



Happy Holidays 2024 to all our friends and family.

I have to say this has been a good year. We started out the year with a 2-week cruise to several ports in Australia and New Zealand. Seeing the many native animals in both countries was a highlight. Jim and I are in good health and Jim still runs and plays tennis. I have made some wonderful new friends here at the Unitarian Universalist Church and spend time playing Bridge, spending time with my new friends and drumming in a drumming circle each week with some local professional jazz musicians and master drummers. On a sad note, I had to finally let my older cat, Sunshine, go as he got sick and was refusing to eat and there was nothing more the Vet could do to help him. We still have two cats, Midnight 7 and Milton 5. We are also saddened by the passing of several classmates and good friends this past year.

Dan still has 13 employees and keeps improving and selling Universe Sandbox. He hopes to have a phone app ready by the end of this year. And he has a lovely new partner, Cindy, whom we like very much. They work at a software game company, so they have much in common. Dan computerized his home extensively with Home Assistant and was featured in a video about this by a man from Arizona who features such endeavors in YouTube videos. If interested, you can check out that video of Dan and his automated home in Seattle. The link follows or you can simply search YouTube for "Home assistant Dan in Seattle" or ([https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=home+assistant+dan+in+seattle](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=home+assistant+dan+in+seattle)) We often get to see Dan and do something fun with him and sometimes Cindy too. I so enjoyed seeing the professional production of Beetlejuice at the Paramount in downtown Seattle with them earlier this year. Such a joy and so fun!

We spent Thanksgiving with Patrick and Brittney and our two grandchildren this year, Will 13 (on Dec. 21) and Claire 9. They moved from CA to Jamestown RI into a new really nice fixer upper home where Patrick is now stationed to teach International Security at the Naval War College in Newport RI for the next 3 years. After loads of work, their house is looking so cozy and updated. Their kitchen is to be renovated next year. Will & Claire both enjoy sports. Will plays soccer and basketball well and of course video games. Claire is into art, sailing, and computer games. And Brittney creates amazing craft projects, prepared simply delicious meals and she still loves Legos. Her Christmas village is all Legos. While there, we enjoyed a tour of The Breakers, a Vanderbilt summer home, just one of many historic mansions in Newport and featured in The Gilded Age.

We hope this letter finds you all staying well and enjoying each and every day. Love and best wishes to you and yours. May 2025 be kind to us all and the world. Blessed Be. Peggy and Jim Dixon



Dan

2024 Photos



Dan with his partner, Cindy.



Thanksgiving – All of us at the Breakers mansion  
Peggy, Jim, Brittney, Patrick, Claire and Will



Patrick in front of the Naval War College in Newport RI where he is teaching.

Some extra photos of Patrick, Brittney and Patrick and Claire and Boiler. 2024



Son, Patrick in Dress Uniform – Lt. Col.



Brittney & Patrick at Naval Ball in Newport RI



Granddaughter, Claire resting with their dog, Boiler



Grandson, Will – Soccer Team Photo