

The Riel Family Newsletter

Catch The News

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Jason and Chauva are Married - August 31, 2012



Not Your Usual Birthday Party!



On Thursday, August 30, 2012 Jason celebrated his 31st birthday and, by the way, also practiced for his wedding which would be held the next day. So, in fact, the rehearsal dinner that Jeff and Carol put on that night doubled as a celebration of Jason's birthday.

Family and friends joined the bridal party at Pizza Nova on Harbor Drive at 6:00pm and were directed to the upper floor patio that had a wonderful view of the harbor. The weather was perfect nice and warm with a cooling breeze. The food was superb with plenty of appetizers, pastas and of course pizza. And, of course, there were plenty of drinks to keep all the guests in a festive mood. There was however a slight mix up on the birthday cake. Carol and Jeff had ordered 4 cakes, 3 for the wedding and 1 for Jason's birthday. Unfortunately one of the wedding cakes arrived instead of the one prepared for his





birthday. The good news is that we Riels don't really care what the cake is for, only that it tastes good going down, which certainly was the case here.

During all the toasts Jason even remarked how appropriate having his birthday cake at the wedding would be, in that, from now on anytime he is presented a birthday cake he will turn to Chavva and say Happy Anniversary! Thereby insuring he will never be in the dog house for forgetting such an important date!

We all thank Carol and Jeff for hosting such a wonderful party it was a perfect "kick-off" to the birthday/wedding weekend. Speaking of which, a new Riel first was set at the wedding when BOTH Birdy and Bruce officiated the couples nuptials. On the following pages RFNL has reprinted the entire ceremony as presented by the Hartmans.



The Ocean View Wedding of Jason and Charva



BRUCE: Welcome everyone to Jason and Charva's special day. They have asked you to share in this day because you all play a special role in their lives.

BIRDY: Over a year ago, when Jason and Charva asked Bruce and I to marry them, we felt enormously honored. It is one thing to sit in the crowd and watch the ceremony from the chairs, but I have to say, these seats are really awesome. If only I could use my camera from here, I think it would be perfect.

BRUCE: Jason and Charva have an interesting story... They were friends for a long time before either of them ever realized there might be chemistry.

One example of that was high school Prom night. Jason was corrupted that night after they went to Charva's senior prom as friends. The after prom party was Jason's first experience with alcohol... He got ripped while thinking he was pretty cool to be hanging out at a party with booze and with a bunch of seniors while he

was just a junior. He doesn't remember all of the details of that night and the next day Jason wasn't feeling so cool when Carol made him mow the lawn with an ugly first time hangover.

Several years later following college they met up again on the soccer field. This time there was something there that kept each interested in the other... Jason soon fell in love with the idea that this girl was an athlete and a bartender and then there were the other benefits... The best of all worlds.



The early relationship had more twists and turns than highway 1 near Carmel. They took turns breaking it off. First it was Chavva who sent Jason a screw you e-mail to break it off because things were getting too serious and she was afraid of hooking up. Later when Jason broke it off, Chavva went the other way and wanted him back and the fear of a serious relationship seemed to vanish.



Finally, after a solid year of dating, in a weak moment, Jason said "I love you" and the most romantic words ever uttered...He asked: Are you sleeping with anyone? And when she replied, "NO!" Jason so romantically said, "Well I guess



you're my girlfriend! ...And here we are today...

BIRDY: We find it very fitting to stand before you all as a couple because when we asked Chavva why she wanted to get married to Jason she said: I can't imagine spending the rest of my life without my best friend. That is exactly how Bruce and I feel about marriage. Today you guys have an incredibly strong feeling for one another. That feeling will continue to grow in depth and each year will bring you closer and more deeply in love than you are today. The good times are only beginning.





We asked Chavva and Jason to choose one object to represent their lives together. What would it be and why? Their answer.... "A soccer ball." They wrote:

"We met in high school because of soccer. Then later we ran into each other while playing indoor soccer after we both graduated college and moved home. We have been playing on soccer teams together ever since."

So today, Jason and Chavva, we are presenting you with a soccer ball. A soccer ball is a wonderful symbol of what a marriage should be all about.

First of all, it is playful. We hope in your marriage that you always make time to be playful and have fun and enjoy each other. When that ball lands at your feet and you meet your best friend on the field, you kick it with all of your might and be the best that you can be...but when you are off the field, you rub each other's feet and pat them on the back for a game well played.

Marriage can be like a soccer game because marriage is the ultimate team sport. In order to win you have to be willing to trust your teammate. You have to be fast on your feet and pass the ball to them even when you feel like you could make the better shot. And you must never think that you can run the ball by yourself. A marriage, like a team, relies on the players working together at all times.



BRUCE: A soccer ball has many parts or facets (32 to be exact)...both black and white all sewn together to make a perfect sphere. A marriage has many facets as well. Your job as a couple is to connect the many facets of your lives together to become one complete perfect union...much like a soccer ball. If you do find challenges in coming together...it becomes a time to compromise, not a time to go for the win! In soccer, it is all about winning, in marriage it is all about loving each other so much that you are willing to give in to each other and find common ground...Always remember...You can be RIGHT or you can be HAPPY.



BIRDY: Remember as you dribble, pass and take shots in everyday life to keep each other first. Jason,....surprise Chavva by washing her car, cooking her delicious dinners and take out the trash (without prompting) Chavva, surprise Jason by cooking





for him, walking the dogs, scooping the poop....you can always say the words I love you....but actions always speak volumes in a marriage. Your ultimate goal is to make each other as happy as can be....because it is true, if your partner is happy, you too will be happy.

BRUCE: Finally, there is always a crowd at soccer games cheering you on. All of these people here are your people, your adoring fans. We promise to cheer you on as you grow in your relationship. We promise to help support you in your marriage and we hope that you have a ball each and every day of your life together.



We would like all of you will take a moment to sign Jason's and Chavva's soccer ball and Jason...I hope you score often! (wink-wink)

We gather here today to honor Jason and Chavva's commitment and to witness and celebrate their union. Today Chavva and Jason will proclaim their love to the world. We should rejoice to be in the presence of true love, such as theirs. In marriage two become one by giving themselves up to each other - and, by so doing, receive in turn the gift of love and trust. But that gift is shared, not just by the two being joined today, but by all they touch - their friends and family, all that are present here today.





BIRDY:
Jason, a wife is a woman who overlooks your bad points but doesn't overlook you.

She's someone who can make you feel beautiful by a look in her eyes.

She knows when to wrap her arms around you to shield you from the world and when to leave you alone if you need some space.

She gives you the freedom to be your own person but is always available so that you're never alone.



A wife shares what goes on in her life and cares about what goes on in yours.

She's a part of you; she's always on your mind and in your heart.

A wife is an irreplaceable person in your life - she's a lover, a protector, a companion, and a friend.

BRUCE:
Chavva, a husband is a man who overlooks your bad points but doesn't overlook you.



He's someone who can make you feel beautiful by a look in his eyes.

He knows when to wrap his arms around you to shield you from the world and when to leave you alone if you need some space.



He gives you the freedom to be your own person but is always available so that you're never alone.

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BIRDY: Jason. Do you have the rings?

Jason, will you have Chavva to be your wife, in all love and honor, in all faith and tenderness, to live with her and cherish her with all of your heart?



BRUCE: Chavva will you have Jason to be your husband, in all love and honor, in all faith and tenderness, to live with him and cherish him, with all of your heart?

BRUCE: Some say that marriage is the oldest rite in the world. It is certainly the most momentous time in a couple's life, the most significant celebration of a community. As such, it should not be entered into thoughtlessly or lightly. Your future happiness and prosperity depends much on what you put into this relationship.

BIRDY: Marriage is a promise to your best friend, to your love, that you will honor and cherish each other, not for a fleeting period, but for the rest of your lives. And as all good Riel weddings come to a close, we must say in honor of Grandma Ya Ya... "God Bless you my children" each and every day of your lives!

BRUCE & BIRDY: By the powers vested in us by the internet, and the laws of the State of California, We now pronounce you husband and wife.

BRUCE: Now you guys can officially smooch.

BIRDY To the Assembly: May we be the first to introduce Mr. and Mrs. Jason Benesch!



RFNL Nice Guy Award

If there was ever such an award it would have to go to Bob Gillingham.

As most of you know I had foot surgery on August 16th for this damned broken 5th metatarsal that has plagued me for the last nine months from re-breaking it several times. As part of the recovery I had to promise to stay off my foot and remain completely non-weight bearing for five weeks. To do that, I have one of those stupid looking "Knee Walkers." It is a scooter that you kneel on and push yourself along with your good leg. I swore that I would never use one of those things but now I have to admit...it works pretty well!

Getting in and out of the house presented a bit of a challenge for me to lift the knee walker over the small step at the door and again at the driveway while not allowing any weight on my foot and keeping my balance...I'm not twenty-something anymore.

While sitting on the couch watching some mindless dribble on the TV with Corbin I kept hearing power tools and wood being sawn. It sounded close by. In fact Corbin commented "I hear daddy" since he is used to Craig remodeling their home and associates power tools with his daddy. I just figured it was the neighbor working on something until Listy walked in the front door and said "can't you hear all the noise Bob is making out here?"

It turned out that Bob was building a set of ramps so that I could enter and exit the house effortlessly! He never asked me or said anything. He just showed up with a truck full of wood and tools and started building. That's why I say Bob gets the "RFNL Nice Guy Award." It was truly the nicest thing in the world and there is no way I could ever say THANK YOU with enough behind it to convey how much it meant to me!

Thanks Bob, you're the best...and the ramps are awesome!

Bruce



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Michelle has graduated from the basic training school as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy! She tells us that it's not the regular basic training school that all recruits go through but a shortened version that indoctrinates new doctors joining the Navy. She learned the really important stuff like how to salute and tell an admiral from a doorman. Congratulations to you Michelle, and now the fun really begins!



OK, let's face it; this picture was just too cute to not put in the RFNL. As Kristy put it: "why I chose to feed him spaghetti AFTER his bath is beyond me..."



Just in case the wedding weekend that also had Jason's birthday in it, wasn't enough to keep you busy. On Sunday, two days after the wedding, Carol and Jeff hosted a birthday party to celebrate Benny's and Holden's 1st birthdays.

It was a great party with lots of presents, food and cake. It was the perfect end to a really wonderful (and busy) weekend!



Robert was recently in the news to announce the completion of a 1.7MW solar field located at MCRD San Diego. He and Brigadier General Yoo, commander of the base, cut the ribbon to officially put "on-line" the new clean energy production facility. Along with other installations Robert's company installed at the base, this new facility will allow the MCRD to, at times, produce more electricity than it uses, a first in the nation for a Marine Corp base.



Brian joined the 50,000+ people that experienced this year's Burning Man event. It has been said that trying to explain what Burning Man is like to someone who has never been to the event is a bit like trying to explain what a particular color looks like to someone who is blind. People make the journey to the Black Rock Desert for one week out of the year to be part of an experimental community, which challenges its members to express themselves and rely on themselves to a degree that is not normally encountered in one's day-to-day life. Brian reports that he had a great time and will be going back next year.

Now that the **Summer of Weddings** is over; RFNL is giving everyone in the family a "back-to-school" assignment: **"What I Did On My Summer Vacation."** Yes, we are asking everyone to send in an article (and pictures) about their travels over the last three or four months for the October edition. There have been plenty of trips that have taken place and now is your chance to let the family know all about them. So get writing!