

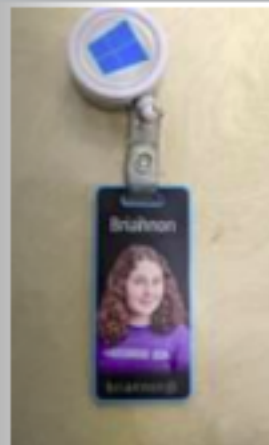
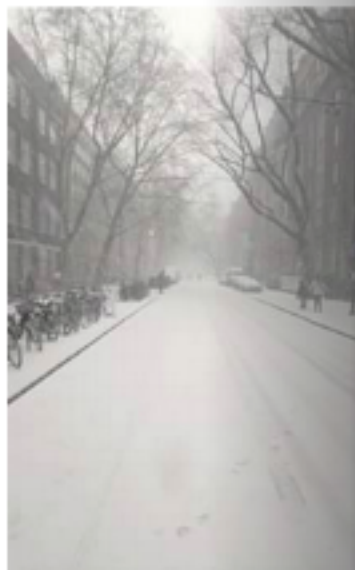
Cheyenne Sue Hanks
2004-2018
May she forever choose where she walks



Year 2018
Rylan, Briannon, Stephanie
and Dan

Welcome to this photographic journal of our family's 2018! We hope that all is well with you and that these stories put a smile on your face.





Briannon left Amazon in March for Oracle!
She likes her team and is continuing to
work with technologies she enjoys.

Left: her old Amazon badge
Middle: visiting the Vancouver office

Rylan continued earning his Master of Research in Cognitive Neuroscience at University College London. London was beautiful in winter. He competed in a Google hackathon with his flatmates Louis Kirsch and Julius Kunze (top left). He also gained a reputation for interrogating professors and frequenting the pub with his labmate Max Rollwage (bottom right).



Her job with Oracle
has taken her to
Colorado and
Virginia!





Briannon and her boyfriend Dan Mendoza moved in together in March as well!!

This is when they first got the keys to their apartment near South Lake Union.



For their housewarming party, one of Briannon's longest known friends, Tony Zuko, drove up from Portland to visit!



In April, Stephanie and Cindy flew to Wichita, Kansas to visit with their Dad and Dottie. Cousin Teresa Armstrong surprised them with a much welcomed visit!



In his first long ride since breaking his hip in 2015, Dan rode 60 miles and climbed 5400 feet from Palo Alto over the Santa Cruz Mountains to the Pacific Ocean and back again. The start was a relentless 10% grade for 5 miles, but the return downhill was an insane 12%. His hands were cramping from braking for so long.

In August, Dan learned valuable lessons riding from the Cabin in Big Trees Village to Bear Valley:

- (1) Don't ride through smoke from forest fires.
- (2) Don't ride 25 miles from 5000' to 8000' 2 weeks after a double red cell blood donation.
- (3) When violating 1 & 2, water is not 'adequate nutrition'.
- (4) There's such a thing as 'exertion asthma'.
- (5) When looking for a place on the side of the road to sit and gasp for air, first check for biting ants.





In April, Rylan traveled with his flatmate Julius Kunze and their friend Virginie Rutten to California to attend a symposium titled Computational Theories of the Brain at UC Berkeley.



Dan and Stephanie graciously hosted the three in Mountain View on the weekends. They hiked Mission Peak, biked 17 Mile Drive with Dan, swam in Eagle Pool and lazed in the sunny backyard.





In June, Aunt Cindy and Uncle Kevin traveled to Britain on vacation. Rylan joined them and together they explored Rylan's school University College London, Blenheim Palace (bottom), Baths, Malmesbury...



...Bampton, Avebury (top left), London (top right) and Oxford (above and right).





Briannon and Dan cruised to Alaska in July!

They visited the ports of Ketchikan, Skagway, and Juneau in Alaska and Victoria in British Columbia.

Above: the view from the top of a hike
 Top Right: Kayaking the Tatoosh Islands
 Bottom Right: Mendenhall Glacier





Above: Sled dogs at the Musher's Camp. These are Alaskan Huskies!

Right: Our ship was visible from the Musher's Camp!



Immediately after the cruise, Stephanie and Dan visited Briannon and Dan M. in Seattle. Dan taught Dan M. how to ride a bike, then the three rode around South Lake Union for several hours.



Dan's annual July BBQ turned into a 40th high school reunion. Childhood friends from school (left to right): Keith Kesser, Iqbal Sethi, Russ Krebs, Mike Skarpelos, Nancy Steele, Lynn Moquette, Chuck Holland, Dan Schaeffer, and Pete Hansen.



Dan reunited with his college freshmen year dorm friends at an Oakland Athletics baseball game. Dad's childhood friend Chuck Holland, a die-hard A's fan and season ticket holder, provided the skybox for free.



Top: Stephanie celebrated her 40th high school graduation with her elementary school classmates (top). She enjoyed hosting her childhood friend Wendy Doty and catching up with many others.

Right: Stephanie enjoys helping Rylan edit his documents.



Bottom: Stephanie attended a work team-building event. Her friend Wallace George, two to her right, introduced Rylan to his good friend in London.





One weekend expedition took Rylan to Eel Pie Island, renowned for catapulting British bands to fame, including The Rolling Stones, David Bowie, Pink Floyd, Genesis, The Who and Led Zepplin.



Rylan began interviewing for jobs, a process that took him to Paris and Zurich (above). He ultimately accepted an offer as a Data Scientist at Uber in San Francisco. During his first Uber video coding challenge, Rylan noticed a mouse running around his bedroom. After the interview, Julius helped him catch the cheeky blighter (left).



Rylan and his friends watched England advance in the World Cup as the country went mad.



With a job secured back home, Rylan began saying goodbye to the United Kingdom, starting with his beloved labmates and supervisor Steve Fleming (center).



After pizza, we enjoyed a nice walk in Washington Park next to Granny Jo's house.



Granny Jo turned 90! We celebrated twice, first with some of her friends over a nice dinner, and a different day at a local pizza parlor. Her friend Joan Kertesz is pictured in the top right.

Deer visit Granny Jo's front yard daily.





Briannon entertained several distinguished guests for local conventions in October, including Aunt Cindy and Rylan!



Later in the month, Dan, Rylan, Cindy and Kevin rode 100 km in the Davis Bike Club's annual Foxy's Fall. Dan did all the work on Bob and Wanda's tandem while Rylan sang.



Stephanie, Dan, and Rylan visited Rylan's building, 555 Market Street, home of Uber Engineering.

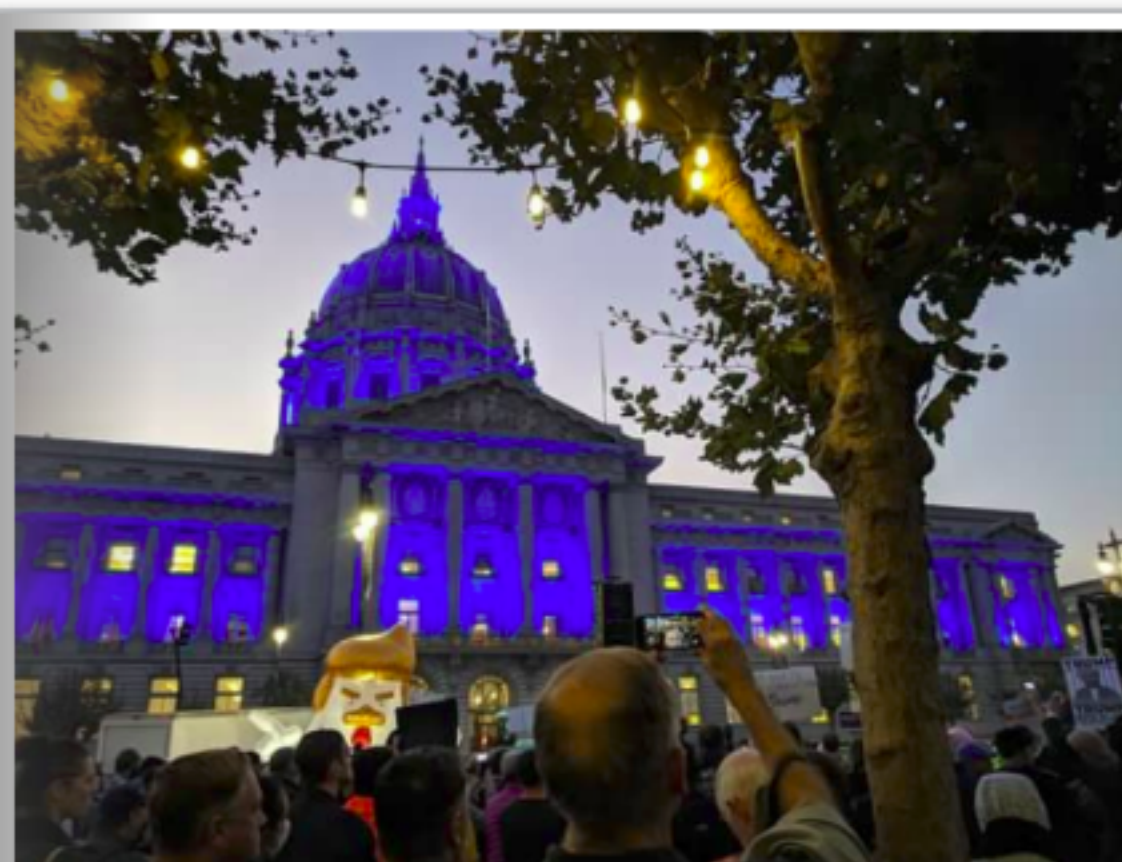
Top Left: Streetview of the building
Top Right: View from Rylan's floor
Right: Rylan at his desk



Dan adhered strictly to his surgery-per-month schedule, checking in for an appendectomy at the end of October. He had a lovely call with his brother Barry, mother Joan and children the morning after.



Rylan's team at Uber welcomed him with a feast. He attended the company's holiday party with Akshay Shrivastava, his friend and former high school debate partner (pictured next to Rylan).



While working in San Francisco, Rylan attended local events, including an Anti-Trump protest at City Hall with Tom Steyer as a speaker (above) and a UC Davis Alumni Mixer (right). He attended the mixer with Vincent Yang, a student he co-taught a course on cryptocurrency technologies with, and a mutual friend, Jessica Tsoi, pictured next to Rylan.





Cindy, Kevin and cousin Cody visited for Thanksgiving.

Dad successfully removed the turkey's skin in a single piece and delivered a delightful feast. Mike Skarpelos and his children Sophia and Walter joined us for dinner.

Cody graciously accepted massages and turkey.



Below: While walking Cody, we saw back-to-back Waymo self-driving cars.

Opposite: After Thanksgiving, we traveled to Uber's Palo Alto office. Everyone sampled the free food. Cindy stuffed her pockets until she ran out of space and then put the overflow in Kevin's.





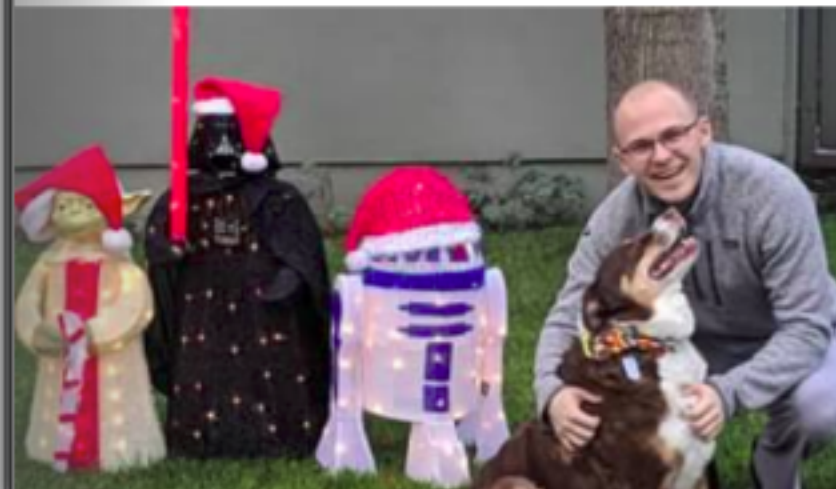
Briannon remembered how much fun ice skating is and joined a Synchronized Skating Team. She's now a member of the Washington Ice Emeralds!

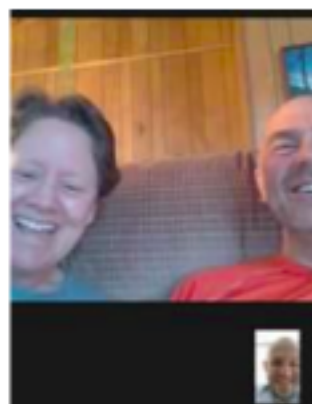
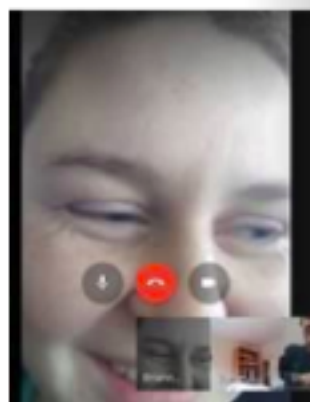


In preparation of visiting their respective families for Christmas, Briannon introduced Dan to our Christmas tradition of baking German Spice Cookies. The tradition began with Stephanie's father's family. Lacking cookie cutters, the two were compelled to cut the usual shapes by hand. Also, a glimpse of their living room is included.



Christmas was a great success. We enjoyed a walk in Rancho San Antonio, opening gifts, biking in the neighborhood, hiking out to Mavericks Point and posing with the neighbors' Christmas decorations.





And what would
our family be
without frequent
video calls home?

