



December 2, 2022 – Temp 34°, cloudy and calm. The leaves are gone, except for the few that blow in the wind. Now you see them and now you don't!

Donna and I just returned from our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary trip to France. We flew into Paris, and drove to the south of France to an apartment in Menton, Fr. We had a great time driving to the small villages to visit the museums and taste the food. The weather was in the 60s and we only had rain 2 days out of 11. We like to visit the tiny shops, which welcome all who enter. We found a medieval village in the Maritime Alps and walked the stone alley ways, they call roads.

We also went to Las Vegas in February where I hit a straight flush against another straight flush in Texas Holdem, and I had the winning hand. Wow was that exciting!

We are thankful that the government covid restrictions are lessened.

Abree (Grand-Daughter) turned 16, while Caleb (14) was in the football finals, their brother Bryson excels in tennis, basketball, and pool. Melissa and Ryan are doing well. We will be in St. Lucia for Christmas with them.



Benjamin T (26) works in IT and lives in Cincinnati. Sam (24) just got married to the lovely Natalie, on October 1<sup>st</sup>. They live in Salt Lake City. Olivia, now 21, is a student at university learning IT as well. Ben and Robin are doing well.

Donna finally received her swim spa. It took 1 year and 3 months to get here. Now she has to find the time to use it with all the jet setting traveling she does. I get in the pool once in a while, just to get my feet wet. It is very nice with the jets and current! It is better than a swimming pool!



Donna and I volunteer at St. Alberts delivering food and we cooked a meal for 125 people in their large kitchen, which was like running a marathon, but fun.

Memories: across from St. Sebastian's church there was/is a park with ice skating in the winter. It was really nice, winding around so you had plenty of room to skate and do tricks. I tried it a couple of times, but my ankles would not hear of it, so I had to just watch from the side lines.



To you, our family, our friends, with love, respect and admiration, we wish you all a wonderful Christmas, and a Happy, Healthy, New Year! So. Until next year, we wish you and yours the best that life can offer.

Ben & Donna