SUE AND GARU

2023 Seasons Greetings

During the past year we enjoyed visiting both our families who coincidentally, live on islands, Sue's family from the island of Newfoundland off the east coast of Canada, and Gary's brother on Whidbey Island off the western coast of the United States. We are not quite sure how that happened but it means that we look forward to family visits for reasons that combine family togetherness and fresh sea food.

Our garden was bountiful as always with rhubarb, carrots, tomatoes and black currants. Most of which are still rewarding us in various soups and jams. This year we had the house painted while we were traveling. We also personally stained our back deck and have been waiting these many months for the stain to completely dry. Soon...

Sue has continued volunteering at the Morrison Center but with reduced administrative responsibilities and more flexible time. Volunteering for the Daughters of the British Empire continues and regular Mah Jong gatherings at our home are also weekly events.

Gary had his 80th birthday this summer but stays involved with bicycle advocacy and amateur radio activities as he has done for many years.

Life changes some as we get older. While we both walk and bicycle frequently, Gary reluctantly gave away some of his back country ski gear. No more skinning into yurts, avalanche transceivers or igloo construction as part of our current life style. However, he is still looking forward to cross country skiing this winter.

In addition to family visits, we took a cruise up the east coast starting at Florida and then turned into the St Lawrence Seaway and went all the way to Toronto. Near Toronto, we met up with a friend of Sue's from her elementary school days for some long overdue reminiscing.

We attach a few photos of the activities mentioned above:

We Wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year. Merry Christmas!

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Winter Garden Aglow



Crab Traps in St John's, Nfld



Sue's New Bicycle



Birthday Celebration in Boise



Lighthouse on Iles de Madeline



The Myth about Sue and Dogs



Garv with Louisbourg background



Gary at Montmorency Falls