

WINTER '22/23

Dear Friends,

Once again, time for the Annual Cory Letter. In most respects, this was a "normal year". We have all five of our Covid-19 vaccinations and our flu shots; we have not had Covid. Chris maintains her interest in tennis and plays 3 to 4 times a week. Earl sticks to model trains in his "Depot" (shed) in the back yard.

We met several times with Steve & Nadene Re, friends from our computer days. They, along with Larry & Sherry Sands, and Diana, have joined us in Napa and Sonoma for wine tastings. Speaking of Sherry, she received the Pacific Grove Citizen of the Year Award.

We started the year seeing Fran Lebowitz, known for her sardonic social commentary.

Of course, we did some traveling this year. We flew east in March to New York City where we saw two Broadway plays: "Book of Mormon" and "Come from Away." The First Responders 9-11 museum and the New York City Museum were both memorable. We then took the train from Penn Station to Old Town Alexandria, Virginia where we met up with Joan & Chuck Roberson. They treated us to dinner at a restaurant located on George Washington's property. We spent one day in D.C. visiting the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Following D.C., we drove to Williamsburg and Jamestown. We ended the trip with a stop at Montpelier, home of James and Dolly Madison.

In April we flew to Las Vegas to see Lady Gaga live in her Jazz & Piano Concert. Chris also went to see her Chromatica Ball in September in San Francisco at Oracle Park, but the show was all glitz and not of the same quality as Las Vegas.

June and July were big travel months. First it was Oxford, England where we stayed at Christ Church College and ate breakfast each morning in the "Harry Potter Dinning Hall." Our stay was provided by Lisa & Rosalie (the woman that used our house last year while we were in Ireland.) As a side note, Rosalie and her friend Poppy came and stayed with us for a month in October and November to experience Halloween. But I digress. The purpose of the trip was to visit Lisa & Marty, provide Mexican food, make Margaritas, etc. (It's a long story, contact us for details.) While there, we visited Blenheim Palace, the home of the Churchills. Leaving England, we flew to Berlin to meet with Josef Mayer. Together, we traveled to a Travemünde resort on the Baltic Sea for a week. While there, we visited Lübeck and Hamburg. Then off to Bruges, Belgium (Dutch: Brugge.) Bruges is a great city, with good food, waffles, chocolate, and beer. A side trip to Flanders' Fields was well worth it. Next, Paris to visit Pablo, Marika, & Adrian. Pablo rented a car and drove us to the Loire Valley, where we spent a long weekend at a house with a pool. Back in Paris we boarded the 300 kph (186 mph) Eurostar and rode through the Chunnel to return to London. There we trained to Lowestoft to meet the Cory Friends at the Corton Warner Village resort. The highlights of that adventure were not only seeing longtime friends, but the day trips to Norwich, Oulton Broad, Southwold Pier, and playing English Trivial Pursuit. Norwich is in Norfolk, the area of England that Earl's mother's family came from in the

1820's. On our way back to London, we stopped for a couple of days in Coggeshall to visit family, Brian & Christine Ward, and to pick up train parts Earl had purchased, but they both had Covid. The visit was restricted to a 30ft separation in their driveway. We planned on visiting our newfound Grand Nephew, Grayson in London, but he too had Covid, instead we talked via FaceTime and then took the Hop-on-Hop-off bus around London.

The next month, August, Bernardo, Ivette, & Bernie from Monterrey, Mexico, visited us for a week, followed by a visit from Chris' Cousin Margie. To end out the month, Diana, Chris' sister, joined us for a week at Bass Lake and Yosemite where we said goodbye to Whirl, Diana's wife, and scattered her ashes at Lower Yosemite Falls.

As mentioned earlier, Chris went to see Lady Gaga in September, but Earl went to Modesto. For what purpose would anyone want to go to Modesto? For the Southern Pacific Historical Society Symposium. He visited the Niles Canyon maintenance yard and they got a private tour and train ride at Jamestown. The folks that run the society are interested in publishing his book "*The Del Monte and the Monterey Branch*", but with some modifications. The 518 pages is a little too long and it contains a lot of information that the Society is not interested in publishing. Also in September, the Pacific Grove Kiwanis team were the champions in the first annual Butterfly Days Croquet match.

For two weeks in October, we flew to Guadalajara to visit our "Mexican Family." Lalo and Cony drove us to the family house in Nuevo Vallarta, where we ate and lounged on the beach and around the pool. Back in Guadalajara, we attended a birthday party for 4-year-old twins and connected with Cristina and the rest of the Ortiz Eng family.

For Thanksgiving we drove to San Diego to join Mike & Kathy, our PG neighbors who also live in San Diego. Along the way, we stopped at Ed & Marie Gregor's in Pacific Palisades for dinner and the night. As we went south, they went north and used our house while we were away. On the way back we stopped at Ricky & Claudia Zuniga's in Anaheim for dinner and conversation. The following morning, we had brunch with Cecil & Karen in Camarillo.

Shannon's (our great niece) twins had their 3rd birthday on December 6, but the twins had the flu, so no party. We started the sale of our Santa Rosa rental by selecting a realtor. Cecil & Karen as well as Paul & Iva came to Pacific Grove for Christmas. So, the Sands, Heitz, and the Corys were able to have a somewhat normal Christmas.

So "What's next?", you might ask. We have not planned many things. New Year's Eve we will join our neighbors at Mike & Tracy Monzano's, in February, a week in Hawaii with Mike & Kathy, in September we are hosting the Cory Family Society meeting, and, of course, there will be wine pickups in Sonoma. Stay safe, get your booster, and wear a proper mask.

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2022 Events



Sherry gets Citizen of the Year



Famous Katz Deli, NYC



Jamestown, VA



Chris meets George and Tom



Montpelier



Dinner with Marty & Lisa



Breakfast at Christ Church, Oxford



Margaritas in Travemünde



Lübeck City Gate, Germany



The Canals of Bruges



German Trench in Flanders Field



Time for a Belgian Beer



Paris Dining with Pablo & Marika



Cory Friends, Oulton Broad



Bernie, Ivette, Bernardo



Sisters at Inspiration Point



Cony, Lalo, Chris, Puerto Vallarta



Time for a Mexican Beer



Chris & Cristy, Guadalajara



Rosalie & Poppy with Power Tools



Wining in Sonoma