

# The Taylor Gazette

## Welcome to the 2024 Gazette

**Happy New Year! Sorry we are so late releasing our annual Gazette. We were in Omaha for a month from Dec-Jan. Details below.**

### Updates from Debbie & Jim

Jim and Debbie caught up on some Broadway shows including Sweeney Todd (with Josh Groban), Moulin Rouge (with Boy George), Water for Elephants, Once Upon a Mattress (with Sutton Foster) and Six (the 6 wives of Henry the 8th). Thank you TKTS booth. Debbie also saw & Juliet, Some Like it Hot and Suffs with her cousin Shelley, and two off-Broadway shows. Debbie spent time in NY with visits from her sister Rhonda and niece Julia, her cousins Caryn & Shelley. She also met up with a distant cousin Carolyn, met through Ancestry, spent time with her childhood friend Laura, and saw her NYC friends. Laura and Debbie watched a taping of Colbert. Jim attended the annual Taft Holiday Party and caught a few shows on his own: A Wonderful Life: the Louis Armstrong Musical and Gypsy (with Audra McDonald). Debbie made her rounds at her favorite museums: Cooper Hewitt, The Whitney, MOMA, Museum of the City of NY, American Museum of Natural History, the NY Transit Museum (a must see!), The Guggenheim, The New Museum, The Museum of Art & Design.

Jim and his brother Thorne visited their cousin Bob and family at their summer home on the Jersey shore. This was their first time there and hope to return.

Jim's sister Jane made her first visit east in 4 years. She stayed with us for 2 days, then visited many old friends.



At Ruth & Wimpy's in Maine



Jim's Cousins: Lisa, Brook, Chelsea & Bob Muller



Jane, Jim Ray & Thorne

We undertook some painting projects in our great room, dining room and kitchen and love the refresh and addition of some color. We also updated our NY sofas but the apt. needs some work we are not yet budgeted for.

Jim and his friend Paul made their annual bachelor getaway to the Taylor Camp for a week before season opening. In August, Jim, Debbie and Suki went for 2 weeks with visits from Jared and David (and Luna) and Debbie's cousins, Caryn and Dimitri. We also loved seeing our good friends Wendy and Rick. Finally, after 32 years, we have high speed internet with Starlink. We enjoyed our annual lobster of course!

We also were entertained locally, seeing Cirque du Soleil, a Queen tribute and James Taylor. His voice is as smooth and pure as ever. Fun Fact: Jim is 10 days older than James.

Deb's sister Rhonda visited us in CT. Debbie visited her cousin Shelley in PA during the Franklin Museum's exhibit of Legos. It was a thrill for her as she is an avid Lego fan. Jared moved to Boulder in November. Debbie accompanied him to Pittsburgh, the first stop on his cross-country trip to Colorado. She was happy to be back in the 'Burgh and show Jared around, even if only for one day and seeing her friend Ellen who sold them the house they had once planned to live in.

After several years of getting nowhere, Jim got his Dad's Wikipedia page published with the help of his father's colleague and long-term family friend Dave Hurley. Jim was proud to honor his father's contributions to business aviation. If you knew his Dad or are interested, [click here](#) or Google "Mr. BizJet."

We hosted Thanksgiving at our house and enjoyed having David and Jared, Debbie's cousins Caryn & Dimitri, sister Rhonda, nephew and niece Ben and Julia, and Jim's brothers, Ray & Thorne.



Cousin's Caryn & Dimitri having lobster with us at Ruth & Wimpy's

Deb's health started going downhill later in the year so she went to Omaha to meet a surgeon who takes complicated cases such as hers. She picked up a new friend on the flight home, who she visited when she went back in December for surgery. Jim and Jared joined her the week of surgery with Jim remaining with Deb the whole month. The problem she went for was successfully corrected but unfortunately her bladder developed a hole and she is still recuperating from it as of this writing. She had to have tubes placed in her kidneys to allow the bladder to heal and will likely need them for a while longer. You think it was cold in CT? Omaha saw single digits with negative wind chill temps!

Debbie stepped down from the board of the Arts Alliance as her health deteriorated. It was a difficult decision. She founded the organization in 2007 - it was her baby. She also completed her 4th and final year making clothes for abandoned Barbie dolls to give sick children at Christmas.

## Updates from Jared

In early 2024 Jared learned of the phrase “liminal space,” which means a state of transition between one threshold and the next. It quickly became his favorite saying because in two words, it summed up how 2024 unfolded.

He and Kristen amicably split up early in the year and moved out of their home in Brooklyn. To keep things interesting, he decided to quit his job in the spring and spend a majority of the year traveling. He logged over 41,000 miles flying and several thousand more driving, hopping between Costa Rica, Los Angeles, San Francisco, the Sierra Nevada, Maine, Boston, Boulder and Steamboat Springs. One of the highlights of the year was his time spent in Yosemite National Park, where he spent 5 days hiking 80 miles (read more about his trip here.)

Part of the plan behind quitting his job was to return to his entrepreneurial roots to launch a business for the first time in over 15 years. While on the road, he began laying the foundation for his leadership development business, Bolderminds, which just launched this month. Bolderminds was inspired after Jared learned about and fell in love with the field of adult development (read an article on the topic here). In addition, you can learn more on his website at [bolderminds.io](http://bolderminds.io).

In November Jared moved back west to Boulder where he continues to settle into a new life in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains.



Yosemite Valley from tunnel view



On a camping trip with friends in CO



Yosemite sunset



Jared and his friends after his first ultra marathon

## Updates from David

David had a busy year, starting off 2024 with a new role; Director of Strategy & Operations, at Level Group Ltd. where he has worked for nearly a decade.

Other than a few trips to Nashville, Connecticut and Maine, he spent the majority of the year in Brooklyn. In the spring he was the Event Chair for the American Liver Foundation's NYC fundraiser, and raised over \$6,000. He is very grateful for everyone's contributions and support.



David speaking at the American Liver Foundation Fundraiser



Jared, David & Deb at Silverman's Farm



Luna with a custom jumper made by David

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## Debbie's Photo Gallery



David & Debbie at the American Liver Foundation Walk



Cousin Shelley & Debbie in PA

Winter view from our window in Trumbull



Jared & Debbie at the Monterey Fish Grotto in Pittsburgh



Cousin Caryn & Debbie on an old train car @ the NY Transit Museum



Sisters!

## Wrap up

**We wish for 2025 to bring good health and happiness to all our friends and family and hope to see you in the new year! Sent with love...**

**Debbie, Jim, Jared and David**

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