

The Taylor Gazette

Welcome to the 2021 Taylor Gazette!

Happy New Year! As always, we decided to release our annual family update after Christmas to avoid competing with the barrage of newsletters over the holiday season.



David, Jim, Debbie, Jared, & Kristen, in Schoodic Point, Maine



Our old gal Sadie



Granddog Luna, who belongs to David (and Jared's shoe, which according to Luna, smells great)

Updates from Debbie

It's hard to come up with much to report in personal news. I, like most of you, have not been doing much! I was excited for Jared moving back east, to NYC, so both my boys are a car ride away. When the weather was warmer and COVID took a little vacation, I was able to see and enjoy some meals with friends outdoors (and even a few inside). I met up with a newly discovered distant cousin Carolyn for a tour of several galleries at the Met and lunch, and was met two artists from my arts organization for the first time.

Sadie will be 14 years old this month! She fooled the vet who, a year ago, told us she had only months to live. We have been cooking food for her and she is eating well, still navigating flights of stairs and doing so much better than we could ever have imagined. We are grateful for all this extra time with her.

I continue my work with the Arts Alliance of Stratford, which is still predominantly meeting online. We had many classes and workshops this year and will continue online for the foreseeable future. We have however, resumed some in person activities, hosting two art shows in the gallery we created at Sterling House Community Center. It was wonderful to see our friends and neighbors. We also resumed Make Music Day, a celebration of music on the summer solstice. This public event was held on a beautiful town property, with food trucks and craft vendors. If you are interested in learning some creative techniques in writing, visual and digital arts, [click here](#).

The year for me finished with surgery in September that unfortunately kept me in the hospital for a month, then another week after coming home with ongoing infections. I am still struggling to get past all of this at this time.

I am hopeful that 2022 will bring relief to everyone who is suffering, whether it be physical or mental health, grief or loss, or the limitations brought on by covid endurance. I wish you a happy and healthy new year.

Last June I made a trip to our cabin on Tunk Lake in Maine for a guy's week with my friend, Paul. Then in August, Deb, Sadie, and I headed up for our annual two week trip. David, his dog Luna, Jared and his partner Kristen joined us for the first week. It was a great time having everyone together.

While in NYC in October, I woke up with a pain in my chest. Turned out I had several pulmonary blood clots. I spent two days in the ER at Weil Cornell on a gurney in the hallway. They took good care of me in spite of the lack of accommodations. On the gurney next to me was renowned Harvard law professor, Alan Dershowitz. We chatted a bit and had fun conversation. I am fine now but will be on blood thinners going forward.

I played the role of event coordinator for The Arts Alliance of Stratford's [Make Music Day](#). This year we had the event at the Shakespeare Park, the former sight of the Stratford Shakespeare Theater which burned down a few years ago. We featured five bands on two stages, food trucks, and an artisan craft market. It was a huge success and should be even bigger and better in 2022.

I continue to update the [Taylor Gallery](#) with photos and articles about the four generations of the James B Taylor's and their families (if you are a family member, please send photos!).

I am the chairman for my 55th Taft high school reunion next May. Looking forward getting some classmates together before we get too old.



My favorite restaurant, Palm Too closed in March 2020. Next to me is The Palm's Biagio Iannece, who invited staff and a few customers to his house on Long Island for a reunion party last summer. We had good food and great fun swapping tall tales.

The Scoop on David

I'm approaching my 8th year in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, and 7th year working in the Music Industry at Level Group Ltd. Working from home has been an adjustment, but it's given me flexibility to raise Luna from just a puppy. While it has been a low key year with not much to report, I look forward to making 2022 a more eventful year.



The Latest on Jared

While spending a few months back on the East Coast last fall, I decided to move to New York City (realizing a dream I had in my mid-20s). I started 2021 in Los Angeles, where I spent the holidays with Kristen's family and packed up my old apartment. I brought with me to New York about two dozen boxes (with help from UPS), a few suitcases, and many memories from nearly a decade on the West Coast.

In mid-January, I moved into my own apartment on 72nd Street and 1st Avenue on the Upper East Side, where I resided for about ten months. In October, Kristen and I moved in together into a brownstone apartment in Park Slope, Brooklyn. We're excited to be sharing a home together.

On the career-side, I left HP in May to join Edelman's Employee Experience team in a client-facing role where I help clients improve organizational culture and communications. The work has been fast paced and my team has been fantastic - it's been great so far. I'm primarily working with pharmaceutical clients but hope to expand my client list in this new year.

Despite the pandemic, Kristen and I managed to squeeze in a fair amount of travel this year. We spent the weekend in Montauk, made a few trips back to Los Angeles, and even made it to France for a friend's wedding in September.

I've been posting a bit more on [LinkedIn](#), so for the latest updates, consider following me!



We hope that you, your friends and family have a healthy and prosperous New Year.