

Dear Friends,

We've enjoyed a wonderful 2022, and we're grateful to all be (relatively) healthy and happy. A few quick updates on the kids!

- Femur is now a senior in high school, and has applied to five schools for the coming year. He's heard back from two (positive!) and awaiting news from the others.
- Tibia is thriving as a 7th grade in a new middle school. She recently won a big math competition, and continues to enjoy her time with the Girl Scouts.
- Occipital has really had his immune system strengthened this past year in daycare! But we seem to be in a good stretch.

Bulbourethral and I are doing well – he continues to bike to work, and I merrily work from home. Both are a luxury to us respectively!

This year, we were finally able to have our annual Cookies & Cocktails holiday party after a two-year COVID-related pause. We do apologize that you did not make the list – with public health being as it is, we had to cap the gathering at our closest 40 family and friends. However, we'd like to share our menu of pairings and encourage you to celebrate on your own! We can share a zoom link if you'd like to make your own drinks and watch the party in real time as though you were here – just let us know!!

- ❖ Holiday beer with red velvet crinkle cookies with cheesecake
- ❖ Cabernet Sauvignon with white chocolate peppermint
- ❖ Under the Mistletoe Punch with hazelnut cookies
- ❖ Hot buttered rum with gingerbread cookies
- ❖ Maple bourbon old fashioned with bacon chocolate truffles
- ❖ Juniper infused drink with sesame cookies
- ❖ Orange Moscow mule (mocktail) with all the cookies

We'll of course let you know if you make the in-person cut next year!

All the best in the new year –

Patella