



2024 with the Shreves

This year I finally got cataract surgery and now for the first time in my life, no longer need contacts or glasses. I went on my annual trip to New York City but the week before was rough. Our dear Ernie died after 14 years of being such a good cat. Then John's brother Mack died at his V.A. home and to top off the week, my dear friend Ann died. She was a long time childhood friend and got me to visit NYC annually. After a packed week in NYC, I returned home to prepare for a visit to my niece who now lives in Arkansas. We had a week of visiting research centers to find more clues about our ancestors. On the first day of my trip, John took a big spill over the handle bars of his bicycle. I received word from a friend who John hoped could pick him up from the hospital. Aaron rose to the occasion and traveled to Stockton to take good care of his father with visits to the hospital and then care at home. John had a brain bleed, three broken ribs and a broken hip. His bike helmet was cracked in 3 places. The worst injury was the road rash that went from his ankle to shoulder on his left side. Three months later John was back on his repaired bike and continuing his bike rides. I moved my Ashland trip with my girl friends to

September when John was healed. For something different I took a pottery class through OLLI at U.O.P. I had fun but am not very good. Hopefully another semester I can hone my techniques. I am so lucky to be able to host my entire family this Christmas.

Brad continues to improve his hand-standing skills and attends a week long retreat each year. He continues to train clients in New York City and keep tabs on his parents (mainly me)to make sure we exercise regularly.

Aaron is now tenured at Northwest Red Charter School in Santa Rosa teaching math to 7th and 8th graders. Rita works for an accounting firm in San Raphael. Michael is in his sophomore year at Tech High School and continues to advance in Civil Air Patrol at the Charles Schulz Air Port in Santa Rosa. He finishes this year with a week long retreat that resembles boot camp. The family runs 10K races every few months. Hopefully 2025 brings good health and more adventures.

