

Seasons Greetings 2018

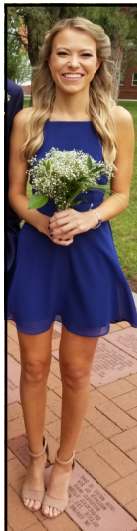
The year was one of changes once again for our family! The Highlights: Rachel was married in Flagstaff on July 14th to Tim O'Toole, whom she met while both were in the Peace Corps in Kosovo, Jacob has recently gotten engaged to Bella Ward whom he met up at NAU! Brianna continues to work toward getting into medical school. Barb completed her 1st Half Ironman triathlon. Stan has closed down his mortgage brokerage and is now working for Brightside Mortgage. We sold our home in Flagstaff after 15 years.



Rachel & Tim's wedding was on the campus of Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. As a special Thank You to all who attended, they hand selected a book for each and wrote a personal note inside! There was also a reception in Cleveland at Tim's parent's beautiful home that backs up to a forest the following week which we all attended. After getting married, they moved to Denver where Tim accepted a position at Charles Schwab as a financial crimes analyst. The work is similar to what he was doing at JP Morgan Chase prior to his

Peace Corps stint. Rachel is teaching 3rd grade at Colfax Elementary, a Title I school near downtown.

Brianna continues to take classes in preparation to apply to medical school. She's also recently started a job as a medical scribe with a large doctor's office, which is supposed to give her some practical experience and help her chances of being accepted. With what little free time she has, she studies for the MCAT exam, and hits the gym and runs regularly, hoping to complete her 2nd Half Marathon next year! For fun, she did manage to go to the Albuquerque Balloon Festival and get some beach time in CA.



Although Jacob & Bella haven't set a firm date or location for their nuptials, they're thinking it'll be sometime next summer before they both start their senior year at NAU.



Jacob's degree will be in Geographic Information Systems, but his ultimate goal is to go on to seminary and become a pastor. Bella's degree will be in Political Science, but she's not sure yet where that will lead her.

Barb & Stan went back east to attend a wedding reception in Boston for the daughter of some good friends and spent several days in Acadia National Park in Maine while in the area. This was on Barb's Bucket List, as it was the favorite spot of her now-deceased cousin Carrie. The rugged coastal scenery was spectacular and we had nice weather most of the time. We also flew to Denver for a long weekend in September to visit with Rachel & Tim. That was pretty

much the extent of our travel this year. We hope to hit a few more National Parks in 2019, including the Grand Canyon. We have reservations at Phantom Ranch at the bottom where we get to spend 2 nights at the beginning of March before hiking back out. We are also trying to fit in a trip to the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone in addition to our hike down to Havasupai in September.



Since the kids are all grown now and we were tiring of all the maintenance, we decided to sell our home in Flagstaff, which we did this summer. Still loving Flagstaff, we opted to buy a townhouse closer to downtown instead. It's new construction that will hopefully be completed in time for us to enjoy most of the summer this coming year.



Barb is still running, swimming and reluctantly biking. She completed her first 70.3 Mile Half Ironman on June 3 in Victoria, Canada and is signed up for another one in Coeur d'Alene, ID on June 30th. While not training she helped to pass a proposition in Scottsdale to save the 30,000 acre McDowell Sonoran Preserve from evil developers. She is currently training our 3 year old golden retriever, Denali, at PetSmart. They are both getting better at communicating.

After owning his company for 25 years, Stan decided to step down and continue his mortgage career by becoming a Loan Officer for Brightside Mortgage, which is owned by one of his long-time co-workers at Advantage. Life is much simpler and he now gets to do just the fun stuff - working with his clients. As President of their condo HOA, at least he still gets to be in charge of something! Stan continues working out at the gym several days a week and hikes at the Gateway Trails only about 1/2 mile from their condo. He is getting ready to cross off one of the items on his Bucket List in January when he attends a week-long Arizona Diamondbacks Fantasy Camp.



We hope this past year was a good one for you and wish you a happy holiday season and joyous New Year!

The Wang Family

Stan, Barb, Rachel & Tim, Brianna and Jacob



Brianna after her 1st Half Marathon



The Bride



Barb in Bar Harbor, Maine



Jacob, Brianna, Rachel & Tim Hanging Out



Jacob & Bella the Night they got Engaged



The Bride & Groom with Both sets of Parents



Denali (above) and Barney