

## Jessica-Miguel wedding – May 27, 2010

After many months of planning, and several preliminary parties, the great day finally arrived. The site was a lovely La Jolla home, the Darlington House, that had been remodeled to make it suitable for occasions such as weddings, parties, etc. The guests began to arrive at 4:00 o'clock, and the various official and family photographers took lots of pictures. At 5:00 o'clock the guests were seated at an outdoor patio, and the ceremony began with a procession of the bridal party down the walk-way, around a lovely fountain and pool. Music was provided by Jason and Dustin, playing their guitars. The ceremony was conducted by a lay minister who is a close friend of Carol and also taught Jessica through her high school years. During and after the ceremony lots more pictures were taken and the guests enjoyed drinks and snacks until dinner was served. This concluded a lovely wedding, as the happy couple took off for a honeymoon vacation in Hawaii.

We join all of their family in wishing them MUCH HAPPINESS AND GOOD LUCK IN THEIR FUTURE!!!



## Wedding Photography

Photography dates back to the early 1800s. We all have seen Civil War pictures and early sports photos taken by professionals, who used elaborate equipment. Film sensitivity to light was marginal, and early picture takers used magnesium powder sprinkled on a metal tray and ignited to produce the brilliant flash needed in dim or no natural light. The early pictures were recorded on glass plates coated with the light sensitive chemical emulsions. These complications pretty much limited photography to professionals. All that changed, however, when George Eastman developed plastic film to replace the glass plate. This opened the door to private citizens as amateur photographers, and before long cameras became common household items. In 1930 the Eastmen Kodak Company conceived one of the cleverest advertising schemes. Every 12 year old child whose birthday was in 1930 (30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Company) was offered a free Kodak Brownie camera. Thus, Grandpa acquired his first camera, and soon thereafter he set up a dark room in a closet and acquired the necessary chemicals to develop and print his own pictures. Most people, however, sent their own films out to a commercial supplier, and photography became big business. All this changed with the advent of the digital camera. Once you buy one, and assuming you already own a computer and a printer you now have the ability to produce as many pictures as you wish.

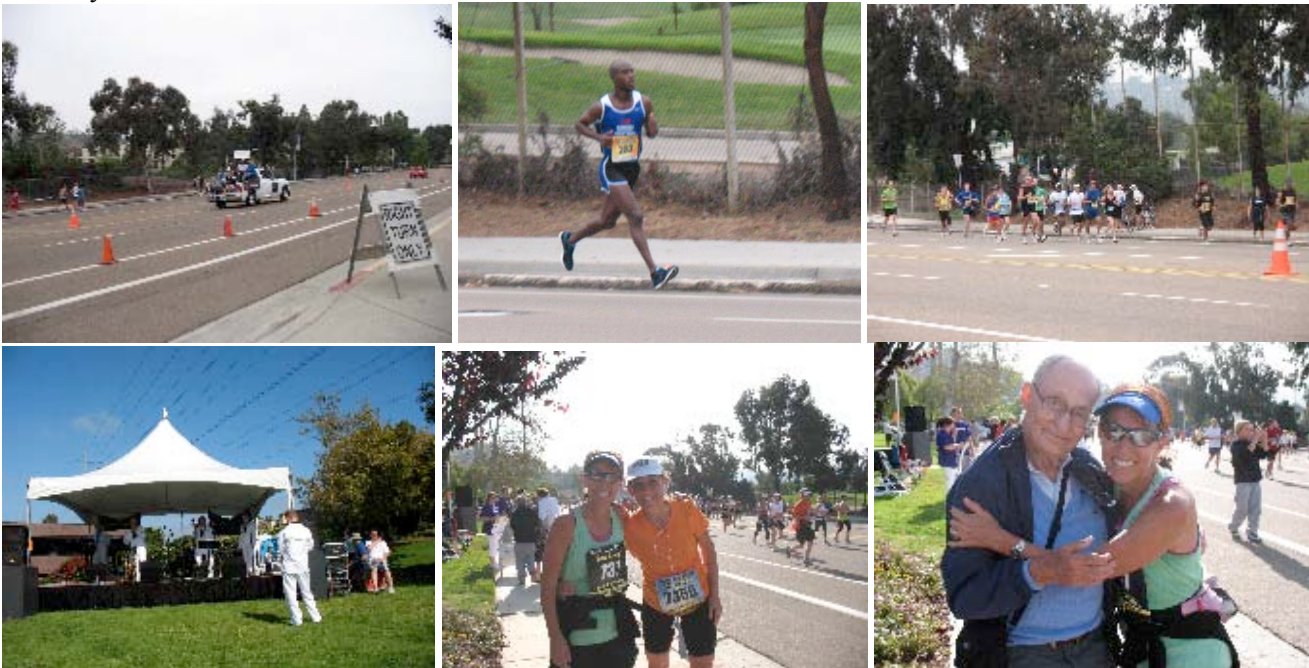
At the wedding, digital cameras were everywhere with Birdy taking 900 pictures, Francie took 500, and Grandpa only about 40 pictures. Of course, Carol, Margaret, Listy and others including from Miguel's family were also snapping pictures. This was all in addition to the professional photographer ; hence one might conclude the event was recorded by at many thousands of pictures. Of course, the totals can be reviewed and the bad ones culled out. While Grandma was too tired and cold to stay for dinner, we use pictures that Francie kindly provided to tell the dinner story.





## Rock and Roll Marathon - 2010

Due to space limitations we did not cover this popular June San Diego event in the June RFNL. As usual, Grandpa and Grandma took our scooters down to Friars Road to watch the excitement. Grandpa went early and took up his usual spot and was in time to see the leaders go by. Unlike prior years there were lots of spectators along Friars Road enjoying the excitement and music from a Navy band, a first for this year. Listy and her running pal showed up at this half-way point on schedule, and successfully finished the race. Grandma was located further east, at the Via Las Cumbras intersection. There she greeted the other family contestants, Ed, Nathan, Nicole, and Chris (who opted for the half marathon this year), but the others went the full distance.. Somehow or other Grandpa failed to spot the Ed group as it went by, so we did not get any pictures of them. It was a fun morning and we look forward to next year's race.



## Fathers Day, June 20 2010

There were two celebrations on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June, Father's Day and also a party celebrating David Gillingham's graduation from National University. This presented no problem for the Family – they simply organized a roving party, 4 – 6 p.m. at Francie and Lyle's home and a 6 -10 p.m. party at Bob and Listy' home. Francie and Lyle set out lots of fresh fruits and snacks for all to enjoy, and there was lots of catching up on new family activities. Everyone had a great time and as 6 p.m. approached a car caravan was quickly organized and we took off for the next party. Thanks, as usual, to Lyle and Francie for hosting another nice family celebration.



## David Gillingham graduates from National University

The roving party group pulled in at the Gillingham home shortly after 6 p.m. and found a large group of friends and relatives already assembled. The new graduate was busy greeting everyone, and talking about the next item in his career. He already had been working part time at Francis Parker Lower School, as a part of the after school program. Recently he also won a job with the Low Voltage Home Security Company, owned by Listy's running pal and family friend Doug Farkas. We will see what happens next as time goes on. At the party, everyone was enjoying snacks, sandwiches, and drinks. Dave was excited to anticipate his coming vacation in Europe. Listy and Bob will be leaving soon for London, Paris, and Rome. The children, Dave, Kristy and Seamus, and Annie will join to tour Germany and Italy. They will spend nearly three weeks in these exciting and beautiful countries. We look forward to a full report on their adventures.



## Grandpa and Grandma finally recover from the flood!!

You are all aware that on May 7, 2010 the bedroom in our condo was accidentally flooded and the carpet ruined. Fortunately the damage was covered by insurance, and finally, by the end of July a new carpet was in place and order was restored. It was a very traumatic experience, and we hope it is the last flood damage we ever experience. Once the damage was repaired the new carpet had to be installed, and both steps required extensive moving of furniture and emptying of closets. We especially thank Ed for the help and advice that he provided throughout the entire time things were in progress, and also Jeff and Jason, who helped in the final step in re-hanging the wall carpet and reassembling the bed.

