

## Merry Christmas 2021

We started the year on a bum note, both of us with mild cases of Covid 19. At Mayo in June, Carl asked for an antibody test to be included with other blood tests, and they measured his antibody level. Since then, we have tested negative a couple of times by a saliva test, and more recent blood tests confirmed we both still have antibodies.

We did take one trip, by bus to Door County, WI. Janice always wanted to go there with her Mom and sisters, and when that didn't happen, Carl went with her instead. Lavender fields were in full bloom and it was cherry season at the time. We came home with syrup, jams, wine, and lots of pictures.



Carl has found that arthritis in his lower spine shows as hip pain, making it difficult to walk. A walk around the block is more than enough. Aldi is the preferred grocery store, because it is smaller, and the hips usually hold out for trips up and down a couple of aisles. Online bridge requires no walking, and fortunately, Carl has steady partners including two who live in Texas. He closed the Hartness Consulting bank account, and closed that chapter in his life.



Janice started a fun part-time job this summer at Medina Entertainment Center and Robert's restaurant that is a little over a mile away. She has worked as a banquet server, has scanned tickets and put wristbands on concert goers, acted as hostess for the restaurant and helped decorate the facility for Christmas. It's nice to get out and socialize especially while Carl is playing online bridge. Janice continues to play pickleball both outdoors and inside now that the weather is colder. This year she sewed 80 fleece neck warmers. Another volunteer completes them by adding an angel and Gospel message and delivers them to Christian ministries and shelters.

We haven't talked much in these annual letters about grandkids, but Hilarie and Michael's oldest child, Terra turned 21, so we have to celebrate that. She is at Stout in Menominee WI. Her sister Jenna is a senior in Burnsville. Deverie and Rob's children are all in Madison, WI. Ronan is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Kiran in 7<sup>th</sup>, and Inara turned five and started pre-school. The grandkids are pictured with Janice on her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.

We wish you the best of times for the coming year.



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