



A Mother's Day Weekend - Riel Style!



A Mother's Day Weekend Celebration!

This year the Riel family decided to put a slight twist on the Mother's day celebrations. Instead of trying to get everyone together on Sunday, Listy had the brilliant Idea of having a special day on Saturday Just for Grandma Edith Riel. This worked out perfectly as it allowed many of us to celebrate mother's day with our own families and not be rushed around later trying to make it to a larger family gathering.



It also made it better for Grandma Edith as she was the center of attention when Ed, Bud, Margaret, Carol, Robert, Listy, Bob and Birdy all met up at the Gillingham's home for a very special lunch. The group began to gather around 11:30 and opened the festivities by playing a Riel favorite, Ping-Pong. Grandma officiated the matches and enjoyed seeing her kids "play" together one more time.



Soon it was time for lunch, which featured a very impressive salad bar with the fixings being supplied by us kids. There was also a very delicious cream of Mushroom soup that everyone really enjoyed (thanks Listy). So, with soup and salad ready for the group, everyone was looking for the paper plates and bowls so we could “dig in” as Dad used to say. But wait!!! What’s this??? Are we actually



having a sit down lunch on the old family dining room table with real plates and silverware? Listy and Bob had the table all set up and it was a real treat to once again be enjoying a meal together around that old table. Just stepping over that old bench to sit down brought back many memories from when I was just a kid. Birdy even remarked how many good memories she has had at this table.

It was a very enjoyable lunch and with the smaller crowd of just her kids, Grandma Edith really did enjoy herself. She was very engaged with the conversations and laughed along with the whole family. This was the perfect Mother's day gift for her but wait, there's more...



After lunch, she was showered with many gifts including a sweater, shirts and some handkerchiefs. To top it all off Carol made Mom some "Conga" bars, which were served with ice cream for dessert. Don't worry, Carol made a special batch in the shape of a heart so Mom would have some to take home.



Overall, it was a wonderful afternoon and one that Mom really enjoyed. Many thanks go out to all the kids but most notably to Listy and Bob for setting this up and hosting it at their home. I vote that this be a new tradition and look forward to doing it again next year.





Easter at the Mehans

By Margaret Riel and Michael Mehan

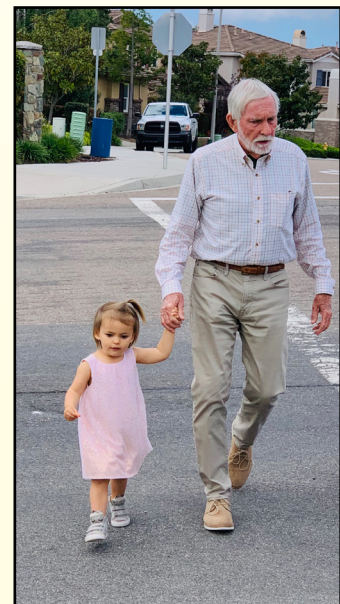


This year, Michael and Ashley invited the clan over to their home for the official Riel Easter celebration. We were all grateful to have such a lovely space to enjoy the day and the kids, who zeroed in on the playroom immediately, were really excited to have such a great place to just be kids.

Starting around 10:30 on Easter morning, we all met at their house which is near the Elfin Forest area, west of Escondido. Once everyone was there, the group took off on a two-block walk to the park with a wagon of provisions following behind the Easter Parade. Note for the future, this is a great park, almost no other people were there.



Once we got to the park, Margaret arranged for some of the same activities that a number of us adults had done back in 1964 when we were roughly the same ages as the little kids were today. There was a race that involved kicking water balloons along as you make your way to the finish line (the real trick was not breaking them and having to stat over). While a number of kids were keeping their balloons moving down the path, challenging for the lead, Liam Keith (Listy's grandson) finally pulled ahead and won the event.



The three-legged race was next with one parent (or grandparent) tied to one kid. While there were a number of different strategies attempted, ultimately it was Seamus and Liam who used speed and agility to win the race. Liam got to pick first from the winner's bucket, but all kids got toys to play with. The bubbles were a great hit with some of the kids while others enjoyed becoming sidewalk artists and left chalk art for others to admire.



Soon, word arrived from the home front that the Easter Bunny had visited and hidden some treats for kids who might want to find them. So once again the parade of family members made the trek back to the Mehan home followed, of course, by a slightly lighter wagon of provisions.



Once back, the kids huddled around Michael with their Easter baskets as he explained some of the ground rules for hunting eggs. Michael had a great way of dealing with the differing age ranges of kids. He tagged

each kid- starting with the youngest, Addy,- to enter the house and yard to hunt for eggs. This gave the little ones a head start. The kids dashed about finding eggs in all sorts of places. Addy was funny -- after she had about 8 plastic eggs she plopped down on the floor to begin to open them. Others suggested that she should keep looking but she was happy with her collection.





Later, when everyone was eating, Addy was sitting in her normal place at the table, but unfortunately, she was surrounded by, oh no, adults! Quickly, she looked out the window and noticed that all of the kids were sitting at the table outside. Keeping her options open, she left her plate of food and went outside to see if there was a place for her to sit. Once she confirmed a spot she ran back into the kitchen, grabbed her plate and relocate outdoors with the other kids (along Carol who was looking very comfortable at the little table).

The lunch consisted of sandwiches, salads, and a veggie tray which was in the shape of a bunny (thanks to creative Carol). And of course, there were treats of all kinds for dessert. As we were all enjoying the last few bites of our lunch, Noah surprised everyone by catching a lizard with his bare hands. Apparently, he is a lizard whisperer, which is a very special talent.

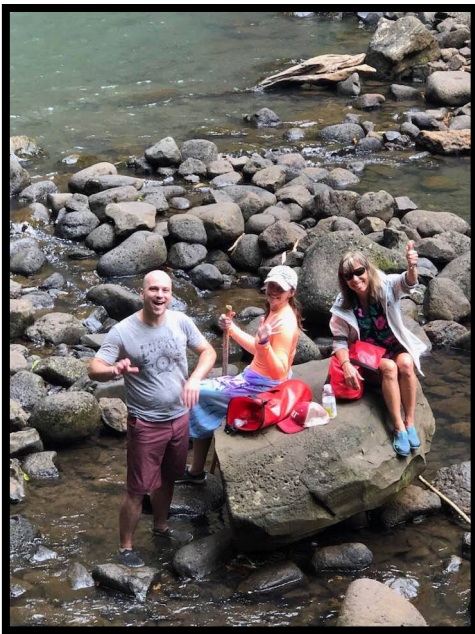
After everyone had eaten and the kids had finished playing with both their new and old toys, the house finally cleared out. Michael and Ashley looked at each other and smiled, they had survived hosting their first Riel event! We were all grateful to them for inviting us to their lovely home and helping us continue to create shared memories as the family moves into the third generation of kids.

Spring Break

By Birdy Hartman



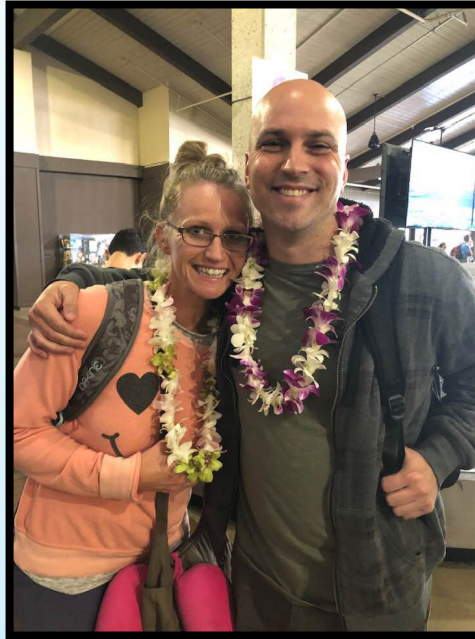
One of the best things about being a teacher is that you continue to have all the breaks that a traditional school schedule offers. I feel like I have never grown up into a real job because as our dad used to say, “What? You are a vacation again? Don’t teachers ever work?” The truth is that we work very hard (ask Carol, Margaret, Bud, David, Bethany, Kristy, Annie, Bob and Listy) and Spring Breaks are just an added perk!



This Spring Break was particularly nice because we spent it with Scott and Krissy in Kauai! Kauai is always a treat, but it was extra special showing both Scott and Krissy around to some of our favorite spots. We did Waimea Canyon, swam with the fish, saw some beautiful beaches (some that I have never even ventured to before), heard deep growling blow holes, kayaked down a river, slipped in the mud, swam under a waterfall and hiked beautiful shore lines. There certainly is a good reason why they call it paradise.



We introduced Krissy and Scott to island favorites like Puka Dogs (don't knock it until you've tried it) and the fish tacos at the Coconut. We played games, hung out with Krissy's dad (who just happened to be cruising by on a cruise). We had an amazing vacation and wish that everyone could enjoy a Spring Break like this one!



FAMILY SHORTS



The Twins Turn 5!

On May 1st Sofia and Mateo turned 5! It's hard to believe that they will be starting kindergarten next year, the years just keep fly by! We spent their actual birthday at Chuck E. Cheese and then on Sunday at a Ninja Warrior party held at the Y. Jessica and I made ninja cupcakes, also a ninja cake for Mateo, and a Unicorn cake for Sofia along with sushi rice Krispie Treats!! It turned out great!! Sofie's favorite part was getting a brand-new sister!! Check her out below! We all had a lot of fun.

Commercial Finance Team Announcement

Hi Team

I'm pleased to announce that **Dustin Benesch** has been appointed to the newly created role as **Finance Manager – Enterprise Mobile** effective immediately.

With the recent departure of Mark Traveller we have taken the opportunity to create a new role that will take full ownership of the Enterprise mobile P&L. This new role is a combination of Mark Traveller's Finance Manager role and Dustin's existing role looking after Enterprise customers and A&R. The intention of this newly created position is to deliver planning, analysis and commercial decision support focused on driving positive margin outcomes.

Please join me in congratulating Dustin on his new appointment and this great opportunity!

Regards
Julian

Dustin Gets a Promotion!!!!



Dustin Benesch has accepted the secondment opportunity as FP&A Manager, reporting to me. (the CEO!) Dustin joins from the Enterprise Commercial

Finance team, where he has built a strong business partnering reputation and a track record of simplifying and improving processes. His broader contribution to Finance over the last couple of years has also been

felt through his passionate participation in the FIG and the shadow exec teams. I look forward to seeing this translate into the FP&A team.