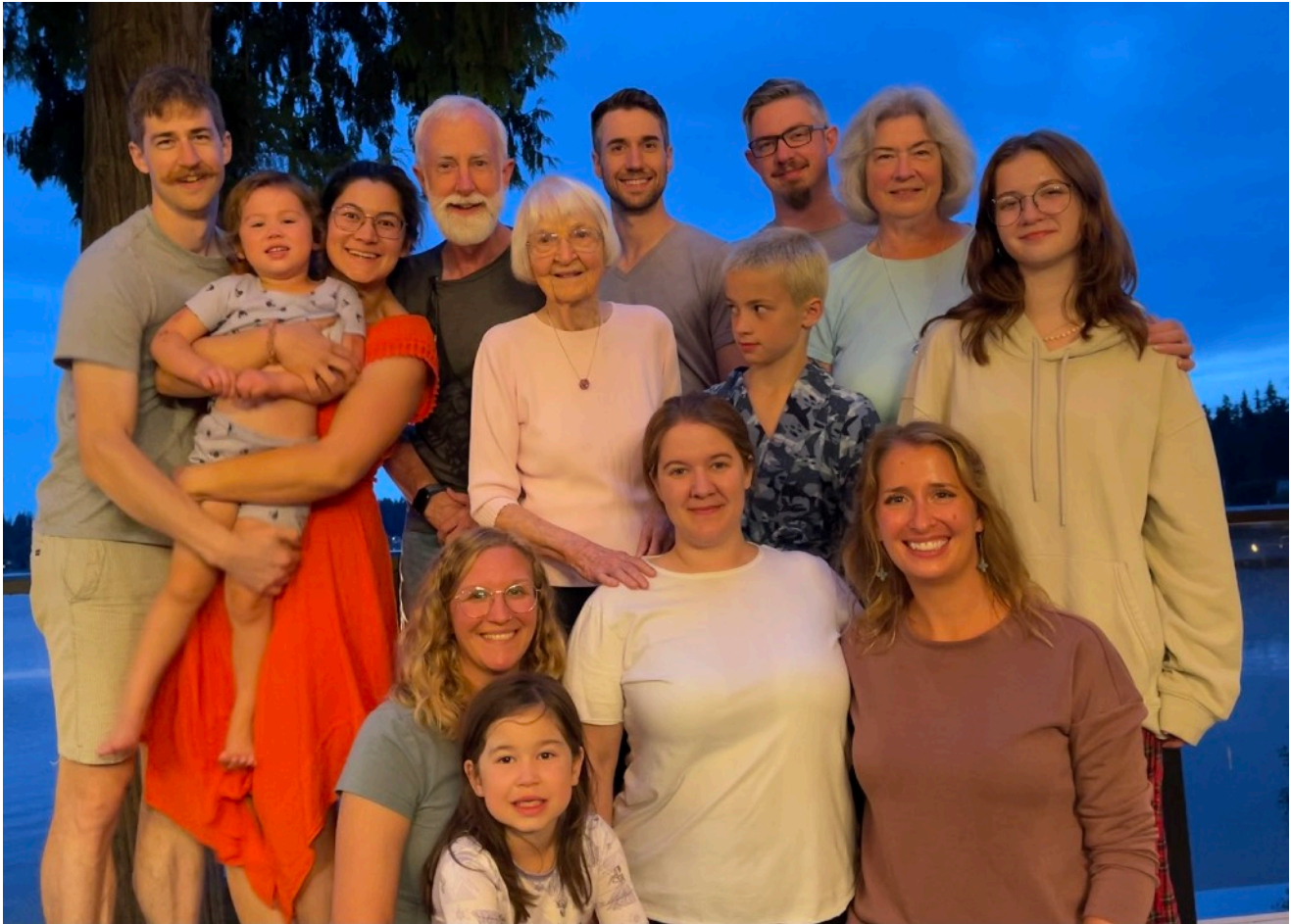


THE GROVE's

Family News Update



Greetings from our family to yours,

As I reviewed this year, I was surprised by how many notable happenings there were!

At the top is our tradition of staying at a big house with the whole family for several days. (My sister Lisa was able to bring my Mom down from Canada to join us for a day.) We traveled to visit Alan & Lindsey near Chicago. (The cicadas were crazy everywhere.) There was Melanie's



Good company with roasted string cheese and marshmallows.

amazing gourmet birthday dinner cooked by our kids. (It was made better because Alan was in town, and because of a good practical joke on Melanie.) We visited my sister Marilyn in Arnold, CA. (Seeing Calaveras Big Trees State Park near there was mind-blowing!)

We joined a new church. (The people are really good and are quickly becoming deep friends.) I upgraded our house electrical supply. (It was part of fixing a broken oven for Melanie.) Melanie saw bioluminescence organisms in Puget Sound waters with a friend. (I added cello music.)

On the hobby side, Melanie continues her weaving, augmenting her knitting and crochet. (She wove four wool blankets for Christmas gifts, and I could see her skills improve through the project!) I continue exploring by hiking, biking, and kayaking. (I camped with hiking on the Olympic Peninsula, and solo kayak camped in the San Juans.)

On the vocational side, life goes on well for both of us and I am very grateful for this continuity.

May your 2025 be a good year,

Larry & Melanie



The massiveness of the trees at Big Trees.



Palouse Falls, Shi Shi beach (below)

