Greetings, Family and Friends!

We're still swinging, albeit a little more slowly, now that we have entered the Social Security years. We hope the same applies to you or better yet you are much younger!

Last year ended with us enjoying a lovey relaxed Christmas in Chicago with Dani, Trish, and Trish's family. We had a blast and are planning the same thing for this year. And the younger generation does all the cooking and cleanup—a win all the way around!

This last year has been one of a 32-year-old house demanding attention. Many new appliances. But along the way, after a year's worth of Steve's perseverance, we are the proud owners of a Tesla solar tile roof. The performance of the product has been phenomenal, but the process of getting there not so much! If you are contemplating this switch please do not hesitate to contact us for advice.



Christmas in Chicago



Building with Sophie



Martin's Cellar



Mayor's Visit to Binloop Drive

Back to January.... We went back into isolation for a couple months at the start of the year during the height of Omicron. Steve spent the time building miniature buildings, and Linda worked on her cross stitch projects.

Once the coast was clear, we helped our friend Martin organize his 4K+ bottle wine cellar. The temptation to just drink it rather than catalogue it was great at some points. :-)

Alcorn McBride was honored this year to have its street named after its flagship product, the Digital Binloop. The mayor visited, and had fun recording a spoof of his airport tram greeting for a tiki bird in the TikiTeria.

With international travel allowed again, Dani and Trish were finally able to take their long-delayed honeymoon trip to Iceland, and Linda and Steve spent a few weeks in Chicago cat-sitting.

When Dani got back, she and Steve flew to Los Angeles to collect some mementos from Linda's mother's house prior to the estate sale, and then roadtripped to Chicago, partly on Route 66. A surprising highlight of the trip was a visit to a salt mine in the middle of Kansas.

At the end of summer, Linda and Steve took a short cruise to the Bahamas on MSC. We loved the incredible service in the private Yacht Club area within the ship, but can't recommend the food.

We met old friends in Chicago for some dining over Linda's birthday in October, but Steve unfortunately couldn't taste the food as a result of a second bout of Covid.

The year wound up with the annual IAAPA amusement parks show. This year AMI did something different and created an entire dark ride with some partners.

Dani and Trish flew down and fixed Thanksgiving dinner. After the company holiday party we'll be heading to Chicago. We have our fingers crossed for a white Christmas.

Wishing you a happy and healthy 2023!

Steve & Linda Alcorn



Cat Sitting (literally)



Salt Mine



Cruise to Nowhere



Dark Ride Cabinets