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# *Merry Christmas*

Isn't it just *The Most Wonderful Time of the Year*? Another year has passed and because you've touched our lives in some way, we want to keep you updated on our *Last Year*.

Lady: After six and a half years, Lady finally got her braces off. There's no denying that she's got her teeth from the Welkshire side of the family. She's been chomping on everything in sight. No apple, *Marshmallow (World)*, or kernel of popcorn is safe. She didn't have many babysitting jobs this summer, but my co-worker's father-in-law is the golf pro at the Village Links so she was able to make some money as a beverage cart attendant. She'll be celebrating her sweet sixteen in 2022, can you believe it? She just got her learner's permit. Phil has been taking her out to practice. I just can't handle that kind of *Sleigh Ride*. She's been doing a mix of virtual and onsite schooling since *Last Christmas*. It's been a test of self-motivation and I'm happy to report that she was able to maintain a 4.0 gpa over the last two semesters.

Guy: Guy will be a teenager next year. He was able to participate in the traveling baseball team this summer given all the COVID restrictions though no spectators were allowed at the (Reindeer) games. The fact that he was able to roll out of bed and make it to practice on time was a *Miracle on 34th Street*. As you all know Guy is an avid pianist, but lessons were put on hold this year. I decided to buy him a guitar for his birthday and he's been watching a lot of instructional YouTube videos. Don't be surprised if you find us *Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree* this year.

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**Cheryl:** As for me, I'm back at work these days, but I did spend a lot of time *Home Alone*. I think we've all had our ups and downs this past year and I've certainly felt more like *The Grinch* than a *Joy to the World* in 2021. I launched a short-lived Costco product review Tiktok. Describing Kirkland beer or mixed nuts is more difficult than you'd think. "They taste very...nutty" wasn't bringing in the views I had hoped. I did happen to gain roughly 30 lbs. On the upside, I have a whole new wardrobe. The downside, I'm fat. Now that I'm all boosted up, I'm trying to catch the holiday spirit. My *Christmas Shoes* are all laced up and I spent this past weekend at the Christkindlmarket. I enjoyed some mulled wine and took home a ~~man~~ hand-crafted ornament for my *Oh, Christmas Tree*. I'm hoping things will continue to get better and the spread of COVID continues to decline. I look forward to resurrecting a girls' weekend in 2022. Maybe some of you can *Meet Me In St. Louis* or enjoy *Christmas in Connecticut* with me?

That sums up 2021 for us. We hope to see you in the coming year and if you're feeling down, don't forget *It's a Wonderful Life*.

Merry Christmas,

The Covingtons