

Dear Friends,

WINTER '17

Time again for the Annual Cory Letter. Needless to say, it has been an eventful year. We divided it into four parts. The first half, just normal events, then in July our 50th Anniversary Party, followed by a seven-week road trip and finally a month in Europe. This explains the three pages of photos that follow.

Chris participated in the Women's March in Oakland and several other demonstrations during the year.

At the Mark Taper this season with Marie Gregor, we saw a renewal of Zoot Suit and a very interesting new production, Archduke. The Chieftains were in Carmel for their 55th anniversary show and Earl's 76th birthday.

Now that the house upgrades are complete, and the patio deck installed; Chris needed a new project, raised gardens using horse troughs. She successfully grew several types of herbs and vegetables.

Chris bought a new car in February, the Launch Edition of the Mazda MX-5 Miata RF. It reminds you of a transformer with disappearing roof panels.

In March, we went to Anza Borrego to visit George Jefferson, a long-time friend of Earl, to see the wild flowers. He and Jeanne gave us a back-stage tour of the State Park's recent fossil collection. Along the way we stopped off at the Kern Country Museum in Bakersfield, a surprisingly interesting outdoor museum.

Chris continues to play tennis at Chamisal Tennis Club as well as running back and forth to Oakland in her new car to visit friends and see Warrior games. In April, while she was demonstrating, Earl visited his sister, Iva and husband Paul, in Winnemucca, NV. Driving around the desert, they saw pronghorns, forded the Humboldt River and visited Unionville, a historic Nevada ghost town.

Update on nieces and nephew: Taking after her mother, Sherry, Rachel Sands became Princess Tourmaline in the Feast of Lanterns. In June, Shannon graduated from High School and moved to Twin Falls, ID to attend beauty school. Bryan turned 21 in December.

Speaking of Feast of Lanterns, Chris is a member of the board of directors and was responsible for procuring merchandise to sell at their various events and oversaw their fund raiser. Each year, at the end of July, they have their annual big event with fire-works at Lover's Point. Earl is helping as their webmaster.

July 7,8,9 we celebrated our 50th anniversary with a three-day event. This included a bar-b-que, mariachis, margaritas, dinner, dancing, drinking, brunch, etc. Over 100 friends and relatives attended. Visit TheCorys.com to see your photo booth pictures. (Chris is still working on thank you notes, but she has retired itis.)

After the party, we took our "family" from Mexico to Point Lobos, Big Sur, Angels Camp, Columbia, and to a production of Mama Mia at Woodminster in Oakland.

To wind down from July, we took a 7-week road trip. The purpose was twofold, first and foremost to view the Aug 21 total eclipse at maximum totality, second a meeting of the Cory Family Society in Lansing, MI. Along the way we visited 17 states. Some highlights were: Will Rogers/Wiley Post Fly-In in OK, Abe Lincoln sites in Springfield, IL, lunch at Topolobambo (a Rich Bayless restaurant in Chicago on Chris' bucket list), the Henry Ford in Dearborn and the wood chipper in Fargo, ND.

We were home for three weeks, then off to Europe for a month. Our first stop was Donegal, IL for the wedding of Lisa Wedding and Marty Kearney at the Sandhouse in Rossnowlagh. After a week in Ireland, we flew to the Netherlands to join Josef and Feltina Mayer in Egmond ann Zee. There we visited Den Haag, Edam, Alkmarr and several small towns. We moved on to Landal Heideheuvel near Apeldoorn, NL where we visited the Het Loo Palace and Kröller-Müller Museums with Enno and Tjaan Brands. Leaving the Netherlands, we stayed with Elisabeth "Lilo" Bögehold and her husband Fahd in the small German town of Herdecke. There we renewed our friendship with her father, Rolf. We finished up traveling through Aachen, Saarbrücken, Burgundy, Dijon, Beaune, Chablis, Reims, and stayed with Pablo and Marika in Paris.

We came home to the fires in Santa Rosa. Our rental house was in the evacuation area. We are now renting it to a family that was burned out in the Coffey Park area.

November and December were party times with Thanksgiving at home with neighbors, Bryan Sands turning 21, Earl's Kiwanis Club dinner at our house, our annual Christmas Eve events, and four more parties.

What's next? Maybe we will stay home next year, but then again there is the Hot Air Balloon Festival in Lake Havasu, AZ. (Follow us on FaceBook.)

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2017 - January to July



Women's March, Oakland, CA



Wine Tasting with Niece Sherry



Raised Gardens, Pacific Grove, CA



Chieftains 55th Anniversary, Carmel, CA



Chris' Miata MX-5 RF Launch Edition



Kern County Museum, Bakersfield, CA



Warriors Fans



Anza Borrego



Princess Tourmaline



Shannon Graduates



Pronghorn in NV



Welcome to The Party



Mammoth Fossils in Anza Borrego



50th Anniversary, Pacific Grove, CA



Friday Bar-B-Que at 50th Party



The Gregor Family at 50th Party



Friends & Relatives at 50th Party



Former Work Colleagues at 50th Party



Sunday Brunch at 50th Party



Our Family from Mexico, Columbia, CA



Feast of Lanterns, July, Pacific Grove, CA

2017 Seven Week Road Trip



Bandelier National Monument, NM



Little Boy & Fat Man, NM



Panhandle Plains Museum, TX



Land Run Monument, OK



Will Rodgers Fly-In, OK



Lincoln Home, Springfield, IL



Mackinac Island, MI



Lake Superior, MN



Stave Church, MN



Wood Chipper, Fargo, ND



Little Bighorn Battlefield, MT



Yellowstone, WY

2017 - A Month in Europe



Mullaghmore Head, Co. Sligo



Lisa & Marty Kearney



The Sandhouse, Co. Donegal



Benbulbin
Co. Sligo

Olde Castle Bar
Donegal Town



Edam, North Holland, NL



Mexican Night with the Mayers



Lilo & Chirs, Herdecke, Germany



Der Ruhr, Herdecke, Germany



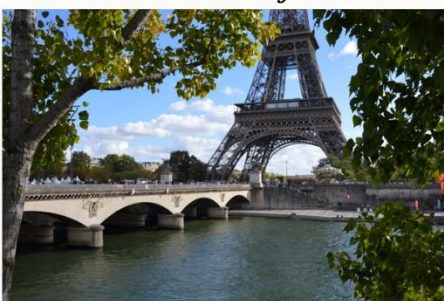
Palais des Ducs, Dijon, France



Birthplace of Joan of Arc,
Domrémy-la-Pucelle, France



Paris at Night



October in Paris



Hall of Mirrors, Versailles



Pablo & Marika, Paris