

## Happy New Year!

For us, 2022 seemed to come and go. 2023 will turn out to be a year of transition for us.

## Bruce

Bruce is still working full-time at Northrop Grumman despite now being “full retirement age”. He’s still thinking he’ll never retire. Time will tell.

He resumed his annual trip to Indiana in July, which had been put on hold since 2020 due to COVID. It was great seeing his brother and sister-in-law and friends in Connersville as well as in Fort Wayne.

In October, he came down with a mild case of COVID, which took 2 full weeks to run its course. He used the time at home to do a major software upgrade on the websites he still maintains, including [scherzinger.org](http://scherzinger.org) as well as those for his HOA and high school class.

## Eileen

Eileen recently completed her 9<sup>th</sup> year at AFPM and had been traveling almost every week throughout the year, racking up mileage and hotel points (and status!).

By the time you are reading this, Eileen will have announced her retirement from AFPM and her last day is going to be Jan.17<sup>th</sup>. Her first plans are relaxing (a little), catching up on self-care, meeting up with friends, travel, volunteering, cooking and more. Once she gets restless, she will see what is next on the horizon.

One notable change this year was that Eileen suffered a sudden, unexplained 100% hearing loss in her left ear which caused her to make considerable changes to adapt to her new normal. She saw several specialists and underwent some treatments (including injections of steroids into her eardrum) to try to restore her hearing. This type of hearing loss ([Sudden Sensorineural Hearing Loss](#)) is likely to be permanent and not fixed with hearing aids.

In the meantime, during the past year, she remained committed and busy with Lasagna Love and managing her local group of over 125 volunteers!

## David and Brie

Eileen and Bruce traveled to Napa CA in September to do the “wine country” thing combined with a visit with David and Brie. The weather was hot and dry, but especially so in Vacaville, where they live. We had a wonderful visit with them, seeing the house they bought last year and had fun cooking dinner together at their place. It was a short visit, but it was great to see them both.



David and Eileen

## Andrew and Newt

Both Andrew and Newt changed jobs in 2022. They had planned to move to Asheville, but that fell through, so they are still in the same apartment with their 2 cats. Andrew replaced his drum kit with an electronic kit, so now he can play without bothering the neighbors. We love that we get to see them often since they only live about 15 minutes away from us.



Newt and Andrew at Hanukkah

## Rachel

Rachel is still doing very well at Albero House in Norfolk.



Rachel, Eileen, and Bruce

The care that she receives there is amazing, and she has remained COVID-free this entire time. With all of Eileen’s travel, we didn’t get to visit her quite as much as usual in 2022, but that should change after Eileen retires from AFPM. We look forward to that change!

## Napa Trip

Our “big” vacation was to Napa and Sonoma valleys which are literally covered in grape vines and one of our favorite places to visit for great food, wine and scenery. After visiting David and Brie, we headed to an amazing spa hotel in Napa and began our daily winery visits, some planned and some unplanned. We had a tough time deciding which ones to visit but went to the following wineries for tastings and in some cases, tours:



Eileen at Jarvis

- Stag’s Leap
- Truchard
- Joseph Phelps
- Benziger
- Merry Edwards
- Sojourn
- Jarvis

We wish you all a great 2023. Here are some other pictures we thought you'd enjoy. And there are many others on our family website.

Be sure to visit our family website at <https://scherzinger.org> where you can read all our past newsletters and see a lot more photos.



Mother's Day at Café Montmartre



Eileen with Roberto Dona at Roberto's Celebrating Our 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Eileen and Bruce at Their Hotel in Napa

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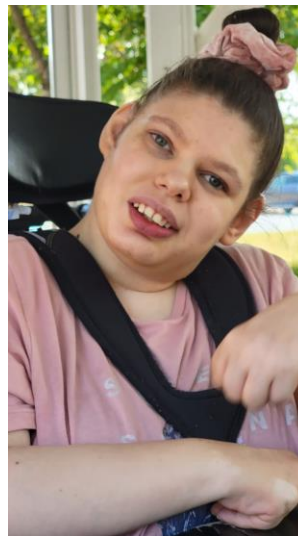
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*Bruce, Eileen, David, Andrew, & Rachel*



Eileen and Bruce at Truchard Vineyard



Rachel in September



Bruce at Greenhill Vineyard After COVID



Birthday Girls at LAuberge Chez Francois Brasserie