



Happy New Year! 2023

FROM THE O'CONNOR FAMILY



Celebrating 50 years of marriage — with all 24 of us!

We hope your holidays were filled with laughter & love.



2022 Highlights

WINTER/SPRING

Diane continued to invest many hours into Love in the Name of Christ, a partnership of 20 local churches helping neighbors in need.

We spent the month of March living on the ocean in Vero Beach —Bob joined two Radio Controlled Flying Clubs while Diane painted to her heart's content! We walked the boardwalk, had some adventures, and did a lot of laughing with cousin-friends Dick and Kathy Nordberg.



Preparing to fly in Vero Beach



One of Diane's oils, painted in Vero



Vero Beach with Dick & Kathy

SUMMER

Rob, Amie, & Kaleigh moved to Port Edwards! Now all three OC boys are here in Rapids or Port. Tim and Tara moved into a new home, and now they are just a mile away!

Kate's oldest son Judah was in town again this season, caddying at Sand Valley. So for a few months we actually had five OC households here to keep us hopping! It's been really fun to have all our teens, tweens, and little ones in and out!

We cherished a visit with Bob's sister, Carol and her family in Door County. Sadly she passed away a few weeks later after a year-long battle with pancreatic cancer.

In July we celebrated our 50th anniversary and we were so blessed to have everyone together!

FALL /WINTER

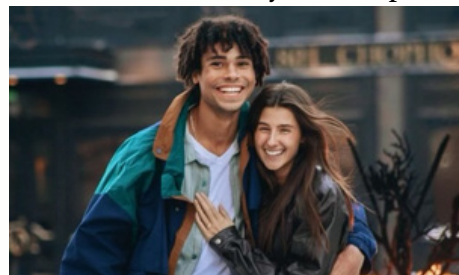
Bob closed down the flying field for the season after once again serving as the club treasurer and field maintenance director for the River Valley Flyers RC Club.

In November we traveled to California for a lovely visit Bob's sister, Marilyn and her son David in Novato, CA. Then we flew south to hang out with Kate and her fam in San Dimas. Fun to be in their world—the kids are growing up so fast!

We are becoming "grand- parent-in-laws!" Jeff's oldest daughter Madison is now engaged! She will become Mrs. Kai Parker sometime next summer. So excited for them!



In CA with Remy and Shep



Kai and Maddy



ROB, AMIE, RILEY, & KALEIGH



- **Rob & Amie** moved back to Port Edwards permanently this summer. After beautifully remodeling the home they bought in Port Edwards [2016] while still living in SC, they are now settling into the community. Amie's extended family also lives in our tri-city area, so there's always someone to connect with.
- **Rob** works for Sierra Nevada Corporation, specializing in communications with all branches of our military. He will be in Germany for three months to update overseas troops in the most recent technical advances.
- **Amie** recently launched Renew [Therapeutic Massage] in Rapids, bringing her passion, skill, and expertise to our tri-city area.
- **Riley** [23] is at UW-Green Bay majoring in Psychology, and is applying for Masters programs. He's passionate about being physically strong and healthy, and you will consistently find him at the gym.
- **Kaleigh** [19] interned for Christian Life Fellowship this fall and heads off this week to Kona [with cousin, Max] for training with YWAM [Youth with a Mission] followed by a three-month mission experience

KATE, JON, JUDAH, CREED, HAVEN, REMY, & SHEPERD

- **Kate & Jon** love being back in sunny Glendora, CA [for the past 4 years]
- **Jon** is the senior pastor at Foothills Vineyard Church in San Dimas, CA., coaches pastors through NCD [Natural Church Development], and is writing a book.
- **Kate** homeschools and is always creative—decorating for events, designing a small business, or helping someone re-envision or upscale their favorite room. She starts coach training in January with Christian Schwartz, founder of NCD.
- **Judah** [19] caddied in Wisconsin the past two summers, loves his Ducati, and enjoys F1 Racing. He is an entrepreneur at heart and is saving up to pursue some ideas.
- Creative and inventive, **Creed** [17] graduated from High School early and will pursue training for adventurous cell tower climbing and repair when he turns 18. Friends are always in and out of the unique space he designed in their former garage.
- **Haven** is 14 and very active in her youth group and volunteering. She enjoys gymnastics, babysitting, painting, & other creative pursuits.
- **Remy** is in 2nd grade and loves learning. She is full of ideas and known as a "Maker." You will often find her surrounded by various cast-offs, working on some kind of creation.
- At 6, **Shep** is all-boy and a bundle of energy! Smart and curious by nature, he asks a lot of questions. He is often involved in Remy's projects and loves all-things-science.



JEFF, CAREY, MADISON (KAI) MAX, COLIN, & CAMPBELL



- **Jeff & Carey** are co-senior pastors at Christian Life Fellowship in Port Edwards, where they lead a great staff and oversee a unique movement of Christ-followers. Jeff's a master story-teller, using many real-life examples to engage people and illustrate biblical concepts.
- **Carey** is also an executive leadership coach with the 4Sight Group, and is passionate passing on what she knows and investing in leaders.
- In their spare time you will find J&C working on their Victorian fixer-upper, reading, rock climbing with the family, or flooding their side-yard skating rink.
- **Maddy** [20] and fiancé, Kai, completed leadership training through YWAM this fall. They now live/work in Kansas City, and plan to return to Kona to lead mission teams after they are married.
- **Max** [18] has a great sense of humor, enjoys sports, and loves serving on short-term mission trips. He is a leader and interned at Christian Life Fellowship this fall. He will head to Kona this week for training at YWAM and a longer mission experience.
- **Charlie** [17] is a Junior and enjoys her leadership role in youth group, babysitting, volleyball, reading, and playing the ukulele. She is fascinated by all things old-school—especially her record player!
- **Colin** [13] loves building forts, volunteering at church, and being with friends. He enjoys athletics and is very disciplined in his training. Football, basketball, boxing, skating, and track are favorites.
- **Campbell** [10] loves learning and has a creative and inventive mind. He brings some of his ideas to life by creating unique Halloween costumes. You'll also find him building neighborhood forts or writing & illustrating stories.

TIM, TARA, ROWAN & CULLEN

- **Tim & Tara** recently moved into a lovely new home and are currently making it their own.
- **Tim** is a real estate agent with Next Home Partners. He enjoys matching people up with a home that best suits them, as well as working with families to prepare for the sale of a current home.
- **Tara** is the AVP of Retirement Plan Services at Nicolet Bank in Plover, and really enjoys working with people to plan for their future. Together Tim and Tara started a transportation company—Golf's Trusted Transport—serving golfers flying into the area to enjoy Sand Valley or other central Wisconsin courses.
- **Rowan** is 4 and always on the move! Curious and interested in people and projects, Rowan brings energy into every room. She loves gymnastics, reading, coloring, completing worksheets, and playing with her little brother.
- **Cully** will turn 2 in January and is so much fun for us—especially since it appears that he is the last of that generation before the next begins! He is happy-go-lucky and absolutely loves his big sister, following her around and attempting to mimic all her antics!
- You will often find their family at the Y, exploring fun things to do in Rapids, and meeting friends and family to cruise the Wisconsin River on their large pontoon.



Whew!

*If you made it this far you're a champ! Guess this is what multiplication looks like!
Wishing you all God's best in 2023—*

♡ Bob & Diane