

# The Taylor Gazette

## Welcome to the 2023 Taylor Gazette!

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



Debbie, David, Hugh\*, Jim & Jared

We made our annual trip to Tunk Lake in August for 2 weeks. Jared joined us for four days. David stayed home because he was still recovering from the transplant. We visited our Tunk Lake friends and indulged in our annual lobster.

Jim continues to take Suki for daily walks in Roosevelt Forest. Good exercise for both. After being cooped up for 4 years, he attended 7 concerts this summer/fall...all groups from the 60s and 70s: Earth, Wind & Fire and James Taylor, with Debbie, Chicago, The Beach Boys, The Rascals, Herman's Hermits and Gary Lewis & The Playboys with friends.

Our Thanksgiving gathering was small. Just the four of us, Jim's brother, Ray and one unexpected guest (see photo). Thorne got Covid the day before so could not join us

## Updates from Debbie & Jim

2023 was a very eventful year. Jim turned 75 in March, but due to Covid threats and Debbie not being to eat anything, we delayed celebrating until September. It was a small gathering and we surprised everyone by renewing our wedding vows, as our 35th anniversary was just a few days earlier. Jared and David participated with a hysterical roast.

After dodging the bullet for nearly 4 years, Deb and Jim both got covid in late Sept which fortunately was relatively mild, but Deb had rebound with lingering effects for a month.

While Jim was at the cabin with Suki and his friend Paul in early June, Debbie had a cousin's reunion at the house with her sister and 3 cousins.



Shelley, Debbie, Sister Rhonda, Robin & Caryn



Debbie, Wendy/Rick Hardy & Jim having a lobster lunch at Chipman's Warf in Maine



Jim & Deb at Schoodic Point, Maine

## David's Updates

David started the year off with a campaign in search of a living donor, not knowing relief would come from close to home. On March 2nd, Jim's birthday, his best friend Jacob shared the news that he went through the evaluation process and was approved to be his living donor. On April 4th they went into surgery. After some initial speedbumps he was released from the hospital after 3 weeks and has been steadily recovering since. It has been a lifesaving and life changing experience for David and he is forever grateful for Jacob's gift.

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David & Jacob



David & Luna

## Jared's Updates

This year, Jared got into trail running. He ran his longest race ever, a 30K just outside of Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah, paving the way for him to run longer distances. After spending the summer training for a trail marathon, the race was canceled the day before due to poor weather. So he did what any sane person would do and signed up for an ultramarathon instead. He'll be running his first one in early 2024.

While in Utah, he and Kristen visited all five of the state's national parks. The southwest is quickly becoming one of his favorite parts of the country: he finds the variety of terrain and otherworldly, rocky landscapes awe-inspiring and humbling.

In April, Jared joined Siegel+Gale, a brand consultancy based in NYC, as Associate Director, Brand-led Organizational Change. His team helps clients align external brand with internal culture.

Jared continues writing and featuring interviews on his LinkedIn newsletter, [Off Track Mind](#).



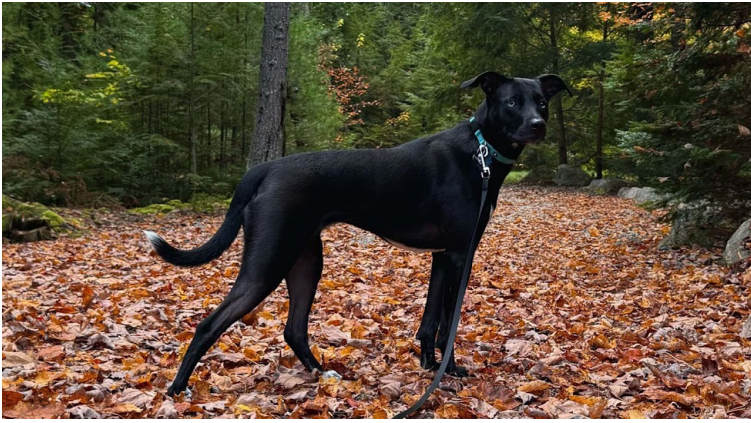
Jared & Deb at Schoodic Point, ME



Jared at Canyonlands National Park, Utah



Clockwise from top left: James Taylor and son, Mike Love of The Beach Boys, Chicago, Earth, Wind & Fire



Luna



Suki at Sandy Cove on Tunk Lake

**We hope that you and your families have a happy and healthy New Year.**

\*In case you didn't figure it out, Hugh Jackman is a cardboard figure I bought for Debbie's birthday.  
She has a "Hugh" crush on him\*\*

\*\*There's a good chance Jim has a "hugh" crush on him too, given how often he brings up this up.



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