

WINTER '18

Dear Friends,

Time again for the Annual Cory Letter. It has been a rather calm year. It was mostly work on the house and landscaping. That said, we did take a few trips.

The main project this year was replacing the siding on the west and south facing walls of the house. That included replacing two upstairs windows in the TV room and bathroom as well as the picture window in the living room with what is known as a Chicago Window.

In January, we went to Lake Havasu for the Hot Air Balloon Festival. It was a total bust because of wind and poor weather. The balloons stayed on the ground. Next year, we hope to have better luck at the Albuquerque festival. Diana and Whirl, Chris' sister and her wife, live nearby in Parker, AZ. They drove up and stayed with us at the Havasu Dunes WorldMark for 5 days.

Chris continues to play tennis at Chamisal Tennis Club as well as running back and forth to Oakland by car or train to visit friends, demonstrate, play tennis and see Warrior games. She went back to college this year to take piano lessons, once again. Next year she is planning on taking our niece Rachel Sands to the Women's March.

Update on nieces and nephew: Rachel will be graduating from High School in June. The party is at our house. Shannon graduated from Aveda Institute in Twin Falls, ID, got engaged to David, and now has a job. Bryan continued pursuing his college classes at MPC. During the summer, he interned at UC Santa Cruz, working on a project to count and classify Elephant Seals at Año Nuevo State Park. To top it off, he was required to give a presentation on his findings and did a great job.

Chris is leaving the board of directors for the Feast of Lanterns at the end of the year. She was responsible for procuring merchandise to sell at their various events and oversaw their fundraiser. Each year, at the end of July, they have their annual big event with fire-works at Lover's Point. Sherry and Bryan joined the board this year and Sherry will be the Vice President next year. Earl continues as their webmaster.

Earl took over as Treasurer of the PG Kiwanis Club this year as well as doing their website. His main activity is mixing 5 gallons of batter with an electric drill and paint stirrer at their many pancake breakfast fundraisers.

A five-day trip to San Diego in September included a full day at the San Diego Wild Animal Park where we fed giraffes and rhinos. We hadn't been there since

the 70's and a lot has changed. Since we were in the area, we stopped by our PG neighbors, Mike and Kathy, to see how their San Diego house remodeling was going.

That put us in the mood to go someplace else. As luck would have it, we were invited to wedding celebration in New Jersey. We booked an RCI in the Poconos, flew to Philadelphia, rented a car and took our time exploring the area. We had hoped to see the "Fall Color", but with climate change, it is coming later each year. We were able to see just the beginning in the hills. While there, we took two train rides, one up the Lacawaxen River and the other up the Lehigh Gorge. This was the first area in the US to have railroads. They were used to transfer coal to the various canals. One day we hiked the Bushkill Falls. (Kill is a Dutch derived word meaning creek.)

The wedding party for Matthew and Bryant took place in Freehold, NJ. Matthew is the son of Steve and Nadene Re. We both worked for them when first coming to the Bay Area. To finish off the trip, on our way back to the airport, we stopped by the place where Washington crossed the Delaware River on 25 Dec 1776 to win the first battle of the war. There are two state parks, one in each state, quite different, but both worth it.

We were home for three weeks, then off to Indio to celebrate the 90th birthday of Chris' Auntie Xochitl. We booked 7 rooms at the Indio WorldMark and invited her family and friends to join us. About 24 people gathered to celebrate, drink margaritas, view old pictures and just reminisce. Xochitl's sister, "Bribri" came from Mexico to surprise her. We finished with a showing of "Coco."

That's about it for trips. We did make it to Windsor a few times to pick up wine from the various Sonoma wineries we belong to and go to their parties. Also, of course, we went to L.A. for see this season's plays.

In November we saw the reenactment of the Battle of Monterey, when Argentine privateers burned the city in 1818. Thanksgiving was at home with neighbors and there will be the annual Christmas Eve festivities at our home.

What's next? Well we have been invited to a destination wedding in Tuscany, so we will have to spend the month of June in Italy, France, and Germany and to visit Adrian Troncoso in Paris. (Follow us on FaceBook.)

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2018 Events



Whale Watching, Monterey Bay



Chamisal Tennis Team



Havasas Hot Air Balloon Festival



San Diego Wild Animal Park



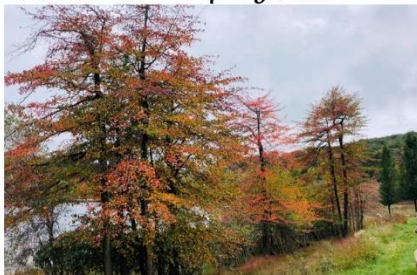
Front Landscaping Finished



Wine Tasting in Sonoma



The Stourbridge Line, PA



Fall Colors in the Poconos



Bushkill Falls, PA



Bryant & Matthew Celebration



Delaware River Crossing, PA to NJ



Earl in Three States, PA, NJ, NY



Zuñigas at San Juan Bautista



March For Our Lives



Feast of Lanterns Fundraiser



Notorious RGB CLC



Xochitl's 90th in Indio, CA



The Burning of Monterey - 1818