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2024 Seasons Greetings from Suzanne and Rod:

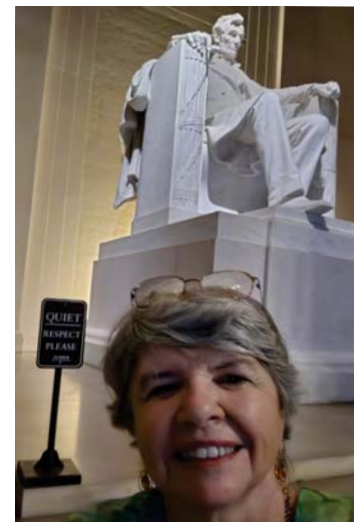
It was a mostly quiet 2024 for us, not even as much travel as previous years. Quiet is a good thing at our age, something politicians of all parties seem to ignore. End of political messaging, for which all readers can be grateful.

We are maintaining our health via a walking regimen on the rail trail and county parks, as well as regular vitamin supplements, although Rod has expressed some concern about his spouse's attempt to supercharge the vitamins by placing them into the air fryer vents. Suzanne claims they accidentally rolled into the vent on top when she placed the pill there temporarily. Ascertainment of the truth is left to the reader.



2024 was a good year for Suzanne's garden, and for the gardening catalog printers, local gardening centers, internet purveyors of seeds and bulbs, ... Rod contributed occasional weeding, watering, and appreciation for the improvement in spousal disposition caused by planning and working in the garden.

June saw us in Washington DC for the NAWBO public policy days. Rod managed a timed ticket to the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum where he enjoyed some nostalgia remembering 1968 for reasons other than his loss of freedom. Some perspective was gained looking again at the Saturn V model and seeing how small the instrument unit being assembled in Huntsville AL that year was with respect to the rest of the craft. Suzanne wandered around the halls of power.



The major travel event for the year was Suzanne's trip to the Jersey Shore. Major in terms of planning and execution - not in distance traveled. Instead of wandering the woods of Tennessee the usual group of friends decided to visit the beach in NJ this year. Rod made a single trip to the rental property to ensure that Suzanne was actually gone - then enjoyed a few days at Harbor Road free of the social constraints of spouse and visitors.



All the planning and other Zoom communications finally forced the retirement of Suzanne's vintage 2011 Windows 7 PC. She can now communicate much better with a new Windows 11 desktop PC with the first solid state drive (SSD) in the household. Complaints about something not working properly can now occur much sooner after power on. Suffering hardware envy, Rod installed a SSD in his vintage 2016 W10 PC, but hasn't yet figured out what to do with it, since the UBUNTU OS he actually uses is fast enough.

Rod's commitment to the latest fashion continues. He got two new flannel shirts in 2024 after some of his older shirts, purchased in the last century, finally got thin enough that the mosquitoes could see through them. He also gave up on one pair of hiking shoes when multiple applications of Shoe Goo was not enough to hold them together any more. He refers to it as "saving soles" and believes it is clearly a form of religious expression. While not holding exactly the same attitude on clothing reuse, Suzanne does now share his belief pockets are a required feature in clothing. Rod isn't sure it is his influence or the need to keep a cell phone handy at all times.



Suzanne continued supporting her teaching habits with classes in beading at the local bead store. She has been painting more this year, while continuing with the beaded jewelry production. Rod's limited contribution has been porter service, hauling her tables in and out of BellWorks in Holmdel for several sales days in the atrium there. He found it good to see his old workplace still being used and still visits occasionally for a meal in one of the restaurants.

May your 2025 be happy and healthy.

Suzanne and Rod



web pages:

Rod's personal home page at [www.rodpease.com](http://www.rodpease.com)

Suzanne's art home page at [www.suzannepease.com](http://www.suzannepease.com)

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