

## Family celebrates Thanksgiving with Margaret and Bud

Another year...another Thanksgiving, and once again the family gathered in Encinitas to enjoy roast turkey, grilled salmon, curried pumpkin, and soup and trimmings brought by all. As usual, the turkey was expertly carved by Bud, with Jeff's help. The contest involved identifying a set of herbs that were grown in Margaret's, Francie's and Jeff's garden (which is about is left for harvest at this time of the year). With many cooks in the family, there was lots of discussion. The fennel and dill looked the same, the parsley resembled cilantro but the smell and taste were the clues. Nicole and Kevin won the harvest contest and with it the prize money. Everyone agreed the food was exceptionally good this year, and we thank all who took special effort to prepare their favorite dishes, and ESPECIALLY Margaret and Bud for hosting this special family celebration.



There were several discussions about the soon to be Riel Bowl XX on January 1<sup>st</sup>, and Robert was somewhat reluctant to go into the agenda other than to say that there will be a special program of events. So we are all looking forward to the Riel Bowl XX.





## Sorem Family Celebrates Alan's birthday in NYC

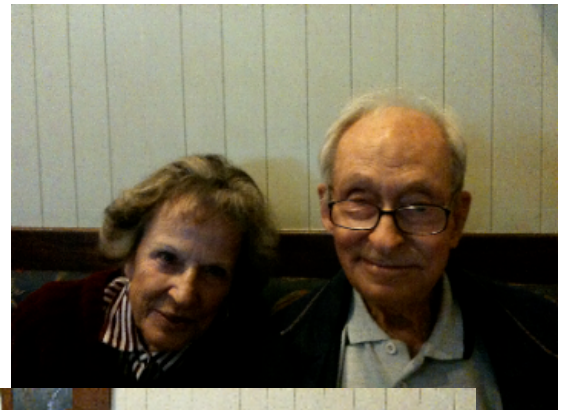
On December 4th, Bryce hopped on a plane in Phoenix and Francie on one here in San Diego. They met up in Denver to travel on to New York together to meet up with Brett and Alan for a little birthday celebration. Alan had arrived the day before and after traveling all day, they all met for a great dinner at Revel the restaurant that Brett works in. The following day they headed over to the Charger bar in the lower east side of New York to watch the Oakland game. Even though the game was less than memorable, the atmosphere was great. They even play the Chargers song after each touchdown (sadly, they only heard it once) The boys will be coming into San Diego for Christmas so look forward to some type of taco Tuesday ahead.

## Grandpa celebrates 92<sup>nd</sup> B Day

On Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> the regular lunch group was expanded by Carol/Jeff and Margaret/Bud and we took off for the Red Lobster for a birthday lunch. Before we left home, however, we enjoyed opening some gifts. The one that attracted the most attention is shown in the attached photo. The globe is filled with water and the golf ball has a very slight negative buoyancy. The object is to "tee up" the ball. So far, no one has succeeded, although there were a lot of "almosts." We plan on bringing the ball to Riel Bowl XX, and offering a prize to anyone who is successful.



We enjoyed a second celebration on the actual day, the 6<sup>th</sup>. The pros at the Admiral Baker golf club had previously given Grandpa a signed "Happy Birthday" card, with Jim Eagen, the head pro authorizing a free round of golf, with electric cart for two, which we enjoyed very much.



### Late news flash !!!!

Grandma has taken several DMV written tests but did not pass. So, after reading the instruction book and working many internet trial tests she was successful, and will be getting her new driving license !!

...AND A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALAN !!

## Listy receives award from California League of Middle Schools

November 17, 2010

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Dear Listy: I am pleased to inform you that you have been nominated by Carmen Munnely to be honored for your contributions to middle level education.

Congratulations! The California League of Middle Schools Region 9 is pleased to inform you that you have been awarded our Service Award for 2010. This award is made in recognition of the contribution that you have continuously made over many years in support of middle level education, teachers and schools. Your spirit is truly one worthy of this recognition. Your passion for what you do, and for middle level students is obvious in every aspect of your work.

I would like to invite you and your guest to the awards dinner at 5:30 pm on Monday, December 15, 2010. The award will be presented on Wednesday, December 15, 2010, at our Educator of the Year dinner at the Admiral Kidd Club in San Diego. You will receive details under separate cover, but I look forward to seeing you on December 15, 2010, at 5:30 PM for the dinner and awards ceremony.

We ask that you be prepared to present a 1-3 minute speech about yourself addressing one of the things you enjoy most about teaching an/or what you feel has been your biggest accomplishment as an educator.

Again, congratulations from CLMS.

Sincerely,

Lois Booth, Board Trustee, Region 9



## Annie enjoying life in Spain by Listy Gillingham



Annie is living the good life in Spain while she is young, single, and free of most responsibilities. She is teaching English in a semi private/public school just outside of Madrid and is learning that teaching isn't something she's interested in pursuing for a career. She is teaching kids from age 7 – 18 and has over 800 students she is working with on a weekly basis. She is the “native speaker” and is hired to bring in the American culture into their English classes. She rotates into every classroom and is often left to deal with the students on her own where she tries to figure out what they're learning and adds what she can to the lesson. She has a few classes that she meets with more often and she's the only teacher assigned to it...(extra-curricular) thus giving her a little more of an opportunity to see progress. What she enjoys most....is living abroad, learning more Spanish, and having the opportunity to travel. She loves olives and is seen here holding a bag of newly purchased fresh olives (must be the Greek in her coming out). She had a friend from Scripps Ranch to travel with, but she was not able to get a Visa and had to return to the States, leaving Annie in Madrid with her new roommates. She won't be coming home for Christmas, but she will be traveling to Rome to visit some friends and she will be meeting up with my running partners, Kym and Doug...who will be her substitute family for the holidays.



She enjoyed a visit with her BFF Don Quixote in this picture. She had a big trip planned for the 1<sup>st</sup> of December to Prague; Unfortunately she picked the day the airport was shut down because of the air traffic control strike, and had to settle for a long bus ride to Barcelona instead (I know you feel sorry for her).



## Plans for Kevin and Nicole's wedding

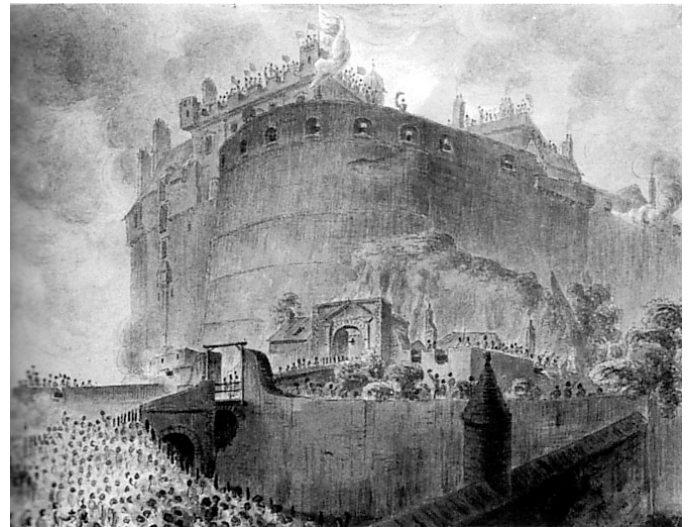


Kevin and Nicole plan to wed in Edinburgh, Scotland. The date is set for Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> of September, and the site: none other than Edinburgh Castle. The ceremony will be followed by a night of food and drink, dancing, and general

merriment at the restaurant Marlin's Wynd. Plans are also in the works for the rehearsal dinner to be hosted at the oldest pub in Scotland, the Sheeps Heid Inn (est. 1360), a venue further distinguished by virtue of having the oldest skittles lanes (think medieval bowling alleys) in the world.

Afterwards, Kevin and Nicole plan on honeymooning across Europe; First to Germany for Oktoberfest and to visit relatives of Nicole's; then on to Rome and Paris for a couple weeks of epicurean indulgence.

Everyone is invited. However, because the wedding venue is – alas! – not the entire castle, but a banquet hall in it, space is limited. While it is likely that only a handful of the most intrepid of you will be able to make the trans-Atlantic journey, just in case only aunts and uncles will receive invitations in the mail (save-the-dates should be arriving sometime in the next month). If any of you cousins wish to come, contact Kevin ([kevinlouisriel@yahoo.com](mailto:kevinlouisriel@yahoo.com)) and he'll put you on the guest list and send an invitation. For those who can't make it, keep in mind that there will be a reception party in San Diego soon after the newlyweds return. Also, if you do plan on coming: be sure to renew your passports as soon as possible. Renewals can take up to six months to be processed.



The castle during the visit of George IV in 1822, drawn by James Skene (but can it handle the Riel Family?)

## CAREER MOVE back home for Nathan

-Ed Riel

In many ways Jan and I will miss having Nathan working as bartender, manager for the OBeastro Café. It's a small independent restaurant whose food and atmosphere we both personally enjoy and enthusiastically recommend to family and friends. Located on the 4900 block of Voltaire Street, it is walking distance from our home, and very easy to go see how our son was doing without seeming to be over intrusive: (Over intrusive, as in, that late stage, parent ailment that we all try to conceal.) It was always so reassuring to see him working hard and so liked and respected by his customers, co-workers and bosses. We were touched that, after Nathan had notified the owners of his decision to leave and become an electrician, they put together a little going away skit for him at the company's Christmas party. They tied him to a chair and all of the most beautiful waitresses in the world (who happen to work at the OBistro) did a very suggestive dance around our Nathan to the music of My Guy. How he can sail on to a new carrier after that; I don't know (Damn almighty buck).

But sail on, he has. He was sworn into the IBEW union local 569 on December 9<sup>th</sup> and will start his apprenticeship program with them next year. He works during the day at Dynelectric (presently digging ditches at Gulf Atomic), and is still closing down the Bistro at night. His last night at the OBistro will be New Years Eve. If you are out and about OB that night, stop in.