

# News from Nan

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*Ascent Apartments*

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We moved at the beginning of the year to an apartment complex at 5805 Charlotte Dr #518, San Jose, California 95123-3663 (see above).

And now let's move on to news about the grandkids.



*Blomquists at the bus stop*

Archer (almost 11) and Helena (just turned 9) are still at Minnewashta Elementary in Minnetonka, but this is Archer's last year: the fifth graders graduate next June and move on to middle school. He still loves video games, has his own iPhone, and does soccer and wrestling (he recently broke a finger during practice!). Helena, who is in the third grade, is still very much into art and music, and she enjoys her Girl Scout troop activities. She loved her horsemanship camp last summer but unfortunately discovered that she is allergic to horses!



*Livengoods at Miranda's spring concert*

As for the older grandkid generation, Matthew (20) has switched from West Valley to San Jose Community College and will transfer to a four-year college next fall. He's currently leaning toward Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo, where he plans to study kinesiology. He's still running track. Miranda (17) now has her driver's license and is still extremely active on the music front: she's currently in three instrumental organizations at Evergreen Valley High School, and she traveled to Iowa and Indiana last summer with the Santa Clara Vanguard Cadets. She's a senior and will graduate next May — probably first attending a local community college like her brother.



*Tim and Tracie*

Now for our children, who are also leading very active lives. Tim is currently making use of our second bedroom (we've taken minimalism seriously and pared our possessions down to about 700 square feet) while he drives for Lyft and makes the transition to a new area of computer programming. He is in a relationship with a former high-school classmate, Tracie Wilson. Ellen and Rick still work for Netflix and Intel, respectively, and Gillian is still doing family law and Mike photography. We love them all and enjoy seeing them as often as possible.



*Mike driving the new boat*

Dick and I are still working on our Computer History Museum archiving project – we’re winding up our third year of various museum projects. Historical artifacts continue to be an ongoing theme for us: we did a “hiking to Indian ruins” trip to Colorado in May, and we expect to go back to help out with an artifact surveying trip next April.



*Dancer in Costa Rica*



*Arenal volcano*

Our longest trip this year was to Costa Rica. I thought Dick agreed to do the Spanish language-oriented trip mostly to please me, but he had a great time brushing up on his high-school Spanish after almost 50 years! Besides the language study we toured San José (the capital), and visited a volcano and a rain forest.



*Palouse from the air*

We also did a number of shorter trips in California, and a somewhat longer one to the Palouse area of Eastern Washington and Western Idaho.

Our planned trip to Minnesota in May was cancelled due to Dick's recurring bladder problems. He had TURP surgery in June and fortunately has made a complete recovery. We made it to Minnesota in August and look forward to having the whole family together over the Christmas/New Year's holidays.

We have recently re-established our former professional corporation as VR Communications, LLC, and I expect to be doing some freelance editing and indexing (with my trusty and talented technologist by my side) starting next month.



*Biking the Coyote Creek trail*

And, of course, we are still running, walking, hiking, and occasionally biking, and enjoying it tremendously.

We're sorry to report that two of our grandkitties, Jaws and Layla Blomquist, passed on this year. We're glad we still have granddog Boomer Blomquist and grandcats Morgan and Sparky Livengood.

We hope that you had a good 2016, and all the best to you in 2017.

Love, Anna and Dick

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