nov 24.



We attended the UUCP Thanksgiving potluck on Nov 28. We sat with Heidi and Eric & Joanie. Ginny & I sang in the practice at the LDS stake on Dec 1 and in the Community Christmas Concert at the 7th Day Adventist Church on Dec 7. Ginny and Smoot were our chauffeurs.



Smoot & I went to the Paw Placement holiday party on Dec 9. We sat with Tommie & Rudolf. Tyrone announced the raffle winners and I won the biggest basket! It was full of fun goodies.



For several years we haven't had a front porch light. We relied on the lights on my artificial trees for lighting. Then on Dec 10 Smoot put up our new light. We had also put up light trees for the holiday.



The house is looking festive inside too. My geese are in their holiday attire waiting to be surrounded by Christmas cards. We went caroling on Dec 14, great fun until our bus died. Linda & Gary came back to town and we had lunch on Dec 15 with them and Eric & Joanie. Crazienss ensued!



I had to have a PET scan on the 16th but we made it back in time to meet John & Mary. They had invited us to join them for the Phoenix Chorale Christmas Concert at the Camelback Bible Church in PV. On Dec 19 we went to Paula & Stan's Christmas party. Good food and fun conversation.



We went to see the new Star Wars movie on Dec 20. Julie and Marshal had us over for dinner on Dec 21. Because Benjie had to be away, Connie directed the music program for our Solstice services on Dec 22. We went to Lee & Bob's for holiday snacks, conversation and cat cuddles on Dec 23.



We sang in the UUCP choir, with orchestra, on Christmas eve and had our photo taken under our wreath and banners. Then we had a quiet celebration with our cats on the 25th. Then that evening



we went to Great Wolf Lodge for Christmas dinner. The lobby was impressive, the chairs and initial service less so but the food was good & we got a free dessert after my complaints. Then we checked out in mini-resort inside including an amazing obstacle course and a full size gingerbread house.



We thanked Benjie and Susan for their hard work at the choir party on Dec 27. Then on Dec 30 we drove to Williams to spend the night and take the train for the Grand Canyon. The hotel had a light display in front. We watched a Wild West show in the snow before boarding the train on Dec 31.



We splurged and got seats in the parlor car, with snacks, no kids, access to the platform at the back of the train and seats in the observation car.



We were entertained with music then arrived to see that the Canyon was still amazing. We had lunch at the famous El Tovar hotel, wandered and I fell on the ice, more humiliating than painful. Then back on the train for the return trip where we were 'robbed' by desperados. A fun way to end the year.

Our Pets and Fosters in 2019



We still have our four lazy cats, left Maine Coon Bobbie, orange & white Rocky, black Bagheera and buff Jack. We also have seven Red-eared slider turtles who like to bask in the sun.



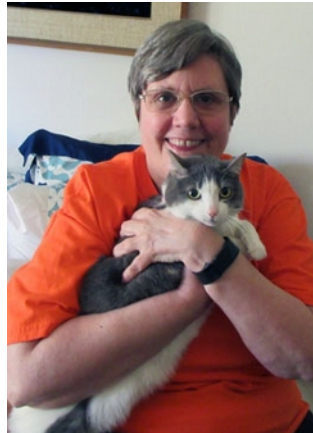
I have Ruby Red Minnows in my fish tank now, feeder fish for my turtles who are too lazy to chase them when I put them in the turtle pond so the minnows have gotten big and fat!

Paw Placement Foster Cats



I started 2019 still fostering Layla. I'd had her the previous Spring and got her back in Nov when she was returned. I took her to Petsmart on Jan 10. Before that, on Jan 5, I got Cherokee, Hopi and Navajo. They were adopted from my house on Jan 13. On Jan 18, 2019, I got Raven who turned out not to be a

pregnant female. I had sterilized the room expecting kittens that didn't happen. With family coming I took her to Petsmart on Feb 9, 2019.



On Feb 20, 2019 I got Ivy, returned because she supposedly would bite. The adopter wanted her killed but Paw Placement wanted to give her another chance. She was sweet with me if you knew not to over-stimulate her. I took her to Petsmart on Mar 2 and got Sage, another return. She was with me until Mar 23. On Mar 29, I got pregnant kitty Lily who had been dumped from an RV at a campground.



Lily had 5 kittens over the night of Apr 10/11- males Ash, Ember & Smokey and females Lavender & Luna. They loved baked chicken! Lily went to Petsmart on Jun 22. Three of the kittens went on July 6, the other two on Jul 17. On Apr 1, 2019 I got Teddy & Huey whose owner had died and not been found for days. They were very scared but eventually got sweet and friendly. Huey left on 7/6, Teddy on 9/4.



On Sep 6, I got four kittens from Snowflake, AZ – Butters, Luna, Remy and Yoshi. Two left on Sep 14,

the other two on Sep 27. On Sep 17 I got Xena, a very feisty but sick kitten. She left on Sep 23, the same day I got mom Brioche and her 6 kittens - Sugar, Spice, Cornbread, Apple, Carrot Cake, Pumpkin Pie.



Brioche was an elegant Siamese mix. Two of her kittens had Siamese coloring, two were orange and two were white. One of the white kittens made it all the way to the ceiling on the carpeted wall!



On Oct 15, 2019 I got big, sweet Tony. I only had him until Nov 6 when he left to be a companion for a hurt kitten. He also was a blood donor, a hero cat. I got Chipmunk on Nov 7, another return with the cutest habit of raising his left paw. I still have him. On Dec 3 I got Chevy who sadly had ringworm. Tommie took him on Dec 7.



On Dec 22, 2019, I got Holly who had been living in a field next to a WalMart with lots of coyotes. She got the hand-made bed that Tommie & Megan gave me for being such a prolific foster. Then on Dec 28 I took Chipmunk to Petsmart and got my last foster of the year, the 263rd cat I've fostered for Paw Placement since 2010. Part of the entertainment outside the foster room window is wildlife like Peach-faced Lovebirds and squirrels.

Wishing you and your family a happy new year!