

Travels and Get Togethers

Blair and I hosted the Davenport Christmas in New Bern at the end of December 2024 with Scottie and Jennifer's families and the grandchildren.

There were many trips throughout the year as usual. In January Wendy, Kathy F, Nan and I went to Asheville to see the Chihuly exhibit at the Biltmore. The exhibit features Dale Chihuly's vibrant large scale glass art and was amazing to see.

In February, several of us went to Harkers Island for a weekend of card playing and hanging out since the weather was cold and rainy.

I went to Charleston in February with Kathy K and Maureen and again in March with Annette, Nancy and Heidi. We visited the Angel Oak Park which is a historical landmark nearby. The oak is estimated to be 400-500 years old and has very massive and sprawling limbs. We enjoyed shopping on King Street and eating in several restaurants during both trips.



In March, Sue and I went to the Villages in Florida where Pat Presenti, a friend and real estate agent, showed us around. We had fun exploring the different communities and learning what the villages has to offer. Several of us are planning a golfing trip there in March of 2026.



Lynne, Jill and Sue at Saint Patrick's Day Parade

We rode the train from Orlando to Fort Lauderdale to see another friend, Jill, and had fun exploring and playing golf. She lived on Los Olas Blvd and there was a huge Saint Patrick's Day parade there.

Patti O'Hara came to New Bern to visit in March and we went to the beach. I have been down to the RV park in Emerald Isle throughout the year. Becky and Wendy and I have owned an RV for almost ten years now and Emily and Shoji and I

bought one last year in the Boardwalk RV Park. We usually walk to the pier and frequent our favorite restaurant Kathryn's.

In April, just like the Shad migrate to Grifton, I went back to see the Shad parade and attend the Shad Festival. Mom and Dad would be so proud that it is still going on.

I have played in several golf tournament fund raisers this





The Villages: Sue, Pat and Lynne.



Golfing fund raisers



Lynne and Rajendra, artist of "Best in New Bern" painting.

year. The Jimmy Carroll golf tournament in Wake Forest was at the end of April. Our Craven Cancer Classic in memory of Scott and two others was in September. Patti and Carol and Sue were on my team and although we did not win this year, we still had fun and raised money for cancer patients locally. The member guest ladies golf tournament in New Bern was in October. I attended a week long golf camp again in Pinehurst in June. I also participated in several "wine and nine" events at the Emerald Golf Course throughout the fall.

In May I hosted Tom and Lynette Crews, friends from Manteo, who were in town for the Plein Air Art Festival. It is a great event where artists from all over come and paint throughout the streets in New Bern. I purchased one of the paintings I had seen the artist doing during the festival. It ended up winning "Best in New Bern" ribbon and I was able to meet the artist when I picked it up.

There were several opportunities to reunite with UNC college friends throughout the year. In May, there was a Teague reunion in Chapel Hill which Debbie and Kim and I attended. In October, I was invited to go on the football field before the Clemson game with Wendy, Kim and Dale. The football team leaves a lot to be desired but it is always fun to be back on campus. In November, Allen and Pam Wilson invited Parker and Teague alum friends to their home to watch the Wake away game. Sue and I went to that and then went to the UNC Duke game the next weekend. We had Pope box seats for that game.

Of course the summer would not be complete without several trips to Rensselaerville. Friends Mary Louise, Wendy, and Nancy came in June and then July 4th weekend, we hosted Patti, Gill Hookway, Lisa Hines and Kathy Fannin. It is always fun to show people the beauty of R'Ville.

We had a nice family dinner on August 5th at Vince Anna's in Rensselaerville. MillerFest was August 8th and Kathy K and Lori were visiting for that. Then on August 17th, we hosted the church luncheon at our house and Annie flew in to help.

On August 3rd, I attended a shower for Kara in Ocean City, NJ. Kara and Andrew will be married in Mexico the end of January 2026.

Also in August, several of Scott's friends (the Salems, Stilleys, Worthams, Guptons) gathered at Joe's river house to have a French Riviera themed big chill type weekend here in New Bern. It was a fun filled weekend complete with French food and wine and French martinis.



Dale, Kim, Lynne and Wendy at Kenan Stadium.



French Riviera Big Chill weekend in New Bern.

The big trip of the year was the one in September. We went to France for Blair and Shoji's 30th birthdays. We started in Nice and the beach then went to Chamonix and the mountains then to Paris. We took a side trip to Eze and enjoyed a wine tour in Provence. We had many great dinners and toasted the kids many times.

In October, I took a trip to Columbus, Ohio for a friend's celebration of life. It was neat to explore Columbus as that is where we were born but I had never been back there.

Also In October, I took a trip to SC for Pledge the Pink where we walked ten miles a day for three days on three different islands. Wendy and her sister, Nan and her sister and Sue and I and two others went to Dataw and Habersham and then Fripp Island. It is a fund raiser for breast cancer and next year it will be at Oak Island near Wilmington, NC.



Another trip in October to Lake Gaston where we visited the Weldon Mills Distillery and shopped in Littleton. The weather was not great but we still had a good time.

In November I hosted Thanksgiving for the family. We had 20 for dinner this year and it is always fun to get everyone together since most stay home for Christmas.

In December I hosted my bridge group party and also my office party. We also had our annual oyster roast and get together with friends on Christmas Eve.

Throughout the year, I have enjoyed attending the plays at the local theater. Several of us have season tickets. I have a group who plays MahJongg on Mondays at my house and I have been helping another group at church to learn to play on Wednesdays. My other activities are golf, tennis, walking, pickleball, bible study and book club.

It is hard to believe I have been doing real estate for 43 years now!! I still find time to work selling and listing houses in between my trips.

I had to buy a new dishwasher, refrigerator, get a new modem box and cable box. Apparently the house got struck by lightening at some point.

All in all it has been a great year and I wish you all a happy new year!!!

-Lynne Davenport



