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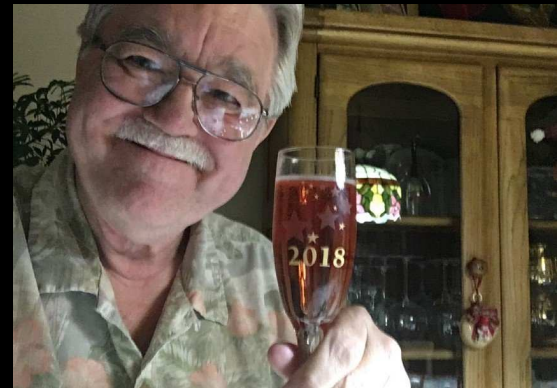
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I am calling this year
"Captured Moments."

The idea is to post
photographs that are taken
during each week of 2018.



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Week 1 - January 1, 2018 to January 6, 2018



Not long ago, my youngest daughter was in a fight for her life with severe pneumonia. This year, my oldest daughter is in the fight for her life with breast cancer. My youngest daughter won her battle and is doing fine. My oldest daughter Jennifer is taking on the battle with much support and love. So far, it looks like she is winning too. For parents, it's always a difficult experience to see your children fighting for life. But in the middle of these battles, you realize just how much you love your children. I know in my heart, Jennifer will beat this monster.



Optimism abounds: Celebrating in hope that 2018 will be a better year. 2017 was a year that included new life, yet the beginning of a battle to maintain life. Come on 2018, don't let us down!

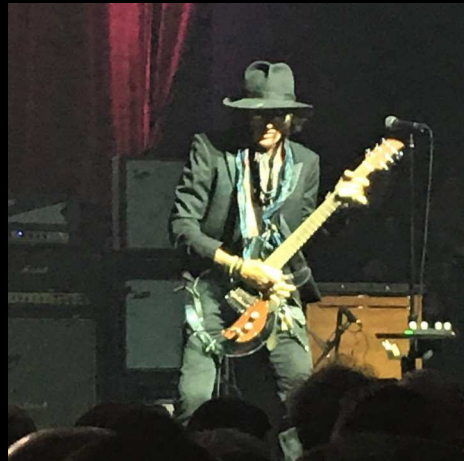




Week 2 - January 7, 2018 to January 13, 2018

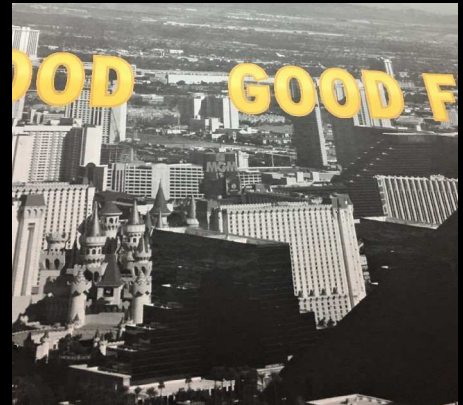


Week 2: Annual trip to Las Vegas for the Consumer Electronics Show (CES). I was very fortunate to meet Captain Scott Kelly. He spent one year in Space! One of the things I miss while in Las Vegas was our little Roxy. Especially since she is growing more fond of Grandpa. While in Las Vegas, Robert and I visited the Carrol Shelby Museum. Amazing. Then on with the show. Three and a half days of convention. Not a great as years past, but still fun to see new things. The convention is so big, one cannot see it all. But one never knows what is just around the corner.

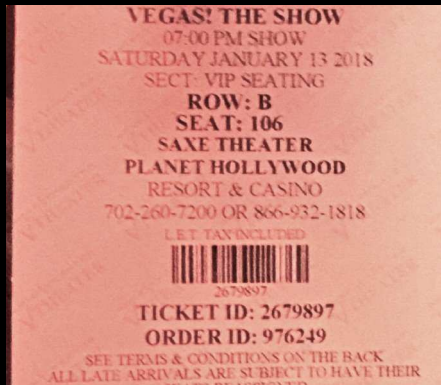


Week 3 - January 14, 2018 to January 20, 2018









Week 4 - January 21, 2018 to January 27, 2018

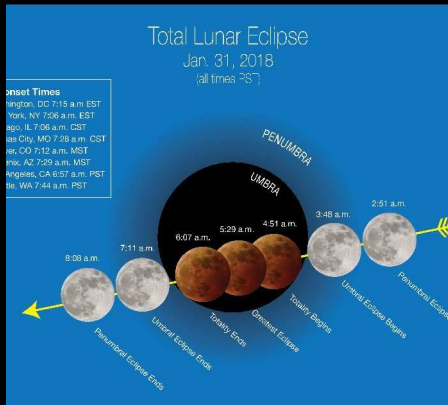




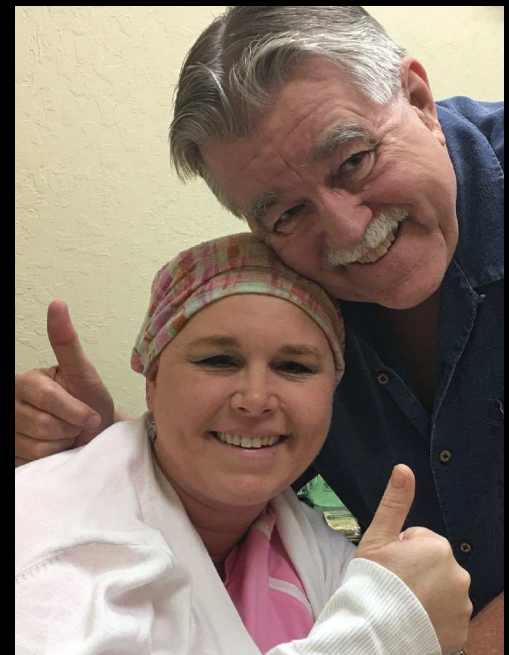
Week 5 - January 28, 2018 to February 3, 2018



Week 5: Jeanne and I started the week in Pacific Grove to do two weddings at Lover's point. We enjoyed clam chowder at our favorite chowder house. Then on Wednesday morning, I woke up early to see the once in a lifetime event. The Super Blue Blood Moon. I wasn't sure I would have a view, but when I saw the view, I grabbed my Nikon and took some photos. An amazing natural event. I saw it live. I took a silhouette of me taking photographs (with my cell phone). Then with some photo shop work, the photo above shows the results. Both are PbR photographs. I used a NASA photo as well to give a comparison (Book cover page).



The Last Time the US saw
the Super Blue Blood
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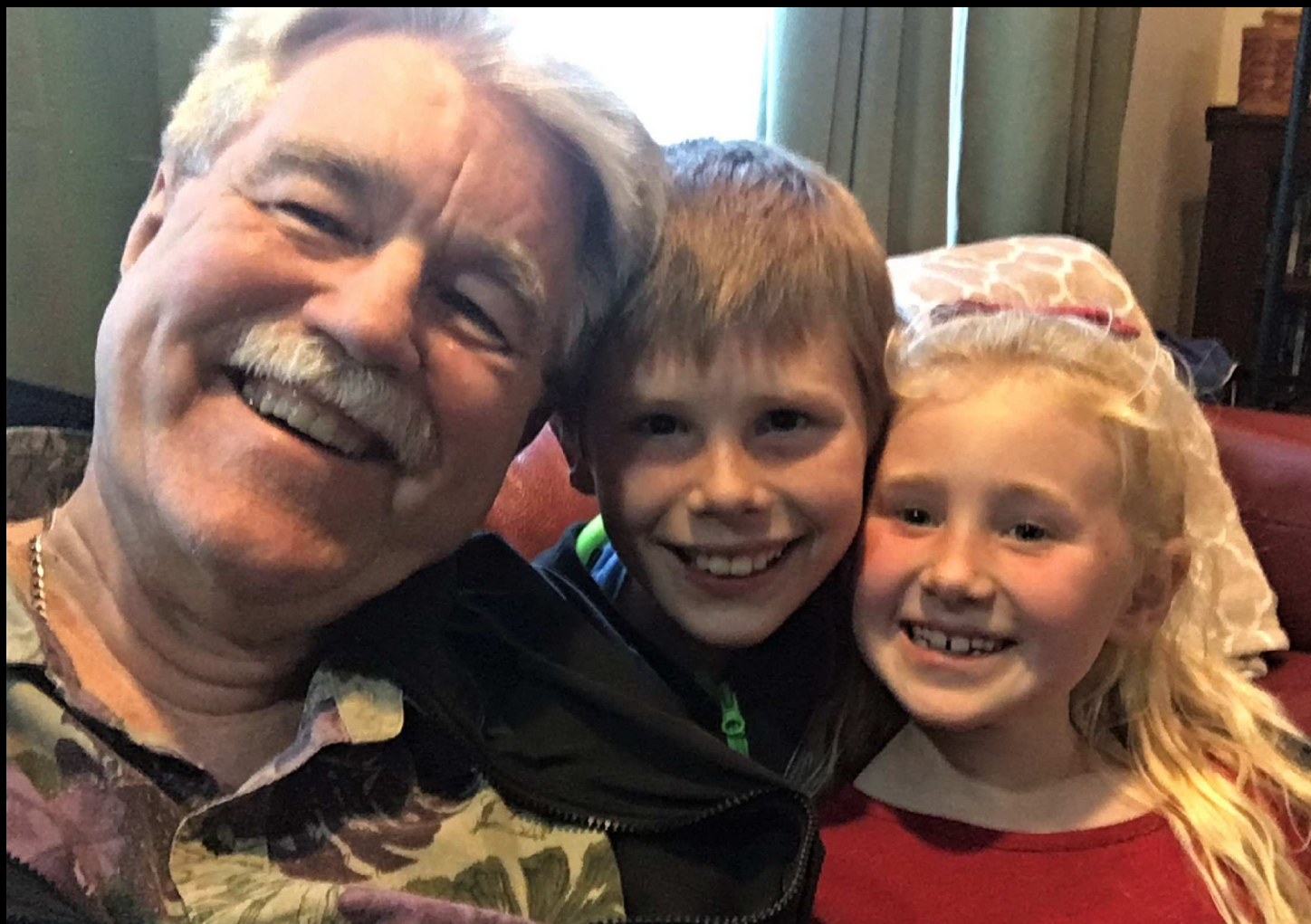
Week 6 - February 4, 2018 to February 10, 2018





May 2014 Photographs of the Month (1 of 2)
Nelson Aguilan USC star football player joins Robert and I
for a "Fight On" pose.

Week 6 - February 4, 2018 to February 10, 2018





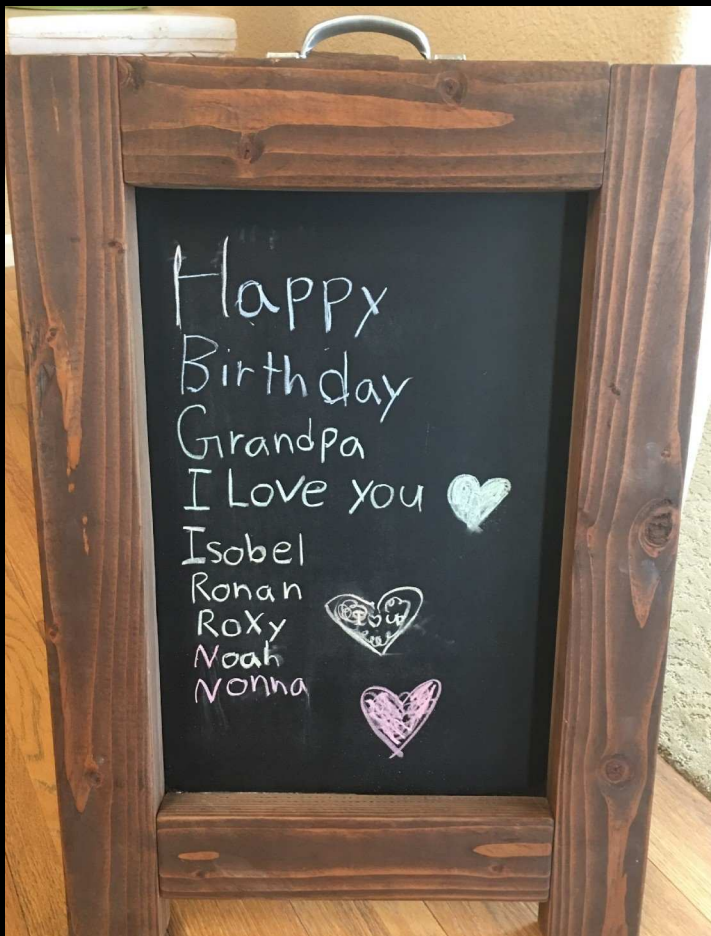
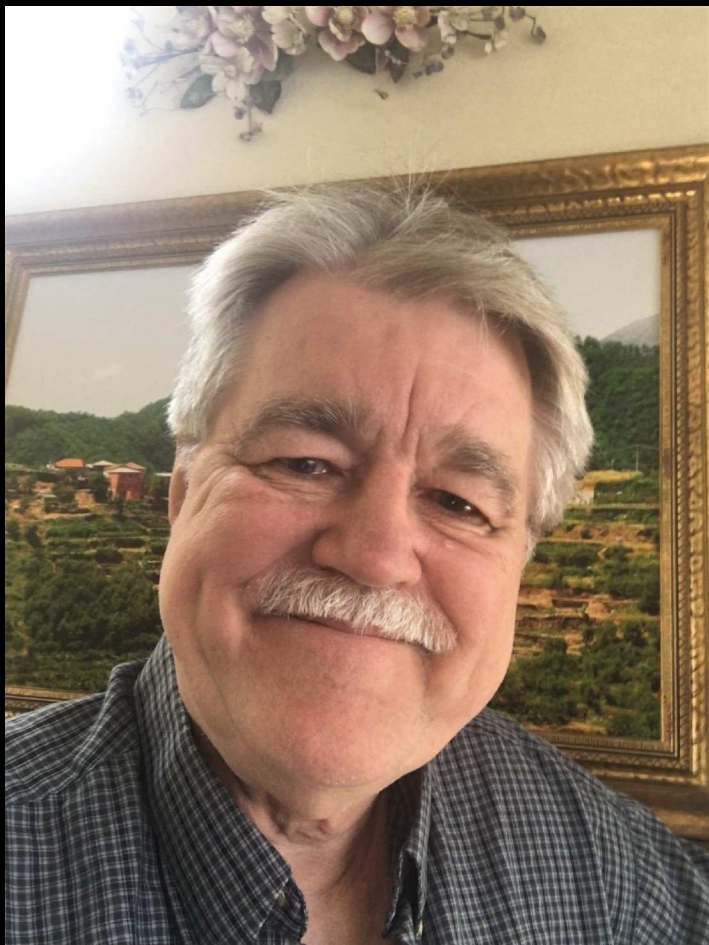
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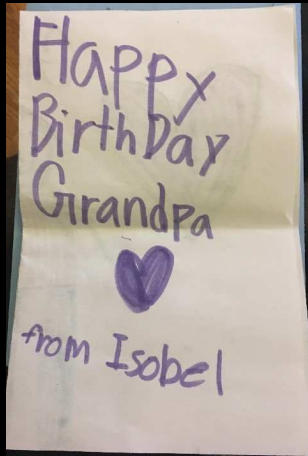
Week 7: Valentines Day week. We decided to head north to Sacramento to see our newest valentine, Noah, our newest grandchild. On the way, I took Jeanne to a cute place for lunch. Naturally, it's name had to be "Sweetie Pies." A quaint place in Placerville. Then on to Sacramento. For dinner, we all went to a Japanese restaurant near where David, Paula, and Noah live. It was a fantastic place to eat. Fun to watch the food prepared and the food was great. The next night Jeanne and I watched Noah while Dave and Paula had a Valentine's Dinner. They had fun, WE had fun. Noah is such a super little guy. Lot's of smiles.

As the tee shirt Jeanne gave me says, "I have been called a lot of names in my lifetime, but Grandpa is my favorite."

Week 8 - February 18 to February 24, 2018



Week 8: Happy Birthday Rich. Birthday greetings started early this morning. My sister text me right after 6 AM! Then Jeanne came into the den and gave me a birthday kiss. After that e-mails, and Facebook. I rarely go on Facebook, but I had to respond to all the Birthday wishes from friends and family. Then videos and photos from Paula and Noah. Follow that with a birthday video from Ronan and Isobel. They sang to me from the car via cell phone. Then Roxy visited and gave me presents and our routine of watching Daniel Tiger. So much more to come today. Going to il Fornaio for a wine maker dinner. I am sure some photos will be taken. My son David will try to be here with Noah on Friday night. He is bringing a monster brisket. Then family will all be here Saturday. Looking forward to the best presents of all. Family! I am blessed so it is a Happy Birthday for me.

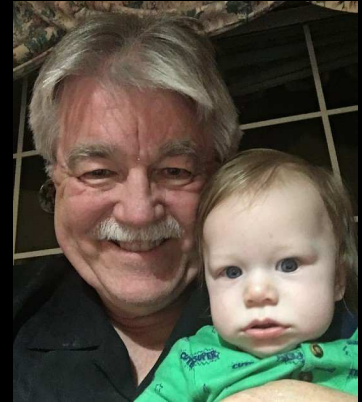
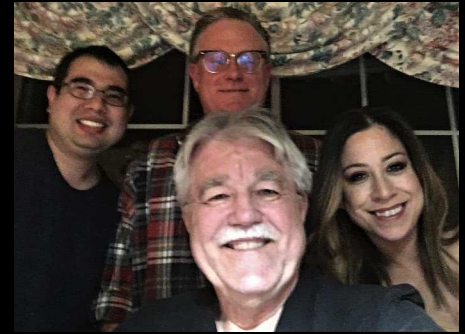


Week 9 - February 25 to March 3, 2018



Week 9: Happy Birthday Rich, part 2. On Thursday last week, on my actual birthday, Jeanne and I joined cousins Richard and Angie at iL Fornaio for their first wine maker's dinner of the year. Nice wines, and nice dinner. iL Fornaio manager Matt and his wife Leslie joined me for a photo op. We have known them for years. Saturday night and Sunday morning was the family celebration. I am blessed to have all my children, their spouses, and grandchildren together with us. They are special to make such an effort. They know it's special to me. Dave BBQ's his first brisket. It was amazing. Look at that smoke ring! Photos include Jeanne and I. Our children Dave, Jen, and Richelle. Their children. Ronan, Isobel, Roxy, and Noah (from oldest to youngest). Daughter in law and son's in law. Steve, Wes, and Paula (in order of weddings).

Oh, the oldest member present was a bottle of Louis XIII Cognac. Over 80 years old and smooth. One shot to celebrate.



Week 10 - March 4 to March 10, 2018



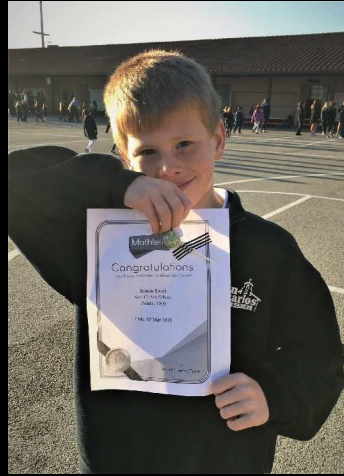
Week 10: A monumental week. First, I preformed my 900th wedding! And according to guests, the ceremony was great. I was happy it went well. 900 down, 100 more to 1000 (my goal for the year). Big moment for Isobel. She had her ears pierced. Brave little one. So what id Roxy and Noah thing? Pictures of angels. Found out my Mustang had a deader than dead battery. New battery, new life. It's back. One detail job away from being awesome again. Thank you Jennifer and Paula for photo contributions this week.



Week 11 - March 11 to March 17, 2018



Week 11: St. Patrick's Day Rainbows and Leprechauns. All my little special leprechauns had a good week. Ronan gets an award at school. Isobel celebrates her birthday. Roxy and Noah enjoying grandparents. My rainbow is thinking what I would love to do this year. Las Vegas (done), Vancouver Canada trip (booked), Slap Yo Daddy BBQ class with David (booked), and, travel to Maui for a week of sun and fun (just booked). Life is full of rainbows, find them and enjoy. Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Week 12 - March 18 to March 24, 2018



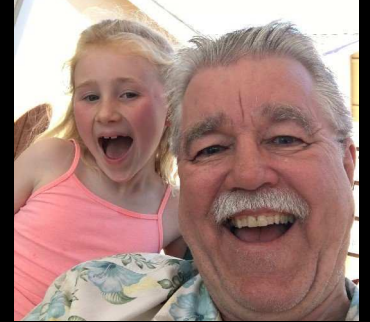
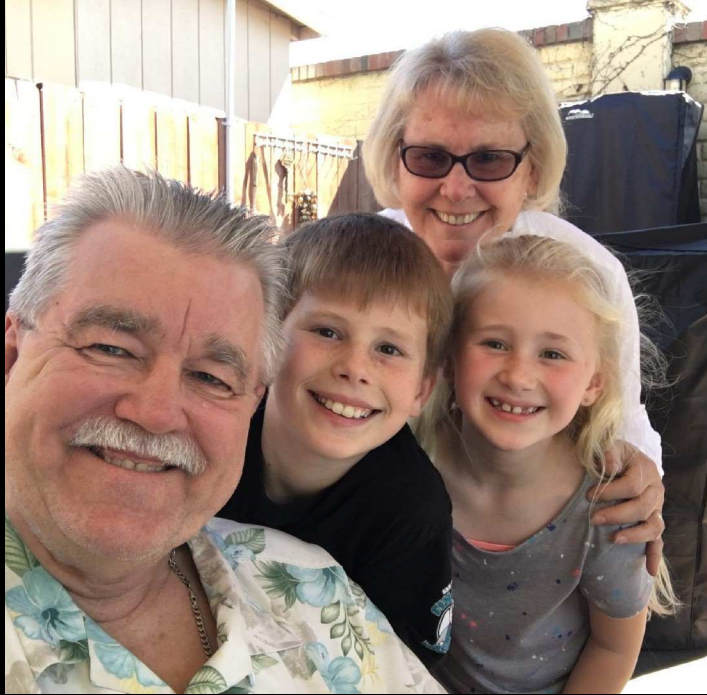
Week 12: Saturday Jeanne and I went to the Arts and Crafts Fair in San Juan Bautista. Very colorful this year. Just like life, lots of colorful arts and crafts. Like what do grandchildren do on a rainy day? Make colorful and artful cookies. Or sharing a bag of Cheetos with grandpa. And Noah is growing so fast, he will soon be making colorful and artful cookies. I bought a stone sign at the arts and crafts fair, it says it all.



Week 13- March 25 to March 31, 2018



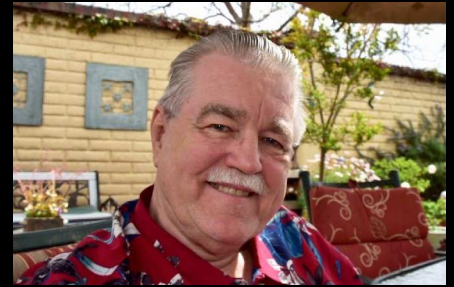
Week 13: Spring bread Ronan and Isobel style. A family trip to Sacramento to see Uncle David and Aunt Paula and cousin Noah. A trip to the zoo and Easter fun. Back near home, some time at Nonna and Grandpa's house. A car wash visit, back yard lunch with some face fun. And fun with cousin Roxy. Not a bad Spring break to be sure.



Week 14- April 1 to April 7, 2018



Week 14: Easter 2018. Most of the family was at our home to celebrate, but family work obligations means celebrating in two places. But love transcends miles. And so do Easter Eggs. On Sunday, Jeanne and I headed over to my favorite winery to do a club pick up for Jennifer, David, and I. Overall, a very pleasant Easter Holiday. Photograph above is Yuriko, Richelle, Roxy, Wes, Iris, Jen, Ronan, Steve, Isobel, Angie, Jeanne, Rich and Richard.



Week 15 - April 8, to April 14, 2018



Week 15: My two grand daughters. Both so awesome in their own ways. Isobel recently celebrated her birthday and one of her birthday wishes was to build a ballerina bear. Done. Roxy will be celebrating her birthday tomorrow. She looks like she is ready to celebrate too. But for now, her visits to us start with her special time with grandpa watching Daniel Tiger. Love my little girls!



Week 16 - April 15 to April 21, 2018



Week 16: Roxy turns TWO ! And that means Ice Cream Cake ! Cousins Angie and Richard join Roxy and Richelle for a quick photo. Other photos include Dad Wes, and Grandpa. Jeanne and Richelle took Roxy to Chucky Cheese for some next day fun.



Week 17 - April 22 to April 28, 2018



Week 17: Noah Baptized! A major event for Noah, he was officially baptized into the Catholic Church. He was a perfect angle during the ceremony. Congrats to Noah, his parents and family. Hey, that's us! Big Smiles!



Week 18 - April 29 to May 5, 2018



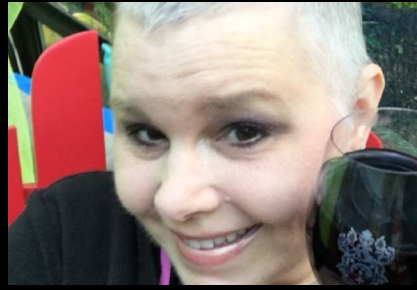
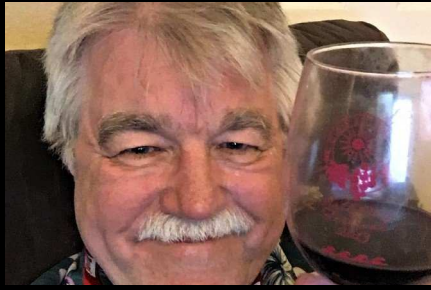
Week 18: Future will be Past. I met with the wedding coordinator and a bride for a wedding in October. The meeting was at the Happy Landing Inn in Carmel by the Sea. I was excited to see this unique venue. They booked a wedding with me. Then I found out, the wedding I will be doing will be the last at this venue. The owners are planning on making it their home again. Ronan, Isobel, and Jennifer had a very special day at San Carlos School. Heartwarming to see the school recognize Jennifer and our grandchildren Ronan and Isobel.



Week 19 - May 6 to May 12, 2018



Week 19: The definition of "Blessed." Whenever someone asked how I am, I say "I am blessed." Watching my grandchildren grow. Whether learning to BBQ, make a cake, snoozing on grandpa's lap, killing the world with an wonderful smile, a daughter beating cancer, or just enjoying a glass of my favorite wine. Yes, folks, I AM BLESSED.



Week 20 - May 13 to May 19, 2018



Week 20: Happy Mother's Day to all the mom's in our lives. Three moms (daughter Jennifer, wife Jeanne, and daughter Richelle) Mother's day brunch, included son-in-law Steve and his parents, Howard and Magaret. Paula (my son David's wife and a mom) took this photo of my son David and grandson Noah going to a mother's day meal. The wine tile says it all, "Triumphant" day.



Week 21 - May 20 to May 26, 2018



Week 21: Affective immediately, I have suspend my facebook accounts. I will not be checking on them at all. Currently, I have preformed 931 weddings. When I reach 1000 weddings, I plan to cancel all facebook accounts permanently. Meanwhile, I can only be reached by personal e-mail or calls. In addition, I am changing my photobyrich po tings to once a month. In January 2019, I will be closing Bayview Officiants website. Time to reflect more, post less, and move on. Next photo posting is planned for June 10th. See you then, Salute.

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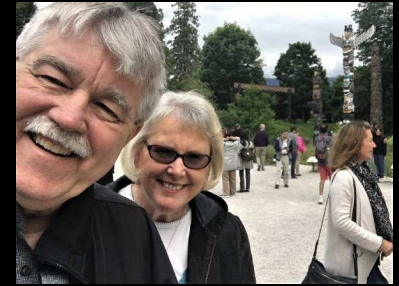
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Week 22 - May 27 to June 3, 2018



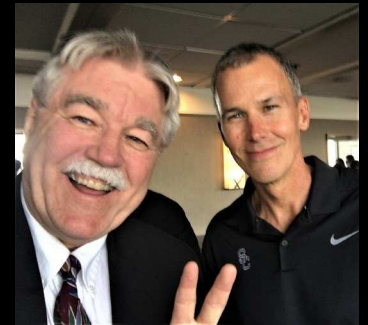
Week 22 Hell Week! It seemed like everything went wrong. Lost a wedding check, roof inspection failed, windows update crashed my computer, my website crashed, and so many more things, not to mention. At least Jeanne and I were able to make it to our flight to Vancouver on time (6:00 AM boarding!). Fortunately, everything went smooth in Vancouver and we had a very nice time. Upon our return, we were back to a super busy day-to-day schedule trying to get back together from Hell Week. A peak forward. Sunday morning June 10, I was able to get my website back on line. I hope our summer is a nice one. Thank you for checking back. I am back. I will try to catch up by the end of this week (June 16).



Week 23 - June 4 to June 10, 2018



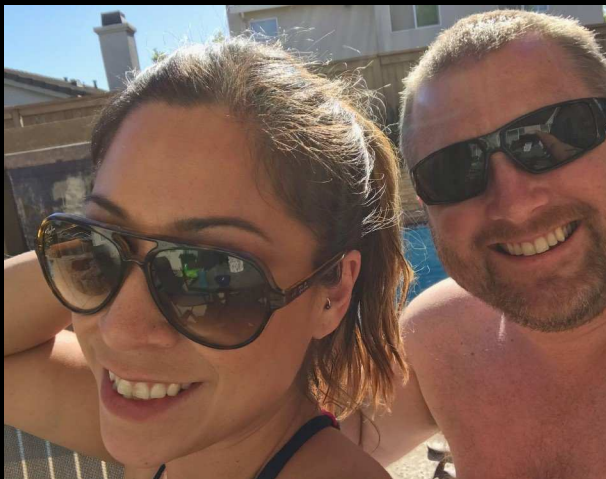
Week 23: Hell Week! Cousin Robert and I attended a USC Northern Cal Booster Club Huddle in Burlingame. There we met football coach Helton, USC championship coach John Robinson, and head basketball coach Andy Endfield. Friday, Jeanne and I attended a dance program in Carmel. On stage was our grand daughter Isobel. She has improved so much and one can see she loves dancing.



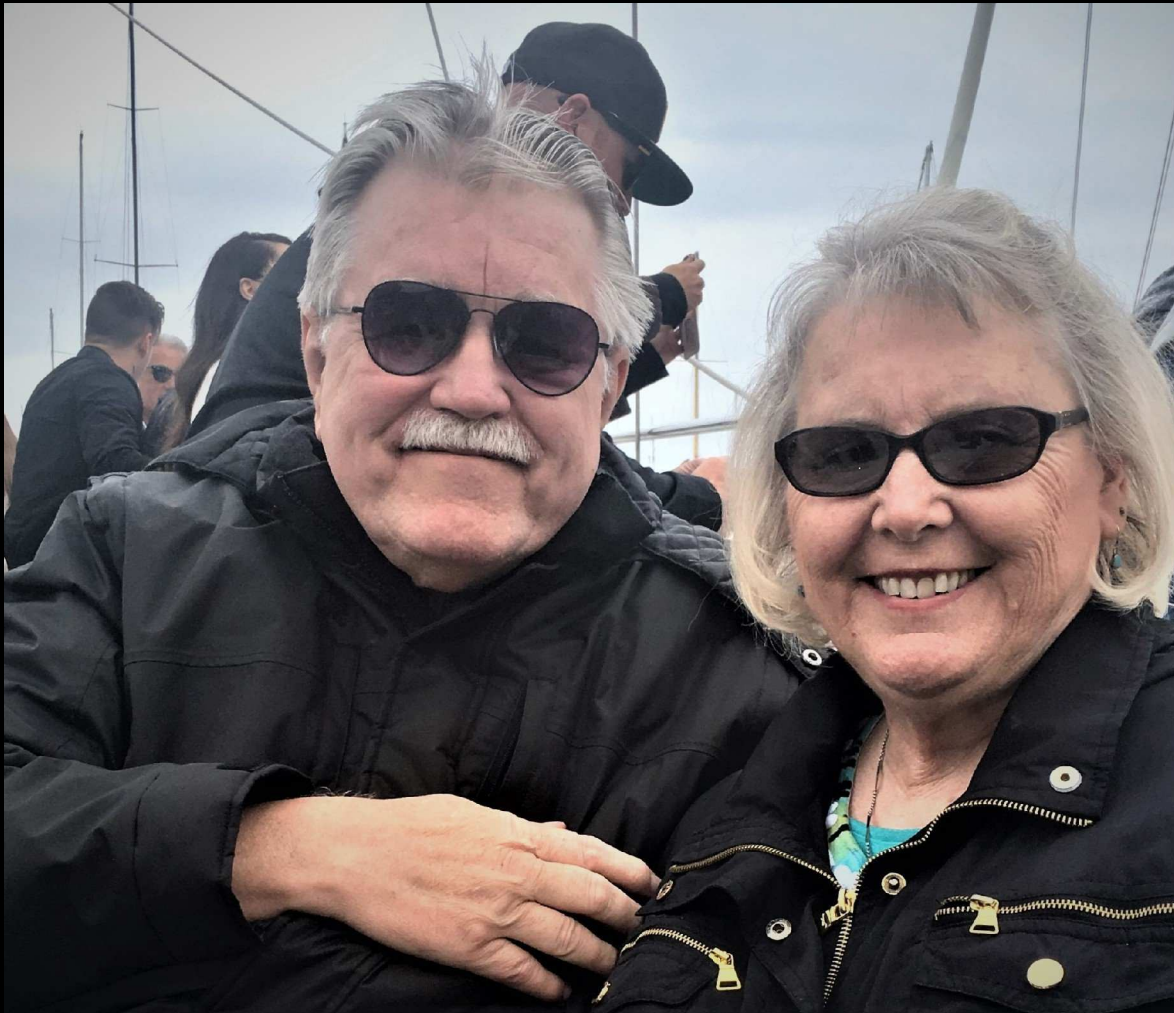
Week 24 - June 11 to June 16, 2018



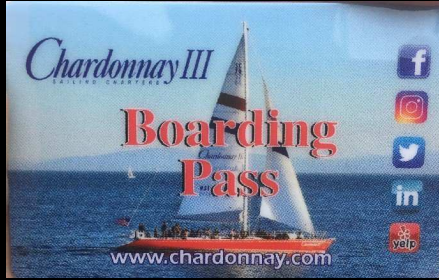
Week 24. Believe it or not, the photograph above is a "selfie!" Can you find me? Ronan spotted me, can you? So where are we this week? Noah, Paula and son David are enjoying pool time as summer starts. Honor, John, Jeanne, and I get together for a nice celebration dinner. Jennifer's surgery went well, she is healing now. Ronan and Isobel are in Summer Camp. Shelly, Wes, and Roxy are focused on work. Special thanks to Jen's husband Steve for keeping us all informed on jen's surgery. The monster has been removed, time to get better.



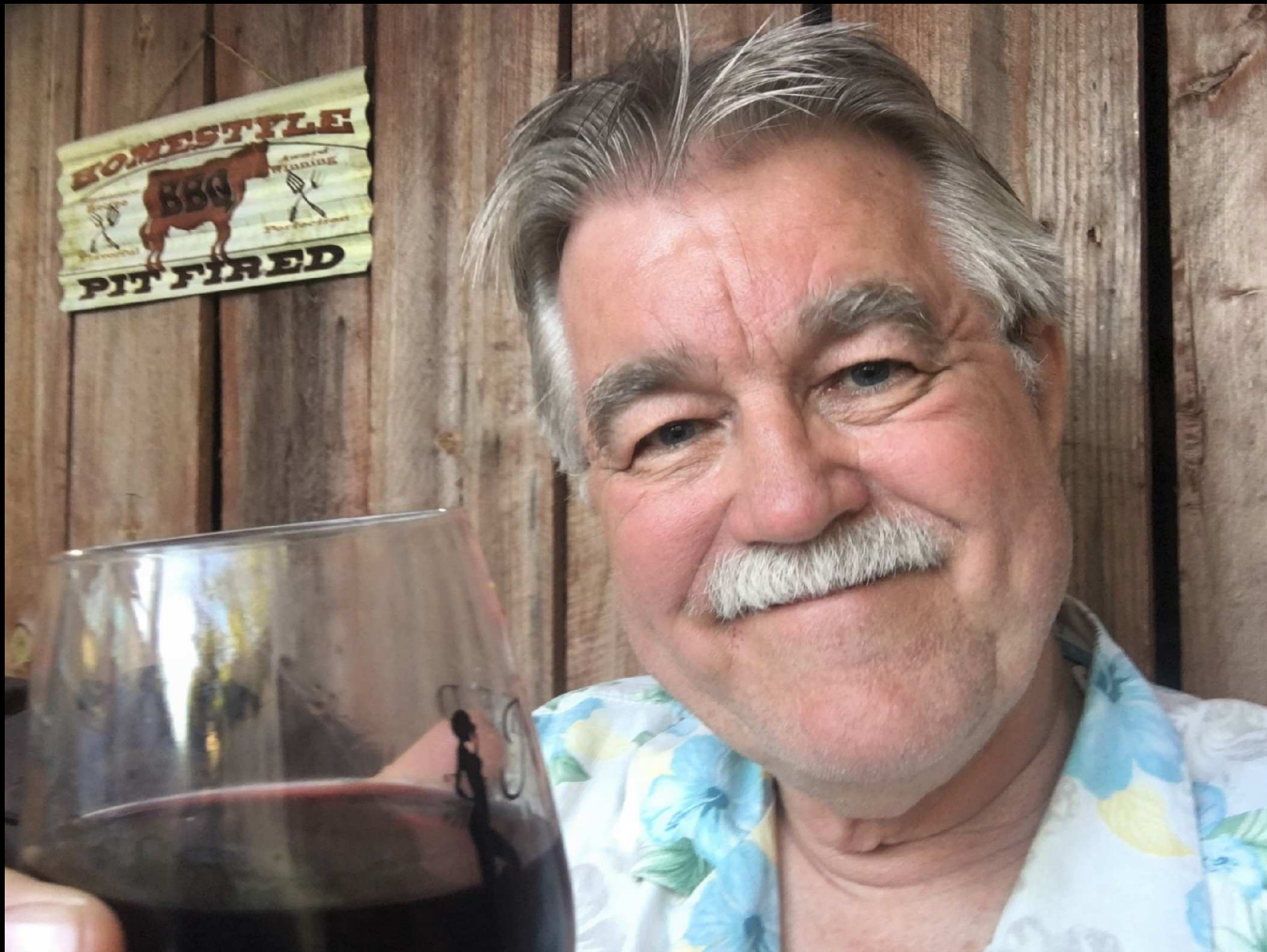
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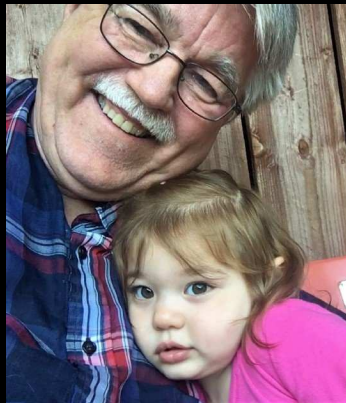
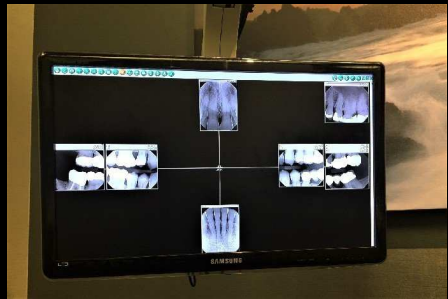
Week 25. Father's Day. Jeanne and I did a brunch sail on the Chardonnay II. A very smooth and relaxing sail. During the sail, we observed a Sun Fish, Jeanne's favorite fish. It was huge! I traveled all the way to Fairfield to do a wedding for a couple from Japan. The highlight was a special musical performance after the wedding for me along. Both musicians were super nice. Thank you ladies. That was special.



Week 26 - June 24 to June 30, 2018



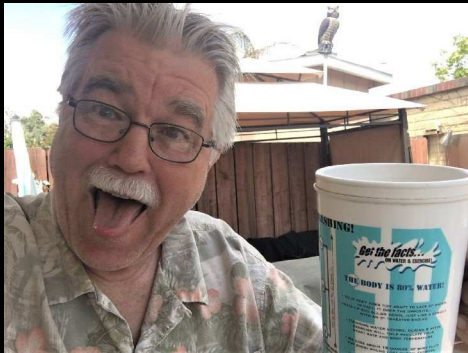
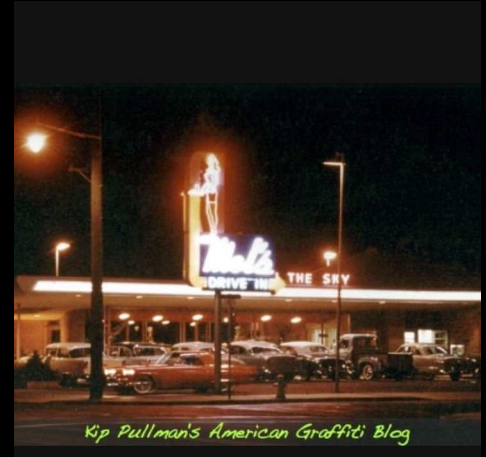
Week 26. Another super busy week. Because it was so busy, Jeanne and I opted out of going to IL Fornaio for the wine maker dinner, but I did try to prepare similar courses from their menu including Morgan wine, scallops, and grilled lamb chops. My first time grilling bacon wrapped scallops, and they turned out awesome. Jeanne and Jen took Ronan and Isobel to a jump house in Gilroy. Noah had his first haircut. Thank you Jen and Paula for photos.



Week 27 - July 1 to July 7, 2018



Week 27. I cannot believe half of 2018 is gone. Days are going by way too fast. My second visit to the dentist in two weeks. This time for a total teeth and gum check. Only one small item needs to be replaced and all was well. Jeanne and I visited Dave in Sac. We started with a little wine tasting at two tasting rooms. I am a member at the first one, Jeremy's, and Dave is a member at the second one, Oak Ridge. It's so good, I am a club member now. Sunday morning breakfast at Mel's in Sac. I saw a photo on the wall and casually said that reminds me of the one we had in Salinas. Look closer, the photo was taken in Salinas! Amazing. The 4th of July was super quiet for us this year. Jen and family visited Dave, Paula and Noah in Sac. Richelle had to work. Wes and Roxy entertained Wes's mom and niece. Cousins Richard and Angie were alone at Lake Tahoe, but sent us a "salute." They were enjoying the sites and sounds of wild life. Meanwhile, I had my own wild life as I bbq'd hot dogs, a mechanical owl photo bombed me. But thanks to Dave's introduction to Oak Ridge, I spent the 4th with 4 girls. My wife and an Oak Ridge bottle of red called "Three Girls." The fireworks in Salinas were also amazing. The only difference between her and Tahoe was our show was over 90 minutes long and 99 percent of the fireworks were illegal. I hope everyone's 4th was fun and safe. What will next week bring?



Week 28 - July 8 to June 14, 2018



Week 28. Looking back on the 4th of July week and moving forward. There is a song that says, "to everything turn turn turn, there is a season." This 4th is a turning of the seasons. Leave the past, look forward to today. One tang leaves, another enters. Ronan approaches a new milestone birthday from single digit to double digits. Family celebrates the 4th in a variety of locations. Noah smiles with more new teeth. Roxy enjoys a new day with GP. And Jen compares new hair with dad. I once read the only that does not change is "change" itself. Everything changes, nothing stays the same. Soooooo, enjoy each day for tomorrow things will change.



Week 29 - July 15 to July 21, 2018



Week 29. No, time keeps on going faster and faster. Started off the week at Erik's retirement and birthday party. Such an awesome family. Sunday, we joined cousins Richard and Angie at the Dominico Winery to do a brunch and concert. One Hit Wonder" Robbie Dupree. After, we had a very nice visit at the Raggio's. Monday I renewed my SVSP id for another year. Over 200 weddings there so far. Wednesday, we did an early birthday celebration for Ronan. We went to the Santa Cruz Boardwalk, and we had a super wonderful day. I made them sit still for a little while to do a cartoon portrait. Glad I did. Something they will remember.



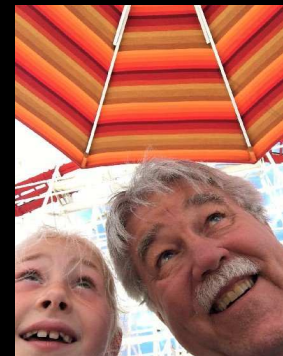
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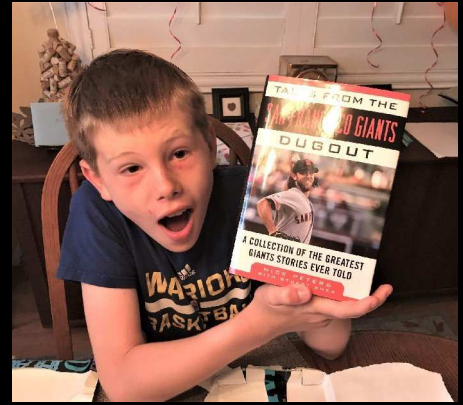






Week - 30 July 22 to July 28, 2018







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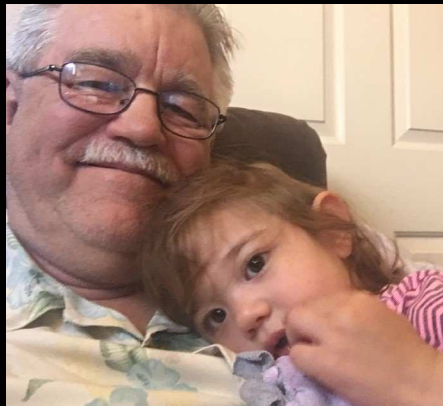
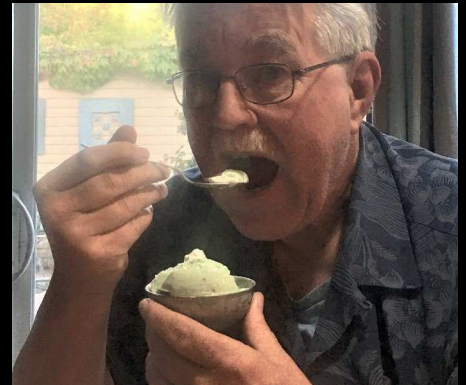
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Week 31 - July 29 to August 4, 2018



Week 31. Books and Boxes. Seems like sometimes the simple things are the most entertaining. Three of our four grandchildren visited this week. Isobel found a box of styrofoam stuffing fun to sit in and then entertain herself with a book. She then jumped on my lap for a better explanation of the photographs. (Last year's family book). Ronan enjoyed his box. X Box, that is. Roxy spent some quality time watching Daniel on Grandpa's lap as well. Nice visit. Just missed Noah this week. There is always next time.



Week 32 - August 5 to August 11, 2018



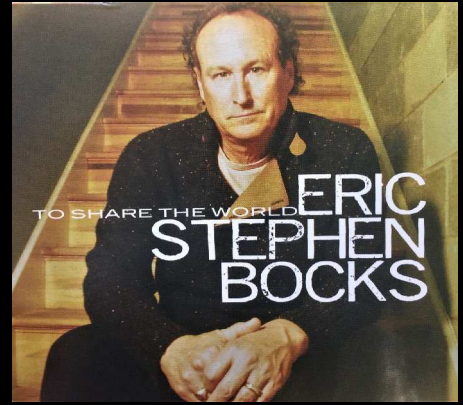
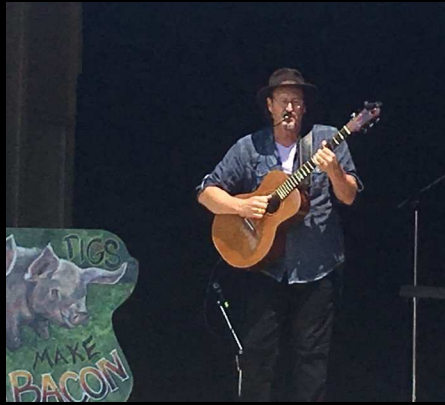
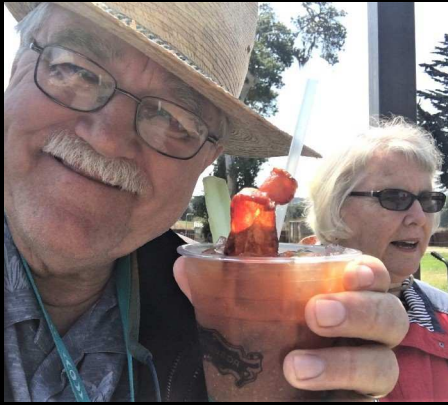
Week 32. Some special moments this week. Above, Jen, Jeanne, and I join friends at the Boekenooogen Winery member BBQ Santa Lucia location. Steve prepared ribs in a pit barrel bbq. Have to admit, they were very good. Thank you Steve. Roxy supervises my quick grill of stuffed peppers. More photos at the Boekenooogen BBQ. After a wedding in Carmel, Jeanne and I ate a new place in Seaside, the Meatery. I wanted a port belly sandwich. YUM. On the way home from dinner, Dave and Paula sent photos of Noah enjoying a birthday cake. He turns one year old this coming week, how fun to be young. Our grandson Noah has a very captivating and lovable smile. Such a happy little man.



Week 33 - August 12, to August 18, 2018



Week 33. Heading to the Oakland Zoo today to celebrate Noah's 1st birthday! He is growing so fast. We all love little Noah. Thank you Paula for the photograph. Jeanne and I started out the week at the Monterey County Bacon Fest. Bacon Ice Cream? Bacon apple fritters? The music was awesome. We met (Eric) Stephen Bock, singer, writer, and almond grower! The afternoon music was a cover band Stevie Nicks Allusion. They were amazing. Some of the cover songs sounded better than Stevie, believe it or not.



Week 34 - August 19, to August 25, 2018



Week 34. Happy 1st birthday Noah! Family and friends met at the Oakland Zoo park area to celebrate Noah's 1st birthday.
Happy little guy enjoys his birthday cake and presents.
Happy 1st Birthday to my youngest grandson! Thank you photo contributors.



Week 35 - August 26, to September 1, 2018

Heaven has gained another beautiful angel. We love you and will miss you dearly. May you dance in heaven with all the other beautiful ballerinas.



Jennifer Leggett-Swart

What a beautiful picture of her and my daughter Isobel. We are deeply saddened by this news. She was one of the sweetest and most kind person I ever knew. Isobel cherished all her ballet classes.



Carmel Academy of Performing Arts (CAPA)
A light has dimmed at CAPA.

It is with great sadness the CAPA family of staff and instructors announce the death of our beloved CHR. Carol Heiland Rosa fought a two-year cancer battle ending this morning. Throughout her illness, the staff, instructors, friends and students were constantly in awe of her indomitable spirit, positivity and loyalty. Her ability to speak openly about her treatment helped everyone travel her difficult road with grace and dignity.

She bravely walked up the steps of CAPA for the last time three weeks ago to teach a class because that is who she was; caring, dedicated and passionate about her students. There were many who visited her these last few days and she talked of the future, Nutcracker preparations and her classes.

Carol, Gloria and I go back nearly forty years. CHR was the young one in our performing troupe, the Frank Quilantang dancers, and we danced together, for many years, across the Peninsula. Carol never lost her performance quality, desire to learn and moreover, her unfettered loyalty to CAPA. She was there for me during the good times and the difficult and I will forever be touched by her compassion. Even when she was in the last few months of her life, a conversation would soon turn from her illness to talk of her students, Zumba events she so loved and of course, her beloved cats.

This morning has been filled with tributes to her qualities and I would like to share a couple with you.

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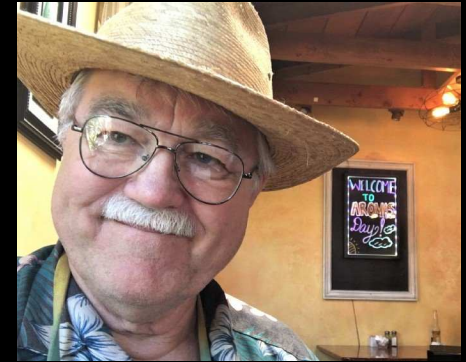
"What a long beautiful journey we have all had together. The children adored her and we are all honored to have know her and been able to work

Week 35. As you may know, there is a lot of pink on my site this year representing my daughter's fight against cancer. She is not alone in her fight, and sadly, the reality of how bad cancer can be, there are still victims close to you that are unable to overcome this monster. This week, my grand daughter Isobel lost her dance instructor to cancer. It is hard felt and a vivid reminder how precious life is to us all. RIP Carol. Your life lives on in the hearts of many lives you have touched. And so life goes on and we must appreciate the "now." This week, I was photographed with my "last toy" near the John Denver memorial. Noah is in his new vehicle moving on from his 1st birthday. Roxy, enjoys Daniel and is now singing her version of the music on the program. Jeanne and I decided to go to the Aromas Day festivities, The biggest little festival I have been to in a long time. Then on Wednesday, Jeanne and I had a date. We went to the movies to see South Pacific on the big screen in celebration of the 60 anniversary of the movie. Though I have seen it many times and own the DVD, it was special to see it on the big screen (only five people in the theater!). Finally, on Friday I am trying to do pork belly burnt ends. I did a prochetta the easy way last week and it was okay, however, I wanted to do burnt ends as a precursor to Brother In Law John attempting to do a big prochetta for Sunday. And cherry on the top. Ronan and Isobel win a Summer Reading Award at the first school assembly. Congrats to both. Nice job!




This year's winning T-shirt design donated to Aromas Day by artist and former resident, Adam Hennager.

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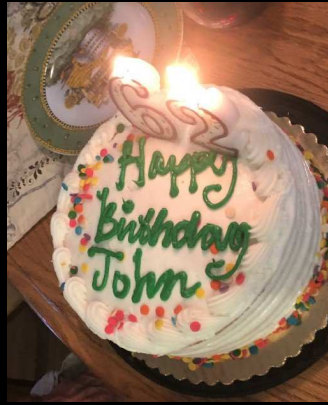
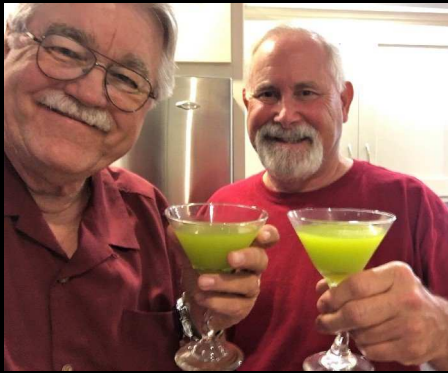
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Week 36 - September 2, to September 8, 2018



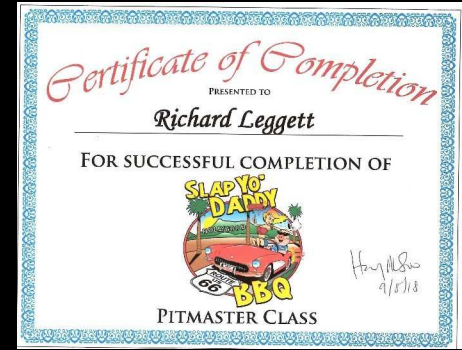
Week 36. Happy Birthday to my brother-in-law John! He decided to celebrate his special day by cooking a prochetta (Italian pork belly roast). Neighbors Erik and Birget brought the martinis and snacks. Jeanne and I brought artichoke bread and a birthday cake. John's son Anthony helped prepare the food. Birthdays are a wonderful opportunity to have a family get together. And it is great that the main food attraction came out delicious. Thank you John and Happy Birthday. 62 years old and counting.



Week 37 - September 9, to September 15, 2018



Week 37. David and I traveled to Southern California to attend our second Slap Your Daddy BBQ Class. Harry Soo Is a champion pitmaster and a great instructor. Dave and i are always interested in improving our BBQ skills. At the end of the day, we are given signed certificates of completion of the Backyard Pitmaster Class. David and I started out the weekend enjoying dinner with David's friend Bill. It's been a while since we have seen him. Bill is a great friend to have. Ronan received and award this week as well. Seems like he is very good at math. Congrats to Ronan, David and I for our



Week 38 - September 16, to September 22, 2018



Week 38. HAPPY BIRTHDAY JEN. And what a birthday it was. On Grandparent's Day, Jen received her biggest birthday present ever (as she says). Her very best friend Anne arrived for a long visit. Tears of joy all around. Been seven years! It was also the final day of radiation treatment for Jen and Anne was there. Grandparents Day was really special as well. Tons of smiles. Ronan and Isobel shine at school. To end the week, Jeanne and I took the Cobra out for a run to Carmel for the Glass Pumpkin Show and Sale. Treat each day as a birthday day and celebrate life. Posting this early since there is nothing that can beat the birthday celebration this week. Enjoy. LOVE YA JEN !!!!!



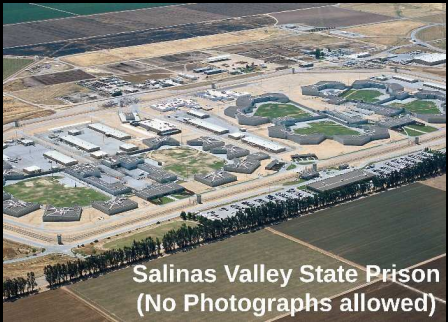
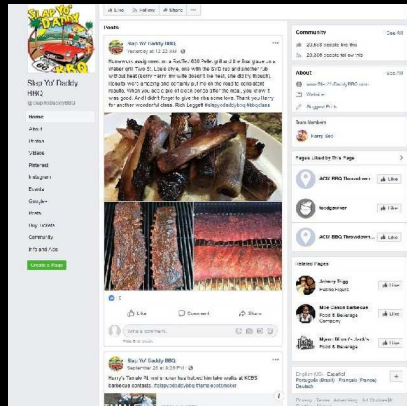
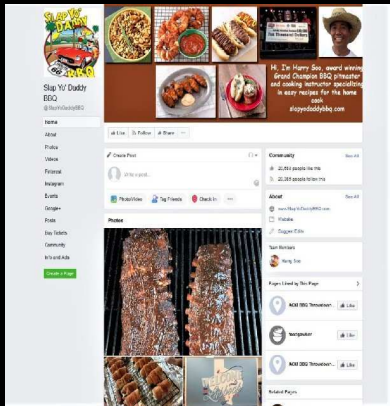
Week 39 - September 23, to September 29, 2018



Week 39. A week of milestones. Anne and Jennifer share a toast. Best of friends end a week of a wonderful visit. They had not seen each other for seven years. For me, two big moments this week. I performed my 1000th wedding since ordination. Special thanks to Salinas Valley State Prison. I have 229 weddings which accounts for 25% of my weddings to achieve 1000 weddings. And oddly enough, the location of my 1000th wedding. My next goal is to do 1000 weddings as Bayview Officiants alone (minus my first three years that I worked for Lyssabeth's Weddings). Lastly, I did my BBQ home work and submitted photographs to Harry Soo (Pitmaster Champion / BBQ trainer). He asked if he could use them on his social media. For me, it was an honor. But I must say, my son David deserves high marks for his amazing briskets. More on that next week.



Regular Weddings	589
Renewal of Vows	58
Salinas Valley State Prison	229
Soledad State Prison	1
Monterey County Jail	6
Same Sex Weddings	31
Total BVO Weddings	914
Lyssabeths	98
Total Weddings	1012
Ordination	06/28/08
Lyssabeths 1 st Wedding	09/12/08
Lyssabeth's Final Wedding	12/10/11
BVO 1st Wedding	03/10/12
Salinas Valley State Prison 1 st Wedding	11/23/13
1000th Wedding Date	09/22/18



Week 40 - September 30, to October 6, 2018



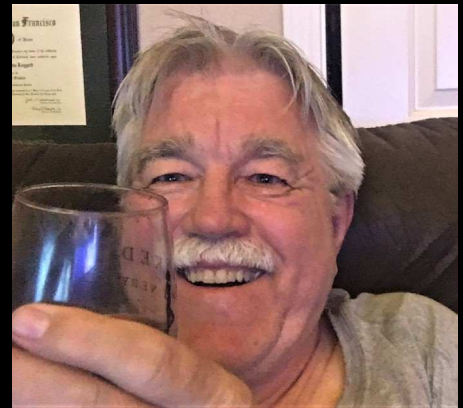
Week 40. Happy Birthday David. 40 Years Old. I can remember that day in my life, but that was then, this is now. Wonderful family weekend, Dave made another wonderful brisket. Only one surprise this weekend, I saw a bobcat at the prison where I do weddings. SVSP. Wow, amazing cat. A great week. More to come, as life goes on.



Week 41 - October 7, to October 13, 2018



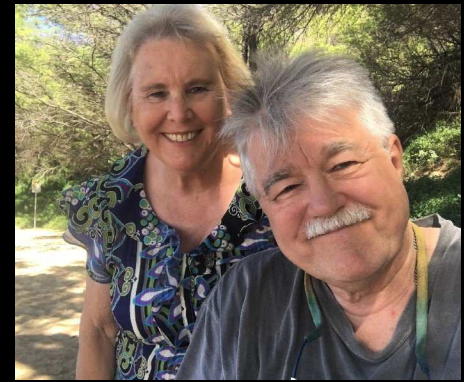
Week 41. Family and friends at the Boekenoogen VIP BBQ at the Boekenoogen Bell Ranch Vineyards. Front left to right. Howard Swart, Jennifer Leggett Swart, Monique, and her stepmother. Back, right to left. Jeanne Leggett, Richard Raggio, Angie Raggio, and hey, that's me. Owner John Boekenoogen stops by to greet us. Great man. Yes, we had Lobster and steak. Fresh ahi, and all the wine we wanted. During the week, my son did a face time to us to announce he finally was promoted to manager at Apple. Congrats to Dave and his family. Big smiles all around. Salute.



Week 42 - October 14, to October 20, 2018



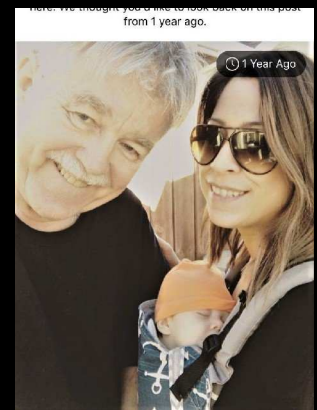
Week 42. "Here Today, Gone To Maui !" Vacation time on the island of Maui . Day 1, Rained all day, but that didn't stop from BBQ'ing Ahi, Marlin, Shrimp. YUM. Day 4, attended a Luau at Honua'ula Wailea. Day 5. Upcountry to the Kula Botanical Gardens, then on to the Maui Winery and Ulupalakua Ranch for lunch and wine tasting, grilled hamburgers and hot dogs for dinner. Day 6. Maui Plantation for Zip line for Jeanne, lunch, and tour. Day 7. Makena, and Coast, Wailea to Tommy Bahama Restaurant Pineapple Creme Brulee, s That night, a sunset cruise to end the trip to Maui. Day 8. Flight home. Jeanne and I toast to another wonderful trip to the island of Maui. Can't wait to return. ALOHA



Week 43 - October 21, to October 27, 2018



Week 43. After a trip to Maui, a pineapple jack o lantern seems right. While away, Ronan and Isobel won another school award! GP1 is proud of you both. Fall time means Apple Hill Time. We traveled to Sacramento and Apple for the annual Apple Hill Festival. Fun and smiles all around. Thank you Jen and Paula for the contributions this week. And for the "last year" photograph of Noah, Paula and I. Wow, Noah has grown.



Week 44 - October 28 to November 3, 2018



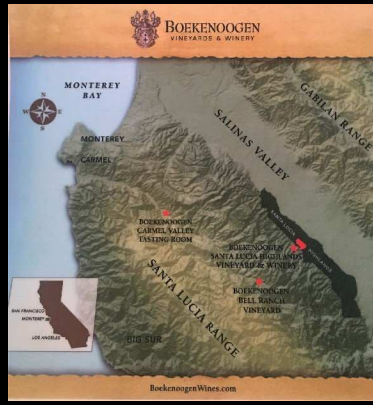
Week 44. Happy Halloween ! Having fun this week. A few leftover photographs from Apple Hill and Sacramento visit. The sunset photo is not of Hawaii, it's Sacramento! All our grandchildren having a fun Halloween.



Week 45 - November 4, to November 10, 2018



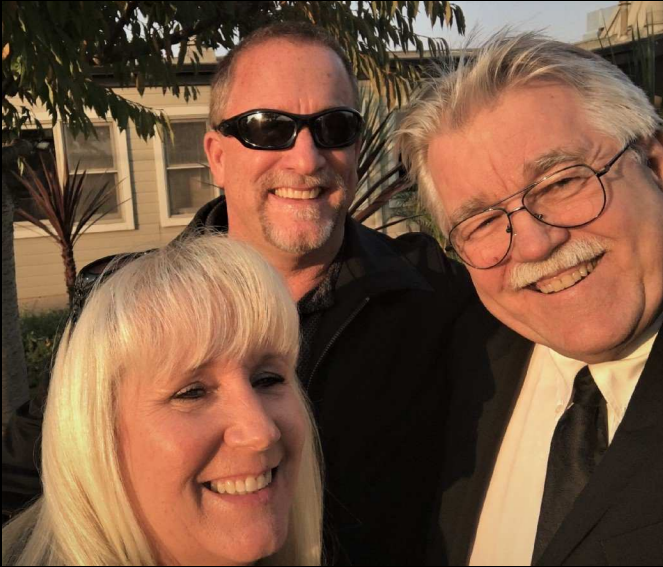
Week 45. Jeanne and I took the Shelby Cobra to Carmel Valley to pick up my wine club pack. A beautiful day for a convertible ride in the Beast. Boekennoogen is still my favorite wine club. We had lunch at the Rustic Restaurant. At the tasting room, Christmas is already in bloom. Back at the home front, BBQ is the word. Ronan and I BBQ'd shrimp, scallops, sausage and both Jalepeno poppers and stuffed baby bells. YUM. No leftovers!



Week 46 - November 11, to November 17, 2018



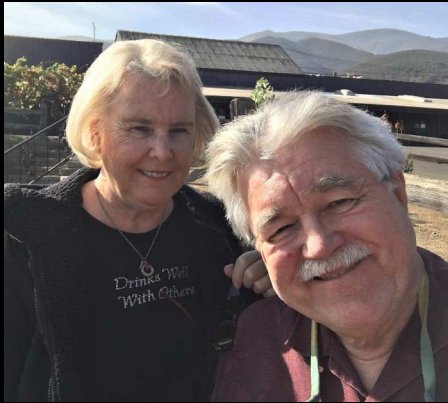
Week 46. A young lady called me and booked my services to preform her wedding. Little did I know that she was the daughter of people I worked with at Waste Management. Among their guests were more friends from my WM (Waste Management) days. Thank you for the opportunity to see old friends. Above, parents, Chris and Kari, daughter (bride) Phelysha and groom Alfonso. WM co workers Mike and Elaina. Other events. Yes, I still BBQ at night. Brewing my first wine. Thank you to my son Dave for giving me the kit. One month to final wine product.



Week 47 - November 18, to November 24, 2018



Week 47. Started the week by attending the Hahn Winery Distribution party with cousins Richard and Angie. Ended the week with grandchildren visits. This week, the first rain of the season occurred. The rain season started with an awesome sunrise. A great way to announce the change of the season, FINALLY. The rain is a welcomed sight. Thanksgiving dinner was simple and nice. Check out my plate vs Roxy's plate. Big difference. Thanksgiving wines were varied to say the least. Mario is a sparkling lemonsello from Florence Italy, then the two reds were from California. Jeremy is a favorite and so is the Dean Marin Blend. Dean Martin? Yes. Antibes, Amazon's drop off in Salinas is my answer to Black Friday. No lines, no waiting and very safe way to get deliveries. Holidays are here.



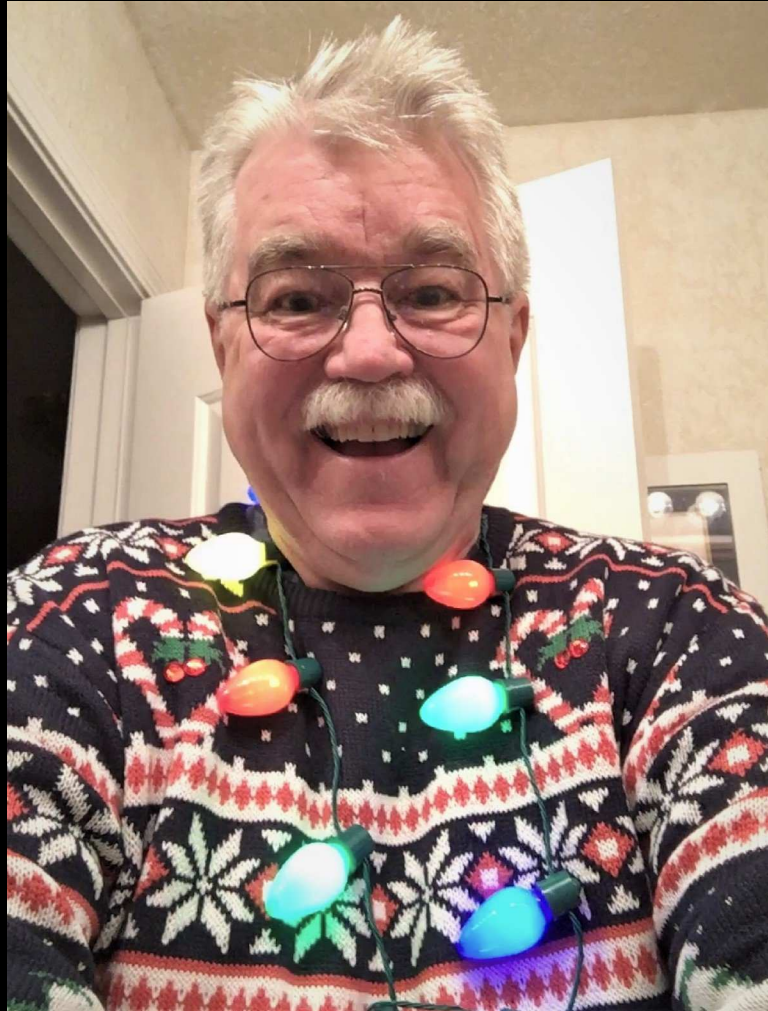
Week 48 - November 25, to December 1, 2018



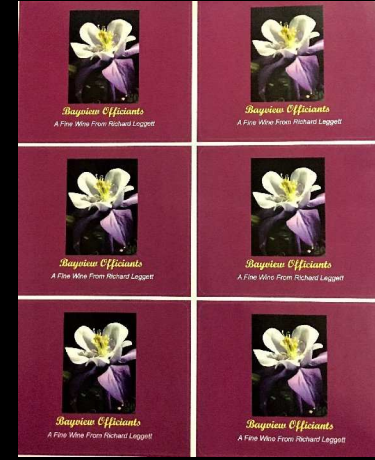
Week 48. Two of our four grandchildren spent the weekend with us. On Friday, a third visited for the day. On Saturday, Isobel and Ronan helped grandfather put Christmas lights on the house. Happy that's done. On Monday, I multitasked by working on my wine making and cooking a smoked pork for pulled pork. The pulled pork turned out great. Only time will tell if the wine turns out good.



Week 49 - December 2, to December 8, 2018

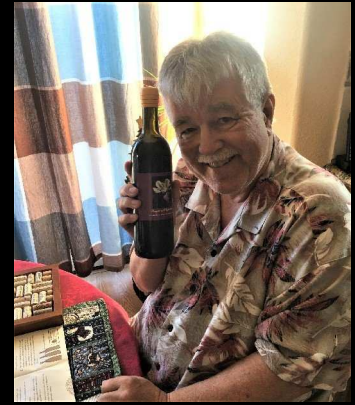


Week 49. It's looking a lot more like Christmas time around our home. Nativity Scene up, my mini tree up, wine bottles decorated, our Christmas Tree is up and decorated. I have my "Ugly Christmas Sweater," do you? And finally, Jeanne and I cleaned the labels off 6 wine bottles preparing to my first home made wine. Of course, we need labels Though Christmas is usually a time of great joy, this year, we reflect on the difficulties of 2018 in hopes that 2019 will be a more joyful year.



Week 50 - December 9, to December 15, 2018

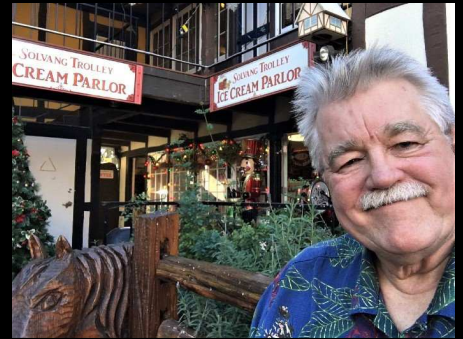
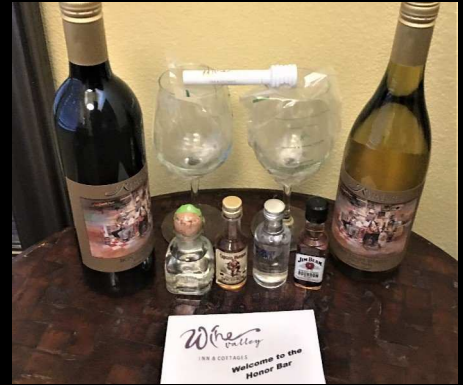




Week 51 - December 16, to December 22, 2018



Week 51. Christmas is a time of traditions. The annual school Christmas Program. Steve, Jen, Jeanne, and I enjoy Isobel and Ronan's part in the program. Each year, Jeanne and I like to get away for a quiet Christmas dinner, usually it's in Carmel, but this year, we revisited Solvang (Christmas City, USA), for a very nice dinner at the Root 246. This year, our room had a fireplace and two bottles of wine. We enjoyed them all. Christmas time is here!



Week 52 - December 23, to December 29, 2018













Week 52.

Reflections of a GP1 Santa Claus. All through the year, it seemed like 2018 would be a bad year. But like a Hail Mary pass in a football game, 2018 ended with Wonder and Delight. First, our Santa (me) is very grateful for the most important thing in the world, "Family." Thankful for our family sharing Christmas Eve. Thankful Uncle Joe joins us. Thankful my son David was promoted to a manager at Apple and for making the trip from Sacramento with beautiful wife Paula and my youngest grandchild Noah. Noah is so precious and fun. Thankful our brother John and son Anthony sharing our long tradition of Christmas together though many other family members are not here due to distance. Always in our thoughts. Thankful Richelle, Wes, and Roxy was able to bring Yuriko and Iris this year. Iris is becoming a wonderful little girl, and yes, family, she is a distant cousin. Thankful and proud of all my grandchildren. Ronan, Isobel, Roxy, and Noah, they give me such blessings. Thankful I was able to vacation with cousins Richard and Angie and my sister and Ken on Maui this year. And hey Robert, cousin and fellow USC fan. And I am thankful Bayview Officiants had the best year ever. Thankful to find a Shelby Cobra Mustang.

But most of all this year, I am thankful to tears, my daughter Jennifer was able to announce her cancer is gone! Jennifer and Isobel made special Christmas ornaments in celebration of her announcement and she gave them to our family members. The monster has been defeated. Jen Won! Let's hope for a cancer free life now.

So 2018 started by being a year of struggles and fears, yet ended with new beginnings, new life, and new hope. Hoping that 2019 will bring more blessings we all can continue to share. I, for one, will never forget 2018.

I love my family and I am blessed to have them all.

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