

Riel Bowl IX Dine Out gift certificate finally used Ed Riel family enjoys dinner at Italian restaurant

Finally, after several months of intensive planning, the whole family found a night that fit everyone's busy schedule. The date selected, October 3, also was Ed 52nd birthday, so we had a double celebration. Based on a recommendation Ed got from a friend, the place selected was as shown at the left. This restaurant (translated, the name means "Joe's basement") is located downtown, at 6th and G streets, and is an interesting and unusual establishment. It is the only restaurant where one walks through the kitchen to get to the dining room. As a matter of fact, there are a couple of tables in the kitchen, for those who like to watch food cooking. Another unusual feature is the size of the various items on the menu. Our waiter suggested that three or four entrees plus two salad bowls would be more than adequate for our party of eight, and that turned out to be an accurate recommendation. We had two great pizzas, pasta with Linguini clam sauce, and veal parmesan, plus drinks, of course. Everyone was stuffed, even Ed, (probably a first!). After dinner Ed opened his birthday gifts, we had dessert, and that ended a very special evening.



We wish Ed a great big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY !**, and the best of everything in the future.

There were no other birthday celebrations, and Grandma and Grandpa continue to fall further and further behind with every passing week. We continue to look for contacts with those who have been left out, and hope that they will contact us to set up suitable time schedules.

Birthday calendar for October

Edward Riel	October 3	52
Katy Riel	October 6,	15
Scott Hartman	October 15	15

Some sports news

We received from Katy an e-mail report on activities by the Riel family, but it was too late to fit into last month's issue. However, we now can bring you up to date, as follows.

*Hay Grandpa
How are you? Well, our family is fine and I am*



The Riel Family Newsletter

Catch the News

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and I am writing to give you an update on me and Brian. Well, Brian is still swimming and is improving. This past weekend Brian competed with the J.O. Max but did not place. I, on the other hand, decided to try out for cheer at my new high school and if I made the team I was then going to quit swim because I would not be able to handle 2 hour cheer practice, 2 hour swim, and then 2-3 hours of homework. Well, tryouts were on Friday at 8 a.m. and by noon we were able to call in to see if we made the team. When I called I was so excited that I made the team. Today was the school's grand opening and we did our first routine. In the next couple of weeks I will have our first football rally and our first game.

My coaches are really awesome. One of the coaches, Troy L., knows Jessica from "Bring It On" (movie), and my other coach, Alex, also knows Jessica from CYT, and they both say "Hi".

Well, I guess I better go. I love you - Katy

Thank, Katy, for this report, and keep them coming. I promise I will print them in a more timely manner than the above one.

CORRECTION - Some of you may have noticed that I forgot Michael's last name in the college and school listings in last month's issue. Of course, we all know that it is Michael Riel-Mehan, but it should have been done right - sorry.

Sick call

We heard from Francie that Lyle's father has been hospitalized for some time, and now is in critical condition. Francie says that he probably will not survive, but there still is some hope, and we certainly pray that he will somehow get over this crisis.



Grandma had a slight accident recently. On afternoon she went for a walk and a little light shopping in the Midway and Rosecrans area. About 4:00 p.m. Grandpa's phone rang, and an unfamiliar voice said that a lady had fallen down, hit her face on the sidewalk, and was bleeding profusely. I rushed down, and found her at a Rubio's along with two nice elderly ladies. They had obtained some ice and paper towels, and the blood flow was more or less stopped. We rushed off to the Urgent Care facility, where five or six

stitches closed up the cut in her upper lip. It was pretty sore for a few days, and she complained that she looked like the old movie star Edwin G. Robinson. Five days later the stitches were removed, and now all is back to normal.



Travel news

Francie recently returned from two trips to trade shows, both in Kentucky. She reported the usual successful visit. She also reported a somewhat amusing incident that happened recently. One day she received a long distance call from a lady who wanted to set up an appointment to have Francie give her a permanent. The caller said that she got Francie's name from Daniel Galvin, the famous London hair coloring stylist, who had told her that Francie was the best in all this country. It turned out that the lady was calling from Jamaica, and wanted to know if Francie could meet her somewhere on the east coast. After several calls no firm plans were defined.

Listy returned recently from Washington, DC, where she, her principal, and another teacher represented Scripps Ranch HS and accepted an award for academic excellence. There were 195 schools throughout the country who were so honored, and we congratulate Listy for the great job she is doing at her new job.

Some movie reviews

We had a chance to see the movie "Bring It On" recently. You may recall that this is the movie made here in San Diego, and the one in which Jessica's cheer leader team appeared. We enjoyed the film, and Grandma was able to spot Jessica when her team appeared on screen. Although not a great film, it was enjoyable, and it was a thrill to see Jessica on the big screen.



We also have seen one other movie we liked. It was "Saving Grace", a very funny British film about an elderly widow who takes up gardening to pay off the estate mortgage taken by her late husband. She discovers a very profitable cash crop, and in a surprise ending is able to save the family home from foreclosure. The acting is excellent, and it is a film well worth seeing.