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Happy Easter



**Easter
Celebration
at Gila Manor!**

By Listy Gillingham





The Riel Family celebrations continue thanks to Bethany and David who opted to host the family gathering at their new house in Clairemont. The weather was perfect for the event, with the sun shining and the cool breeze from the ocean not so far away. We gathered in the backyard where David and Bethany had lots of areas to relax around.



David borrowed a few tables and chairs from his school so people could spread out and enjoy their lunches in a safe space. Bethany baked some festive cookies to share with the kids and though we only had a few grandkids, the Annual Easter Egg hunt went well. It was fun to see the kids using the putting green (David put it in complete with a slope to keep you on your toes). It also was a great place to hide eggs for Emery to find as she had to compete with the Keith brothers and Zeke. Needless to say, the kids found plenty of eggs and enjoyed the challenge. Bethany's parents, Bruce and Sarah, joined the event and it was great to catch up with their adventures since we haven't seen them in person for a long time due to the pandemic.



It was fun to see all of the improvements David and Bethany have done on their own since moving into their new house. They were lucky enough to purchase the house over a year ago, before the market jumped into this new arena of bidding wars where it is almost impossible for new buyers to get into a home in San Diego.

Everyone appreciated the time and effort David and Bethany put in to offer a Riel Family gathering for us. Francie used to love to be the host for this event, planning it at Lake Murray Park, her house, and at our house over the years. Kristy and Seamus hosted this party once in their Tier-rasanta house and Michael and Ashley took the reins one year in their house in San Marcos. The Easter party is a good one to host because the weather is typically nice for keeping us outdoors. Special thanks to David and Bethany for the extra effort they put in to making us all comfortable and feel so welcomed in they're beautiful home.





Kevin Turns the BIG 40!

By Annie Mulholland



Kevin turned 40 and it was the perfect reason to ditch the kids to celebrate! Kevin's parents flew into town to take over; and pretty much the second they walked in the door; we ran out! Just kidding, we stayed for at least a few minutes to tell them where the food was.



Once we were free, we headed to mission bay for a pontoon boat ride. If you haven't boated the bay on a pontoon, I would highly recommend it. The weather turned out to be perfect. We toasted Kevin with some mimosas and boat beers as well as the best California burritos I have ever had in my life (shout out to Harry's Taco Club, try the green sauce!).

After boating, we headed downtown to get ready for dinner. We went to Isola Pizza bar in Little



Italy where more of Kevin's friends met us. The food was delicious. Once we were done with dinner, I had arranged for the classiest of transports to our final destination: pedicabs! They wheeled us downtown bumpin' tunes with our to-go margaritas and glow sticks to The Field Irish Pub.

This being our final stop, more of Kevin's friends surprised us! The Pub gave us the second floor where I had arranged a guitarist to play us some tunes. We had so much fun dancing the night away and celebrating Kevin's milestone birthday! I apparently took zero photos at our last stop because who has time for that when you're dancing?!

I am already looking for excuses to repeat the day, anyone else turning 40 anytime soon??!



**Happy
Birthday,
Kevin,
Love You!**



Alan is Back in California!



By Alan Sorem

As you have probably heard I moved back to California on April 23rd. Brett, Carinda and Aro moved to Menifee on April 15th., which is only 15 miles from Hemet. So, I figured it was time to get out of the summer heat in AZ.

This last month has been a little crazy with 2 moves. I flew to Austin on April 13 and helped Brett load the truck for the move to Menifee. Bryce and Bridget were visiting so it was great to see everyone for a couple of days. However, a move waits for no one so, Brett and I left Austin on Friday morning very early and drove all day then stayed the night at my house in Gilbert. We got up the next morning and drove all the way to Menifee. Meanwhile, Carinda flew to San Diego with Aro. Once there, we unloaded the truck with lots of help from Lyle, Birdy, Carinda's dad and brother, and Marshall and Chris, who are Carinda's grandparents. Yea, one move complete!

The following week I spent packing my house up and Brett flew in on Friday evening to help out. We loaded the truck up on Saturday morning and started driving to Hemet. On a side note, U-Haul was supposed to have a 26' truck available, but it did not show up. Had to take a 20' which sucked as I had to leave a bedroom set and several other pieces of furniture with one of my neighbors.... Free stuff for Donna. We eventually got on the road and arrived in Hemet in the afternoon. Again, we had some wonderful helpers Kevin, Marshall and Kendal helped us unload the truck.

We are still moving boxes around but happy to be back closer to San Diego. GO PADRES!

New Address is: 1849 Balsawood Drive, Hemet, CA 92545





Ashley is Skyline Elementary Teacher of the Year

We all know what a great teacher Ashley is, but it is great to see her school formally recognize her talents. Ashley was recently selected

as Teacher of the Year at Skyline Elementary in Solana Beach. She teaches third and fourth grade in the Global Education Program, which is a program within the school that focuses on international relations with academic content related to foreign language, cultural issues, current events, geography, and scientific discoveries. Her parents surprised her with a party to celebrate this great honor. It was wonderful to have such a good reason to celebrate and to be able to have a family party.



Ashley MacMitchell

Room 204

8, 9, and 10 year olds

Years Teaching: Eleven Years

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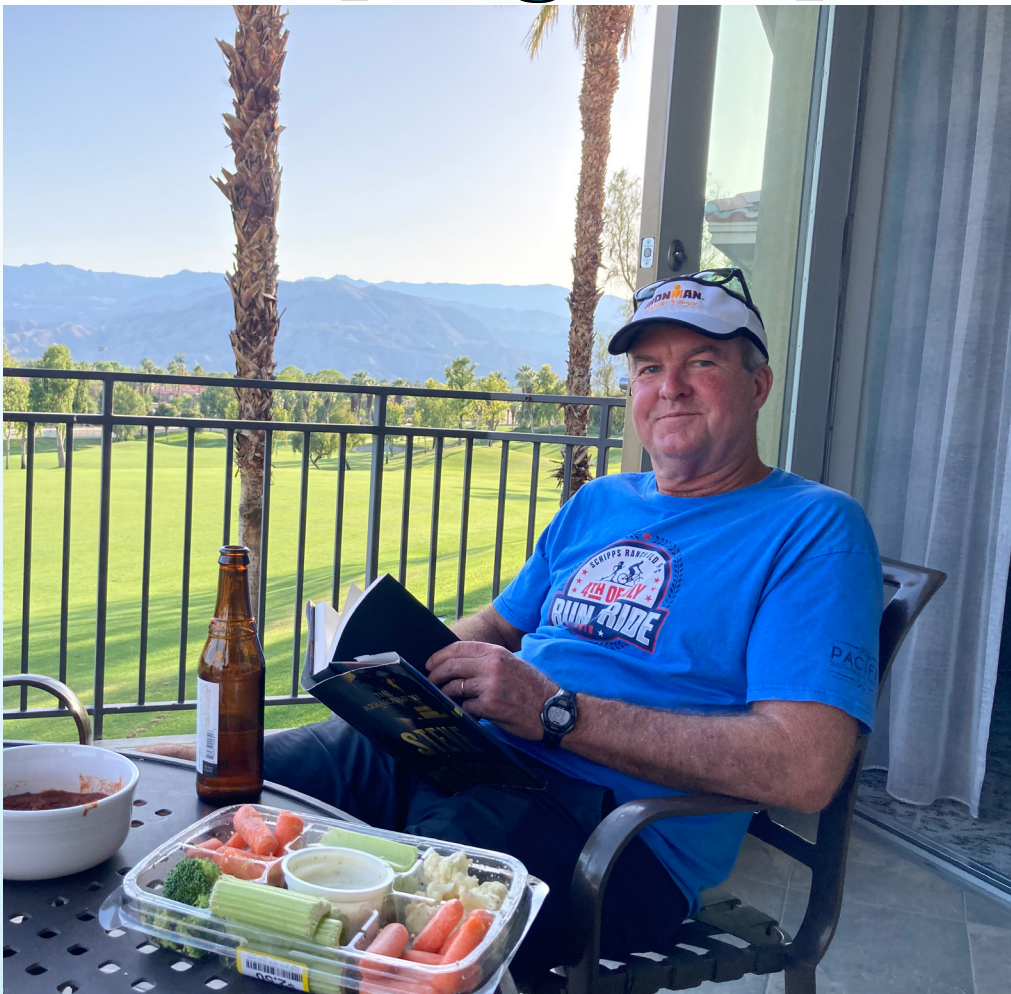




By Listy Gillingham



Palm Springs in April



It would appear that Listy and Bob have traded their cabin adventures for trips to the desert in Palm Springs given the number of visits they've had over there during the last year. We like it because it's close, comfortable, and the climate is especially nice during the fall, winter, and spring. Our trips are easily falling into a pattern of reading on the deck while watching golfers on the course, attempt the hole we happen to have a view of. Additionally, we enjoy golfing at various courses in the area, and sitting around the pool until the evening hours. We also enjoyed early morning runs and some Pickleball which helps to justify the good meals and beverages we shared over the week.



We loved sharing the escape with our friends, Kym and Doug, who joined us for most of the week as well. We golfed twice at Bermuda Dunes which is a sister club to Steel Canyon where we have a membership. That membership allows us to each pay \$25 a round, which is quite a deal. We also played at the Mesquite Golf Course (which is similar to Mission Trails) and Escena Golf Club which was open to the public. That course was beautiful and challenging, and since we will be playing in a Scramble tournament there in May with Kym and Doug, we decided it would be a good idea to practice a round on the course to get a feel for the greens and the layout. Good thing we did, because it was designed by Jack Nicholas who seemed to like sand traps. He put in over 125 traps throughout the course to keep you on your toes. Afterwards, we sat around the nice dining room and enjoyed happy hour and an early dinner.



It was interesting to watch how the crowd changed during our trip. We arrived on Sunday, and it seemed like we saw several families at first. Then on Monday-Thursday, the crowd seem to age towards the retirement set. By Friday, it was invaded by groups of younger people in cowboy boots and hats as Stagecoach was hosting their annual concert. Kristy and Seamus had rented a house with friends making their trek to the concert as well, as they love their country and western music.



FAMILY

SHORTS

Kevin Riel is honored by some student feedback

STUDENT'S NAME

Camden F. '22

WHO DO YOU WANT TO HONOR?

Dr. Riel

Dr. Riel is an **amazing person** in and out of the classroom. He **truly cares** about all of his students. The way that he leads the classroom by helping us understand and grasp topics is an art form. This man **loves to teach**, and it shows. Saying Dr. Riel influenced me in a positive way is an understatement, he has **changed the way I look at the world**. I've been here since Tiny Torreys, Dr. Riel has by far been the **most influential teacher** I have had. *Dr. Riel if you see this, thank you. You have truly made an amazing difference in my life in many ways.*



Big day for Matt! He graduated from SDSU cum laude! His whole family is very proud of this amazing man. Congratulations Matt!



Meet Chloe! The newest member of the Lane family.



Michelle also celebrated her 40th Birthday starting off with a staycation at the Torrey Pines lodge. Thanks to Birdy for the amazing room & Margaret & Bud also provided an awesome dinner!