

# SKY VALLEY WHIRLWINDS NEWS AND VIEWS



**MAY 2011**

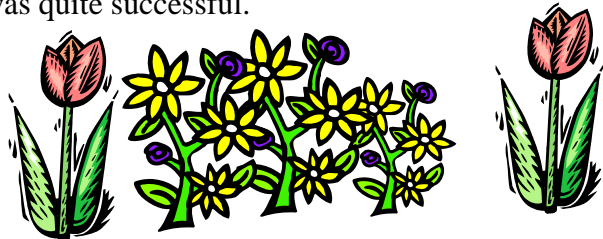
## **PREZ SEZ**

As we end our second year as the Presidents of the Sky Valley Whirlwinds Square Dance Club we want to thank you for all of the support and appreciation you have given us. It has been a wonderful two years at the helm of this great club. So many of you have pitched in and helped when something came up that needed to be done. Someone was there ready and willing to give assistance, always! We really appreciate your volunteering to do so much for our square dance club. We thought it was typical of our club at our last club meeting at our home on April 10<sup>th</sup> that there was much laughter, serious and thoughtful discussion on issues, motions passed and defeated all in respectful and good spirit. Lee Clark has been handed the gavel and with the help of Linda Foster will assume the leadership of our club on May 1<sup>st</sup>. We look forward to the future of our club being in good hands.

Thank you very much,  
Sincerely,  
Roy & Geri Johnson

## **Fourth Annual Alzheimer's Dance**

On February 27, once again Sky Valley Whirlwinds helped Joe Bahr host his annual fundraiser Alzheimer's Dance. And once again it was quite successful.



This year the dance was only three hours long, from 1 pm to 4pm, and in spite of snow and the threat of more snow, we raised \$3,663.97. In fact, we raised more PER HOUR than the three previous dances. This was also the first year where contributions could either be designated to Rush University (\$1,045.50) or University of Washington Research Center (\$2618.47). There were 110 dancers signed in as well as a crew of seven callers and three cuers. Plus, everyone who was still in attendance at the end of the dance got an extra treat with thirty minutes of dancing from the callers. It was quite an ending to a great day.

Our thanks go out to all the callers and cuers for donating their time. We also appreciate Dr. Jim Lemerentz from the UW for attending and giving out resource materials and answering questions. Dr. Jim also participated in some round dancing and a tip in a square! Congratulations, Joe, on another successful fundraiser!



**SKY VALLEY OFFICERS**  
**2011-2012**

PRESIDENT	Lee Clark Linda Foster
VICE PRESIDENT	Vic Maison
SECRETARY	Jack Heppes Linda Neubauer
TREASURER	Sandi Moore

Officers were elected at the Sky Valley Meeting held in April at the home of Roy and Geri Johnson. The great thing about Sky Valley members is that they are always there in mass to help at any event. With that continued commitment from everyone, we are looking forward to a wonderful new season of dancing.



**WELCOME**  
**ABOARD!**

We would like to welcome our class of students to the world of square dancing. They are currently taking lessons on Thursday nights with Don Wiggins instructing. They are learning all the moves, having lots of fun and are working towards graduating on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

New students this year are Glade and Sally Bacon, Nancy Carmen, Albert Geasland, Dave and Kim Pontrello, and Janet Rich. Brushing up on moves they learned from prior lessons are Court and Beverly Carter.

**DUES MAY BE PAID NOW TO EITHER JACK HEPPEES OR SANDI MOORE. THEY ARE \$25 PER PERSON.**

**THANK YOU JOE AND KAREN**  
**BAHR!**

Joe and Karen Bahr hosted a mid afternoon brunch of sorts at their home on March 12<sup>th</sup> for all the callers, cuers and helpers at the Sky Valley Alzheimers Dance. Sky Valley members are never ones to turn down a party, so we showed up in mass. We feasted on their delicious buffet, took tours of their beautiful home and some of us ended up having a jolly gathering in their master bathroom where Lee Clark got some interesting proposals! (All in good fun of course!)

We weren't quick enough to get the camera posed for all of the attendees, but the picture below represents some of the group having a great time at the Bahr's home:



**SCHEDULE**

**May 6** Caravan to Fogcutters  
**May 14** Our Dance – Anniversay 50's Dance  
Kitchen: Vic and Patti Maison  
Hosts: Gary and Gloria Price  
**May 28** Caravan to Stanwood Sashayers  
**August 13** Summer Picnic at the home of Dennis and Nancy Bass

## ANOTHER JOB WELL DONE

We would all like to extend our thanks to Roy Johnson, our president for the last two years, and his wife, Geri, for the tremendous effort they have put forth to lead our club and help to make it grow. The Johnsons have devoted so much time to meetings, lessons, dances and caravans. We have all been treated like family at the Sunday meetings and feasted on the delicious meals prepared by Geri – quite an incentive just to show up! As the gavel is passed to Lee Clark and Linda Foster, the Johnsons will join our list of outstanding former presidents.

Thank you Roy and Geri, from all of us!



## BIRTHDAYS

Gary Coon	May 3
Chuck Frederick	May 4
Dennis Webb	May 21
Corrie Krap	May 25
Vic Maison	May 28
Chris Comeau	May 31
Lora Wait Hoy	June 4
Linda Lenox	June 9
Patti Maison	June 11
Tony Doleatti	June 22
Joe Bahr	June 24
David Moore	June 28
Eugene McDonald	July 7
Sandi Moore	July 19
Gloria Price	August 13
Jack Heppes	August 22
Nancy Bass	August 23

## ANNIVERSARIES

Joe and Karen Bahr	May 8
Chris and Tammy Comeau	May 22
Eugene McDonald and	
Nora Lashbrook	June 1
David and Sandi Moore	June 6
Doug and Nancy Franklin	July 24

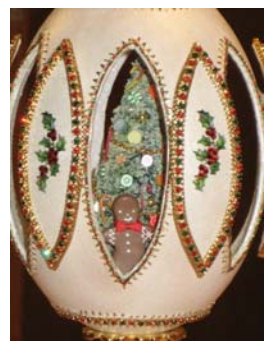
## YOUR CORNER'S HOBBY

\*\*\*\*\* **Tammy Comeau** spends lots of her spare time making baby blankets with the Binky Patrol. This is a nationwide volunteer group and Tammy belongs to the Marysville chapter. They make quilts and afghans that are donated to DSHS, hospitals, and other low-income children's programs within Snohomish and King Counties. Every Christmas their group makes twin size quilts for the local boy's shelter in Everett. The picture below is a quilt Tammy made that went to a teenage boy this last Christmas. Last year their group produced over 3000 blankets that were donated to local charities. If anyone has fabric or yarn that they would like to donate, Tammy guarantees that it will go to a good cause!!



\*\*\*\*\***Linda Foster's** favorite hobby is making her family and friends lap quilts – simple larger squares in fun patterns and always with colors or a theme and finished with borders around and a flannel backing. Cozy and comforting when finished.

\*\*\*\*\*Here is one of **Nancy Bass's** latest egg creations in a Christmas theme:



## THE RECIPE BOX

### FROM THE KITCHEN OF TAMMY COMEAU

#### KAHLUA CAKE

1 Box Devil's Food Cake Mix (bake as directed in two 8 inch round pans)  
2 Boxes instant chocolate fudge pudding  
1 Large container Cool Whip  
1 Cup coffee  
1 ½ Cup Kahlua (if you want non-alcoholic feel free to substitute strong black coffee)  
Chocolate shavings

Immediately after removing baked cakes from oven, lightly poke all over. A chopstick works well. Mix the cup of coffee and 1 cup Kahlua. (You can alter this mix to taste if you like a little stronger taste of the Kahlua).

Thoroughly cool cakes.

Mix puddings as directed. When set, gently fold in the other ½ cup Kahlua.

You are now ready to assemble. A trifle bowl works best as it makes a beautiful presentation.

Layer in bowl as follows:

1/3 of the pudding

One layer of cake (you will need to trim the cake to fit your bowl)

1/3 container Cool Whip

Repeat these layers 2 more times.

Top with chocolate shavings.

Refrigerate until ready to serve.

If you layer carefully it will look lovely in your trifle bowl.

If you sample the excess Kahlua as you assemble, you may not care how great your layers are defined!

#### GINGERBREAD PANCAKES

1 Cup flour  
2 Tablespoons sugar  
1 Teaspoon baking powder  
½ Teaspoon cinnamon  
¼ Teaspoon ground ginger  
¼ Teaspoons allspice  
1 egg  
¾ Cup milk  
2 Tablespoons molasses  
1 Tablespoon oil



Mix dry ingredients in a bowl. Then add last 4 till well blended. Makes 5-6 five inch pancakes. Forget IHOP!

## FROM THE KITCHEN OF GERI JOHNSON

### CURRIED CHICKEN AND BROCCOLI

(served at the last meeting)

2 10 ounce packages frozen broccoli  
2 cups cooked chicken (boil for one hour)  
2 cans cream of chicken soup (don't add water)  
1 cup mayonnaise  
1 teaspoon lemon juice  
½ teaspoon curry powder (season to taste, I like 1 Tbsp)  
½ cup sharp cheese (I use 1 cup or more)  
½ cup bread pieces with melted butter (I use 1 cup or more of the bread).

Heat broccoli as per package directions.

Put broccoli on bottom of flat dish.

Layer diced chicken on top of broccoli.

Spread mixture of mayonnaise, soup, lemon juice and curry on top.

Sprinkle buttered diced bread.

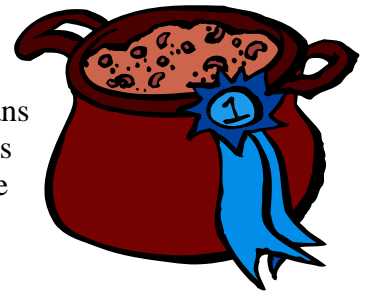
Spread diced sharp cheese.

Cook at 350° for 25 minutes. Our oven we cook for 40 minutes.

### HOMEMADE CHILI

(as served at the cowboy chili dance)

½ cup chopped onion  
½ teaspoon oregano  
2 tablespoons fat  
½ teaspoon pepper  
dash Tabasco sauce  
1 pound hamburger  
1 bay leaf  
2 1 pound cans kidney beans  
2 1 pound cans of tomatoes  
1 6 ounce can tomato paste  
1 ½ cups water  
1 cup chopped celery and green pepper  
2/3 teaspoon chili powder  
1 ½ teaspoons salt



Cook onions in the fat until tender, but not brown.

Add meat, brown lightly.

Add beans, tomatoes, tomato paste, seasonings, water and ½ cup each of the celery and green pepper.

Simmer uncovered one hour. I use the crock pot.

Add remaining celery and green pepper. Simmer 10 minutes longer.

Garnish with onion rings.

Serve in bowls, or have chili burgers!

**BURGER CHILI & CHIPS**  
(as served at cowboy chili dance)

- 1 pound ground beef
- ½ cup onions
- ¼ cup celery
- 1 tsp salt
- ¼ tsp pepper
- 1 1 pound can of chili beans
- 1 cup of corn chips
- 1 cup of cheese, diced

Brown meat, add onions, celery and cook till tender, but not brown.

Add salt & pepper

Add and mix in chili

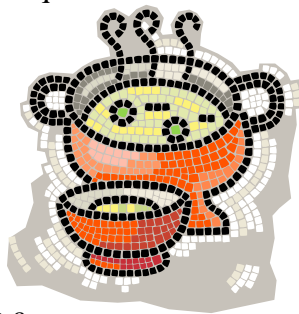
Put layer of chips in casserole dish

Alternate layers of chili mixture, chips and cheese, ending with corn chips.

Bake at 350° for 10 minutes.

**LINDA FOSTER'S**  
**WILD RICE AND SAUSAGE SOUP**

- 3 ½ cups water, divided
- ½ cup wild rice
- 1 pound Italian sausage links or any type link sausage
- 1 tsp olive oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 4 cans (14 oz ea) chicken broth
- 1 can (14.5 oz) diced tomatoes with liquid
- 3 Tbl tomato paste
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1 tsp dried basil
- 3 cups packed torn spinach leaves
- salt and freshly ground pepper
- grated Parmesan cheese for garnish



Bring only 1 ½ cups of the water to a boil and add rice. Cover and turn to low. Cook for 50-60 min. Drain away any excess water and set aside. Cook sausage links until cooked through (7 min). Drain on paper towel and cut into bite-sized pieces. Sauté onion in oil until golden – add garlic and sauté. Add sausage, broth, remaining 2 cups water, tomatoes, tomato paste, oregano and basil. Bring to a boil and reduce heat to medium. Simmer for 20 minutes. Stir in rice and spinach and season with salt and pepper to taste. When in individual bowls, sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Makes 8 servings.

**INSTALLING A HUSBAND**

Dear Tech Support:

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a distinct slowdown in overall system performance, particularly in the flower and jewelry applications, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0

In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5 and then installed undesirable programs such as NBA 5.0, NFL 3.0 and Golf 4.1. Conversation 8.0 no longer runs and Housekeeping 2.6 simply crashes the system. I've tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems but to no avail. What can I do?

Signed

Desperate

Dear Desperate,

First keep in mind Boyfriend 5.0 is an entertainment package while Husband 1.0 is an operating system.

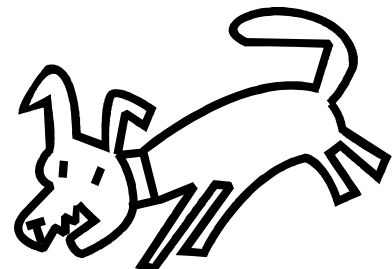
Please enter the command `ithoughtyouloved me.html` and try to download Tears 6.2 and don't forget to install the Guilt 3.0 update. If that application works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewelry 2.0 and Flowers 3.5. Note, overuse of the above application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0 and Beer 6.1. Whatever you do, do not install Mother-In-Law 1.0 (it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources). Also do not attempt to reinstall the Boyfriend 5.0 program. These are unsupported applications and will crash Husband 1.0.

In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance. We recommend Cooking 3.0 and Hot Lingerie 7.7.

Good Luck

Tech Support

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue!



## AROUND THE SQUARE

\*\*\*\*\***Corrie Krap** spent four weeks in South Africa last September. She went to visit friends that she and her husband made over the years when they volunteered for Trans World Radio. This is a Christian radio station with offices and transmitter sites in 13 countries. They went for six months at a time for four years, so made many friends there.

\*\*\*\*\*A number of our students attended a level dance at the Hayloft. Attending from Sky Valley were: Glade and Sally Bacon, Nancy Carmen, Albert Geasland, Court and Bev Carter, Bill and Marsha Odell, and angels, Linda Foster and Rich Bibaud.



\*\*\*\*\***Lora Wait Hoy** is looking for a roommate for the Sky Valley Cruise on the Oasis of the Seas in October. If you would like to share a seaside balcony cabin and not miss out on all the fun we will be having on the cruise, contact Lora.

\*\*\*\*\*Somebody in our club was out making the rounds at the St. Patrick Day dances and having a great time. Hmmm – I wonder who.



\*\*\*\*\***Linda Neubauer's** daughter, Taryn, was married to John Barilleaux April 8<sup>th</sup> on the beach in Waimanalo Bay in Hawaii. In spite of predicted rain, the sun prevailed for the wedding. A dinner reception followed at Roy's in Waikiki.



\*\*\*\*\***Doug and Nancy Franklin** and Nancy's daughter and granddaughter are still walking across America. Nancy is near Mt. Rushmore, Sonja and Alyssa are in Wyoming, and Doug is in Montana. Hurry up, Doug!

\*\*\*\*\*Congratulations to **Linda Foster** and **Albert Geasland**. They won the Ho Down dangle at the level dance held at the Hayloft!

\*\*\*\*\*Another one of our students, **Janet Rich**,



attended the cowboy dance at the Dudes and Dolls. She and Linda Foster are pictured below (their horse must be parked outside!)

The economy is so bad that..... if the bank returns your check marked "Insufficient Funds." You call them and ask if they meant you or them.



## THE TIMES OF OUR LIVES

### **Court Carter:**

- Proposing to Beverly (1967) on a hill just west of Helena, Montana, and feeling so right for both of us. It was in a memorial park with a great view and the flag waving so majestically in the wind.
- Seeing our 14 month old daughter, Shallane, walk again (1983) after being run over by a car and wearing a body cast for 6 weeks.
- Our daughter Jennifer's wedding in the Seattle LDS temple in 1992.
- Notification that we could purchase our first CPA practice in California for \$12K in 1976. We've come a long ways since then, and grateful for our many loyal clients who have helped us get to where we are today.

### **Lee Clark:**

- The day I met my wife on a blind date
- The day I married my first love, Wilma. My mother had bought the ring and it didn't fit.
- The day my first child was born (Stan)
- The day I retired from Acrowood Corporation
- All the wonderful times I have had with Dottie

### **Carol Coon:**

- Living on the farm in Devils Lake, North Dakota from the age of baby to 7 years when we moved to Spokane. My Grandma was full Norwegian and spoke with an accent. She was 4 foot 8 inches and full of dynamite!
- Being almost born in a sleigh in North Dakota on February 16<sup>th</sup>. My mom and dad were at a barn dance and my mom started having pains, so they left in the sleigh and just made it home when I was born. My dad's mom was the mid-wife. No doctor!



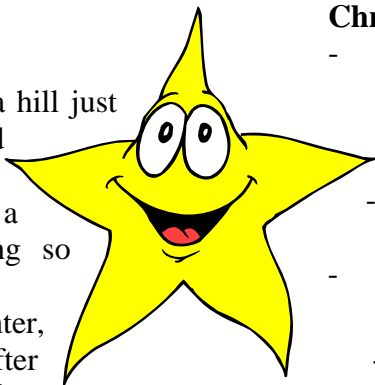
- Becoming a Cuer in 1982.

Gary and I went through Cuer's school at NW Round Dance Teachers. We had two coaching couples. We cued for many square dance clubs, had our own round dance club at Bear Creek Grange on Sundays for 6 years. We round dance cued for 23 years – 13 for Sky Valley.

- When I got my first car when I was 17

### **Kay Corbett:**

- When I saw Elvis Presley in person in Seattle
- When I went inside the Sex Offenders Center in Monroe
- When I swam with the dolphins in Mexico



- When I started square dancing

### **Chris Comeau:**

- The day I met my real dad – August 1994. I had never met him. He was 69 and I was 33. He said, "I knew you would eventually show up" He had never married and never had other children.
- The birth of my first born, Kursten Lynn, on a cold, rainy day, November 30, 1980.
- When I worked at Harborside Park in Bremerton. It was one of the most rewarding and challenging jobs I ever had. It was right by the ferry dock.
- The Harley ride from Vancouver, through Lillooet, and around by Chiliwack. I almost ran out of gas – it was 67 miles to the next station. A guy came by in a pickup truck with a gas can in the bed and gave me all the gas I wanted.
- When I met Tammy

### **Ken Little:**

- Getting married to Marian
- When my children were born
- When I built my own house in Bothell
- When my father returned from World War II after 6 years.



### **David Moore:**

- Turning 16 when I could drive
- When I made Senior Chief in the Coast Guard
- When I met Sandi in Bremerton. Her car broke down in front of my house and I went out and pushed her. She and her girlfriends were "cruising" for sailors.
- When I graduated from high school. I went into the Navy and after boot camp went straight to Viet Nam.

### **Gary Coon:**

- When I finally got promoted to E-7 after 16 years in the Air National Guard
- When I worked on a disaster team for FEMA in Florida after Hurricane Marilyn
- When I had to retire from the National Guard in 1990 after 25 years. I would have loved to stay.
- I bought an engagement ring and I was going to ask Carol to marry me. My mother asked me where the ring was and blew the lid off the surprise.

### **Gary Price:**

- My first parachute jump – was hung over at the time. It was 1967 and we had attended ground school the day before and partied most of the night.
- Sunrise on the Skykomish River when I was deer hunting up near Startup.
- Catching a Blue Marlin – 150 pounds – in Kauai, Hawaii. I have the pictures to prove it.
- A trip the Gloria and I



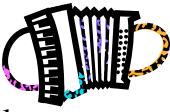
took together when we were first married. We went to Kansas City, Missouri, Meteor Crater in Arizona, the Grand Canyon and camping in Silverton, Colorado. Everyone had warned us about the bears but we slept out in the open with no tent and could hear the bears, but they didn't bother us. We had air mattresses and mine kept going flat and the seam in the middle of Gloria's broke.

### **Geri Johnson:**

- When I was learning to swim, I was afraid of the water that was over my head. We (my brothers, sisters and I) learned to swim at West Green Lake. One day my mother said, "Come on; let's swim out to the raft." I was so afraid to do that, but with my mom at my side, I could do it. By the time we got to the raft, I panicked. My mother had me sit on her knees while she hung onto the side of the raft. She held me until my panic subsided and I was able to swim back to shore safely by myself.
- My first husband was a sailor. We would go in our sailboat to points north of Seattle, especially into the San Juan Islands. We would always "anchor out", never taking advantage of docks or piers to tie up to when spending the night. One time when the wind was beginning to blow, I was told to go to the bow of the boat and begin hauling in the jib. My husband could "read" the water and "feel" the air and knew what was about to happen. While hauling in the jib, we got into a tide rip. He yelled at me to stop what I was doing, hit the deck and hang on. I was such a landlubber that I did not know the danger I was in. After having been in a situation like this, I now have a real respect for the water and the forces of nature. You don't fool around with the signs of nature around you.
- As teenagers, my girlfriend, Maureen, and I spent a week at her aunt's cabin on the beach at Manchester, Washington. We kept our food cold in an ice box – the kind where you had to get a block of ice to keep it cool. We would walk to the beach through a tall grassy trail in front of the cabin. One day, while walking down this trail, I stepped on a garter snake. Maureen could see the head and tail on both sides of my foot. Of course, she screamed, turned around and never went down that path again. Forty years later when I met up with Maureen again, she told me she has never forgotten the day that "I saved her life!"
- We had a cabin on Shugart Flats at the end of the Chumstick Canyon north of Leavenworth, Washington. We would go to this cabin every weekend all year. The time we loved the best was winter when the snow was deep and the air crisp and cold. One year, we spent Christmas over there.

My husband took one of the girls on the snowmobile with him to find and cut a tree. We made all the decorations for this tree with the berries we found in the woods, popcorn, and origami shaped ornaments made of used Christmas cards. I had wrapped all our presents at home and they arrived in black plastic bags in the car with us. The children never realized that they were unpacking their Christmas presents when we arrived. It was one of the best and most memorable Christmases that we had as a family.

- As a teenager, I played tennis during the summer for the Seattle Parks Department, Queen Anne Fieldhouse team. The summer of 1959, our team played for first place at the Seattle Tennis Club against the Beacon Hill team. We lost, but we did not lose our pride in this accomplishment. The Yee sisters made up the Beacon Hill team. They went on to be college players and state champions with their mother, Amy Yee, as their coach. What a privilege to play against them.
- I was in the (Seattle) All city Accordion Band as a teenager. The band leader was Mr. Swanson. We played at the Seattle Arena in a concert. I remember having to carry my accordion up all the ramps in that building to get to the staging area. I will always remember the girl who played first accordion in that band. I met her last year, introduced myself, and told her I remembered how well she played the accordion. She is now playing for small groups and organizes the "Day of the Accordion" at the Seattle Center each year.



### **Pat Wiggins:**

- Graduating from Hanover College in Indiana.
- Getting married to Don in Oxnard, California.
- The birth of my daughters, Katherine and Maribee.
- Being invited to give the graduation speech in Crothersville, Indiana. My parents were teachers there and I had taught there one summer between my junior and senior year in college. I had 8 kindergartners and then my mother took over the job and continued on with it.

### **Dottie Dillery:**

- When I joined square dancing in 1979. Went to the National Convention in 1981 and had a ball
- Parasailing in Mexico
- A hot air balloon ride in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Meeting Lee



### **Doug Franklin:**

- Hunting with my dad

- Fly fishing in the McCloud River
- The loss of my parents
- Moving my family from San Jose, California to Issaquah, Washington
- Graduating college as a grown man with 3 kids
- Retirement – stretched out on a hammock on the beach in the sand in Puerto Rico
- Catching 8 silver salmon in an hour in an icy river in Alaska
- Taking on two small grandchildren and being a full time babysitter as my retirement job (for free, I might add)

**Corrie Krap:**

- I went last year to South Africa with my friends to Krugerpark, a huge wildlife reservation located there..



- I sponsor 2 girls from World Vision in Swaziland. (very good cause) We visited there and it was so

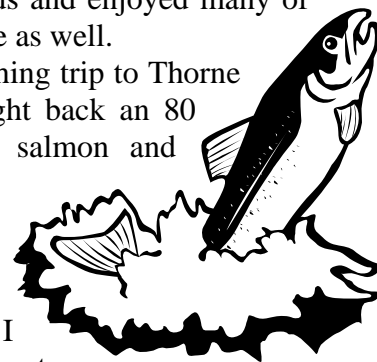
nice to see them. I visited one of the girls 3 years ago and she was very happy to see me again.



- I got married in 1962 in the Netherlands. We moved to Curacao and lived there for 2 ½ years. I was glad to go back to Holland and be close to my family. But that did not last long. After 1 ½ years, Holland America Cruise Line where my husband worked decided to move us to the USA in New Jersey. We lived there for 12 years and bought our first house. The company then decided to move us again in 1983 to Washington and this is where I still live.

**Vic Maison:**

- When I was 14 years old and shot my first deer at Mt. Si in North Bend
- When my youngest daughter was nominated Prom Queen while she was a junior in high school and I was her escort – we had to walk in a certain way to the stand, which was quite a chore
- When my oldest daughter graduated from high school – it was a grand event!
- Visiting my grandparents in Circle, Montana during the summer months. I would tend to the horses, cattle and wheat fields and enjoyed many of the fun activities there as well.
- While on my first fishing trip to Thorne Bay, Alaska, I brought back an 80 pound box of both salmon and halibut
- When I went to Humptulips River near Hoquiam and Lake Quinault, I caught my largest salmon which weighed 41 pounds.



**Dennis Webb:**

- When I beat my dad at chess for the first and only time
- When I saw my wife walk down the aisle at our wedding
- Going to Yellowstone National Park (5 or 6 times)
- Taking long road trips (one was 3 weeks through California, Arizona, Utah, Montana, Idaho and Oregon)

**Sandi Moore:**

- My para-sailing experience in Jamaica. Never thought I would do it, but I did and I loved it!
- My first visit to Rhode Island. I had never been east of Idaho Falls, so traveling all the way across the US to visit my husband's home was really something else. Listening to all the people waiting by the baggage carousel, I realized that I really was in Rhode Island and they all sounded like my husband!!
- Visiting Independence Hall in Philadelphia was a fantastic experience. Very surreal. Ben Franklin's glasses were sitting on one of the tables. WOW!!
- Visiting New York City in 1986 to experience the re-lighting of the Statue of Liberty. Very proud to be an American! The fireworks over the Hudson River were the best I've ever seen.
- I have had so many wonderful experiences welcoming my husband and my son home from long deployments. They were all fantastic and memorable, but watching our son emerge from customs at San Francisco Airport has to lead the



list. We had not seen him for 18 months. He spent most of that time in Germany, but most recently he had finished a deployment in Iraq during the 1<sup>st</sup> Gulf War. Seeing him after fearing I would never see him again was the best feeling in the world...next to hugging him!

**Dennis Bass:**

- Getting out of the Army
- My first new car which was a 64 Chevrolet Impala – I wish I still had it!
- First divorce – glad not to be there
- The day Kelly was born the day after Christmas
- First car wreck in 1961 – a 54 Ford.

**Patti Maison:**

- Roller skating – first, outside on the sidewalk with those clip-on wheels. Then, later when my dad took me to the only skating rink in Bellingham in a very old and huge armory building.
- When a group of us teenage girls and boys from a church club drove up to Canada and watched “The Sound of Music” for our first time
- Buying my first car! I didn’t sleep at all that night.
- Buying my first home! Nothing spectacular, but it was mine.
- Moving back to Washington state after living in Michigan state for 2 years. My ex was in the Navy
- My first trip to Hawaii with a young adult group of guys and gals. We stayed in Maui for 10 days in a condominium. I had a suitcase stolen that was never found, but replenished items the best I could and had a fun trip from there on out.
- My first trip to California on a 10 day bus tour.



**Judy Robertson:**

- My best times were square dancing with Bing on my labor day; 3 years later going on a Mediterranean cruise with Matt; just last year going to Disneyland with Matt while I was on my business trip; last week when we had a triple date with Bing and our friends to the Pacific Science Center. Also, we always appreciate the generosity of our square dancing friends when we are able to enjoy fun times with friends and families on the dance floor (it was special when Melaina, Ashton and I were taking lessons together), camping on Whidbey Island, the summer picnic and the Christmas party.

**Joe Bahr:**

- Passing my skills test to become a ski instructor
- My first class as a ski instructor

- The feel of my first Goldwing ride after riding a moped Honda Helix and then the grand daddy, the Goldwing.
- Going to a friend’s house fishing for salmon and actually catching a salmon
- Passing all the test for Metro, especially succeeding in passing the CDL, where a lot of people fail
- Watching the sunset and sunrise from the deck of a ship
- Watching baby birds in the back yard taking their first flight
- Watching bees working the blossoms
- Feeling my appreciation of the Sky Valley Club and callers and cuers participation in the Alzheimer’s dance which is dear to my heart



**Tammy Comeau:**

- I will never forget the moment my son brought home his first real girlfriend to meet Mom. He had just turned 17. Her name was Misty and she was the cutest little thing. But oh my, she was very well endowed. All I could think was, “How is he going to keep his hands off of those!” I knew at that moment that my son was becoming a man.
- A day spent riding on the motorcycle up to Deception Pass. Chris knows why this day was special
- The day I first stepped in the bank branch as manager. It was such a great feeling of accomplishment. All my hard work paid off. And then one year later to receive an Award of Excellence among my district for performance. Amazing for a first year manager. I had not even attended college until my late 30’s and I didn’t finish because I went to work for the bank. Thus my work accomplishments meant a lot to me then. I kept thinking to myself, “You’ve come a long way baby!”

**Nora Lashbrook:**

- Going into Carlsbad Caverns when I was young
- Flying on an airplane with a window seat
- Going on an escalator with no fear
- Seeing Mt Rushmore and the Grand Canyon
- Deciding to learn to square dance

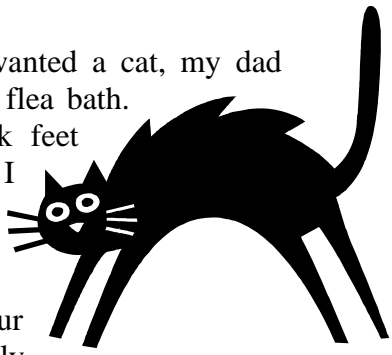
**Gloria Price:**

- The first beautiful smiles of my newborn babies
- The last beautiful smile of my beloved mother
- When I was satisfied that both of my kids were NOT inside the house and that we were all indeed safe as we lost our house to fire in 1997. It put what is really important into perspective for me.



### **Nancy Bass:**

- When my sister and I wanted a cat, my dad said we had to give it a flea bath. My sister took the back feet and I got the front feet. I forgot about its mouth which became attached to my hand, so be aware.
- On our wedding night our best man basically kidnapped us after the reception when everyone went to the tavern in Sultan. Thankfully a friend returned us to the house and our cars which our girls had decorated with rice etc. Even our suitcase had rice in it. I didn't think anyone would do that, so neglected put it out of sight.
- When I was in grade school my mother knitted me a beautiful red sweater.
- When I visited my grandmother on her farm, we went to feed the pig. She forgot that we had to cross the field where the bull was staying. We made a mad dash for the pig pen. Wow!
- Getting married for the first time, the birth of each of my daughters and then the bad memory when their father left us for a girl friend.
- I remember the many times my youngest had seizures caused by high temperatures and having to give her ice cold baths to reduce the temperature.
- I will always remember the night I met Dennis on a blind date for a Halloween party.
- The thrill of being asked to be a state officer for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.
- The many trips we took and all the new places
- The special honor nights that I have had with OES and so many people came those nights with a full house. It is truly special when I am asked to do something that others deem worthwhile.



### **Marian Little:**

- When I married Ken
- When my father got back from the war after being gone for six years
- When I got my first paycheck
- When I went to night school because I chose to go. I didn't like Catholic School so I was happy when I left there.
- When I got my first driver's license

### **Roy Johnson:**

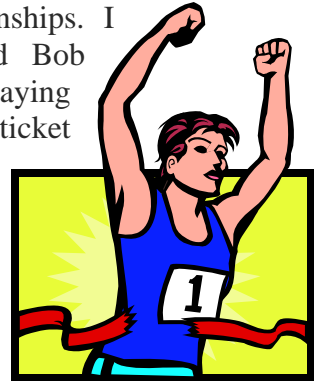
- I turned out for track as a 15 year-old sophomore at Renton High School in 1958. In my own mind I thought I was OK as a runner. Not as a short distance sprinter, but maybe in the longer distances I could do OK. The quarter mile was too short – too many faster guys. So, I trained for the half-mile run...two laps around the oval track. Being

a reserved guy, not that outgoing, almost never answered questions in class and only talked if the teacher called on me specifically. So, the long distance running fit my personality, quiet, lonely, all by myself.

The half-milers and the milers trained together. Some were seniors, a few juniors, and some sophomores. In distance running you can all run in some races. The recognized good runners started on the start line, the rest us lined up behind. Bob Carter, the senior, was our best half-miler and my thinking was I'll line up behind him and see how long I could last at his pace...and maybe I'll finish high enough to score some points for the track team. It worked. The coach said a person had to get 5 points for a varsity letter. If I remember correctly, first place was 5 points, second place 3 points, and third place 1 point. I picked up some 1 pointers, and sometimes didn't place, so no point.

Renton High School competed in the Puget Sound League which meant the high schools from, Auburn, Kent, Evergreen, Clover Park, Puyallup, Sumner, Highline, Franklin-Pierce, and Mt. Rainier. In track we had a qualifying meet for the northern end of the league and the southern schools had their qualifying meet. The top four in each event would go to the conference championships. I started by lining up behind Bob Carter in the half-mile run. Staying and running with Bob was my ticket to the championships. So, we're running the half-mile and coming around the final turn on the track ready to sprint to the finish and a kid from Highline passed me and cut over in front of me and blocked my way. I finished fourth! I was not happy with what the guy from Highline did to me. Another boy from Highline was first and Bob was second, the fellow who cut in front of me was third.

But, I was going to the conference meet. I was pleased about that. At the Conference Championships the top four that qualified from the southern section and the four from the northern section lined up for the final race for the blue ribbon in the half-mile. I was seventh or eighth fastest out of 8 runners. Once again coming out of the final turn that same Highline runner cut me off and it really made me mad. It gave me a shot of adrenalin I guess, because I ran past him and others just trying to beat him. No, I didn't get the Blue ribbon as champion, but I did get a red ribbon for second! Just goes to show how much motivation means in



terms of being successful. Anger pushed me on in this race. My coach said, “You, ran like a champion today!” I’ll always remember that race and the reception I got at school for the unexpected finish at the conference meet. I was walking on air for a week, I just couldn’t believe what happened. The rest of the story is that I was a three year letterman in track. I finished second the next year too. I was beaten by my teammate a transfer student to Renton from Seattle Prep. My senior year I ran the mile and received the Blue ribbon as the champion miler of the Puget Sound league. My time was 4:37.5 for the mile, which wasn’t too bad in those days, over 50 years ago. I don’t remember much about that race. The race as a sophomore though was a running highlight for me.



STRAINING IN STYLE — Renton's Bob Carter and J. Johnson nearly finished in a dead heat in the 880-yard run in Friday's track meet with Auburn. Carter was winner in 2:10.4, just a step ahead of Johnson. — Chronicle Photo, Engraving

- In the summer of 1966 I picked up a paperback off the store book rack, “Cause For Alarm” by Eric Ambler. It was a spy thriller. It was so good that I began reading many of Ambler’s books such as, “The Coffin for Dimitrios,” “Journey Into Fear,” and “The Light of Day.” Over the years I’ve read at least 15 books by Ambler. His stories are placed in Europe with the leading character a normal person being thrust into a situation of danger and working himself out of it. The leading character could be an engineer, teacher, writer, or a salesman, a common man who is unwillingly involved with a crime. Of course through these books you read about Europe. It sounded so exciting and adventuresome. Fiction, yes, but wouldn’t it be neat to visit Europe! That was my thought. Three years later I flew to Europe in June and did “Lé Grand Tour.” I purchased a Eurail Pass – 3 months free train 2<sup>nd</sup> class passage all over Europe. What a deal. I could take the night train to Madrid, Spain from Paris and sleep on the couchette...ok, somewhat like the characters in Ambler’s thrillers, and save hotel costs! I had Frommer’s “See Europe on \$5 a Day” travel book. It



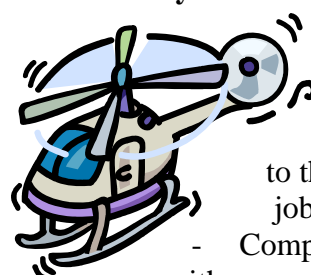
was great! The passport picture of stamps shows that I visited Holland, Greece, Italy, England, Spain, and Switzerland. Other pages have other countries.

I was the common school teacher traveling and seeing Europe at the age of 26 for the summer. My highlight was sitting in an outdoor café drinking Coca Cola and gazing at the Parthenon on the Acropolis in Athens, Greece. The sky was blue and cloudless, the sun was setting and the sun’s rays on the Parthenon made it appear that it was golden. I felt like pinching myself to see if I was dreaming what I was seeing! For me it was an accomplishment to be here. Four years later I traveled again to Europe and visited the Parthenon and then seven years later I have pictures of my two daughters sitting on some of those ruins with the Parthenon in the background. The kids were 5 and 4 years old. Reading those books by Eric Ambler sure inspired me to travel to faraway places.

**Don Wiggins:**

- When my daughter, Lori Alane Wiggins, was born
- When my son, Donald Wiggins, was born
- Meeting and marrying Patricia J. Wiggins
- When my ex wife got her second divorce
- Receiving the Parker Award in Spokane

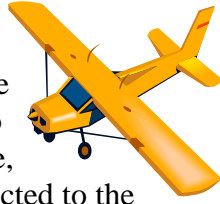
**Lora Wait Hoy:**



- The first time I stepped foot on the North Slope in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, along with a helicopter ride to the Arctic Ocean. What a great job and experience.
- Completing the 50 mile bike ride with my son for “Our” bicycling merit badge
- Visiting my dad’s childhood home in Greenfield, Massachusetts in 1967 and meeting all my relatives for the first time. I felt like I had come home.
- The knowledge and wisdom that I realized and achieved during my forties.

**Linda Foster:**

- A very monumental day and special moment in time when the Lord and I connected in Spirit
- The day I received my private pilot's license. It was hours and years of work and when the designated examiner reached over to shake my hand and congratulate me, I broke into tears of joy! This connected to the day my son, Matthew, passed his private pilot's license – again hard work seeing him through that process and the proud joy we both felt when he passed his test.
- The day I walked up to the Trevi Fountain in Las Vegas. It somehow emotionally touched me and I broke into a breathless release of tears! (having never seen the real one in Rome!)
- The peaceful moments while sitting on our beach on Orcas Island – sitting by the glowing bonfire after everyone else has retired for the night and I can sit in peaceful reflection with God's beauty of the night sky, the lapping of the water against the shoreline, the sounds of the night birds and the calmness of my connection to that space and place filled with memories of wonderful childhood times.
- The amazing experience of walking down into the Carlsbad Caverns! To see what nature holds underground is so amazing! If I could visit it a thousand times, I would never tire of "ooing and awing" over one of God's wondrous and magnificent fantasy worlds.

**Linda Neubauer:**

- When I was a teenager, before any of us had driver's licenses, my girlfriends and I would frequently take the Greyhound bus to San Francisco for a day trip. We would get off at the bus station on Mission Street, shop our way down that street and then turn left and head to Union Square. A big highlight there at Christmas time was the gigantic revolving Christmas tree that would span to the top of the dome of the City of Paris department store. We would take in a Broadway musical at the Geary Theater and then take the cable car down to Fisherman's Wharf for a nice seafood dinner. After that we would take the cable car back to Mission Street in time to make the last bus home for the night. In those days, you didn't tromp around San Francisco in your jeans and tennis



shoes. We were always attired in nice suit dresses, spike high heels and of course, our leather gloves. We always had a great time and I don't even recall any complaints about sore feet!



- When I look back, the time spent sitting under the walnut tree in the back yard when I was growing up was special. It was there we would sit having an ice cold drink after a hard day of work on the farm. When neighbors came to visit, they would sit and visit with us under that walnut tree. It was there we would sit shucking big buckets of corn from out of the garden. All of the lawn chairs were drug out and put under the tree when we had family or neighborhood picnics. The rope swing also hung from that tree to keep all the little ones occupied. My brother and I and then his children and my children all share many pleasant memories from the times spent under that tree.
- Many things come to mind, but standing on the Staten Island Ferry seeing the Statue of Liberty off to the side and the New York City skyline in front of me is something I would have never dreamed I would get to do. Seeing the vivid sunsets in Guam, watching the waves break on the Oregon coast, seeing glaciers calve in Alaska, having the best fish n' chips in the world in Nova Scotia and watching my daughter marry her best friend on the beach in Hawaii, are all moments I would have never thought possible when I was a kid drinking my ice cold Coca Cola under that walnut tree!

**Marsha Odell:**

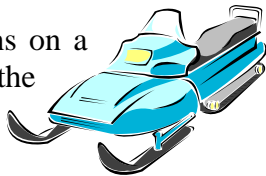
- My 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, when a good friend wrote a song about our friendship and sang it to me as a gift.
- The going-away party my 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher gave to me when our family moved from eastern Canada back to California
- A spiritual revelation that led to a physical healing
- A mission trip to the Navajo Indian Reservation over 3 summers

**Nancy Franklin:**

- When I was 6 years old, a chimpanzee spilled orange pop all over me.
- When I was 10 years old, I was riding the ponies at the zoo and the one I was on decided to step over the fence and run into the woods. Nobody told me how to stop him.
- Seeing my three grown sons in a tuxedo at their weddings – very emotional!
- Taking the grandkids to Disneyland



- Having a candlelight romantic dinner for two on a sandy beach, listening to the waves coming in a short distance away in Mexico.
- Seeing the Caribbean Islands for the first time.
- Flying in a hot air balloon
- Snowmobiling high in the mountains on a crisp, sunny day and enjoying the scenery
- Watching the calving of icebergs in Alaska
- Seeing Denali and all of its wildlife in Alaska
- Flying high over the jungles in Puerto Vallarta on a zip line
- Becoming a momma for the second time for two young grandbabies
- Overhearing my teenage grandson tell somebody that he has a really cool, fun loving grandma, and getting hugs from this young man who is over six feet tall!



### Eugene McDonald:

- **4.** This “life” itself...! I had never done a “**LIFE!**” before this one - - what an adventure and a RUSH...!
- **3.** I was given to know experientially and consciously the God, Jesus and/or Holy Spirit in this life’s adventure - - launched at age 19 years – a BAPTIST church!!! PS: Now sorta’ a “Neo-Heretic”!
- **2.** Fell down a mountain on Kodiak Island on a solo climb in January. Stalked by a Kodiak bear on the same island. Killed a moose calf on a motorcycle. Saved later on by a moose calf, too!
- **1.** Met the good gift of “Marvelous Nora” at “friendly” Freddies at Mill Creek and she likes me - - I think!
- **0.** Did, in 1985, the Landmark Forum as a gift from my mom and got this real life – transformed – Here! And Now! And who I am! Brings tears to my eyes in thankfulness for it **all** and for **ya’ll!**

- **BLASTED OFF!**

- **ENJOYING THE RIDE!**

- **U2?**

### Jack Heppes:

- My first 200 game at bowling. After about eight tries and eight failures, I got my chance. I had a spare up in the ninth frame, 173 in the eighth frame, and was VERY aware of what was happening. My teammate in my league, Greg, also saw what was happening. I knew I needed a mark in the tenth frame to do it. He then asked me if I wanted a swig of beer before my turn, I took it, relaxed, and threw

a perfect strike! I whooped and hollered like I threw a perfect game. I then left a 6-10 spare, picked it up, and scored 213. My highest game is 248.

- Winning the Monte Carlo Championship (Road Rallies) in 2004. My partner, Pat Biggar, and I had quite a string of wins--8. It lasted over three years and if it wasn't for my error in the last rally, we would have won that one also! The 2004 season was the most memorable since we won the first rally by one point over a very good team and got lucky in the last rally of the year (third) by tying but breaking the tie with the most amounts of perfect "legs". The real victory was the second rally where we had a score of 7 (zero is perfect, single digit score is wonderful, and double-digit scores are normal). Pat and I were right on all day long without an error. That rally made us proud to be a very, VERY formidable team.

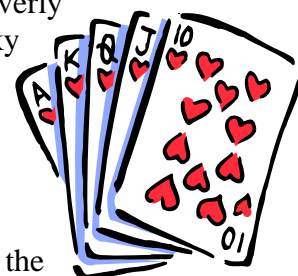


- My Accounting Degree at Edmonds Community College. I always wanted to get it since I already was doing taxes. This was kind of icing on the cake. I was able to skip a few classes during the degree classes since I already have a Bachelor's Degree in math, so all I had to do was take the Accounting Classes. I did, as well, a lot of Microsoft Office classes. I took almost all the Accounting classes offered and finished with a 3.95 GPA. I never saw so many A's in my whole life. Afterwards, I had a position with a private accounting-tax company where I learned how to prepare corporate returns (which I equate to square dancing at the Advanced level).

- Learning how to play bridge from a newspaper and a book. While on summer vacations during college, I was able to play with some ladies at the American Club in Taiwan. I got used to playing with one lady, Lorraine from Australia, who called me "very aggressive and very good". I told her how I learned and she commented that no one except someone very special could do that. We won quite a few times, lost some, but had a lot of fun. I earned a lot of respect from whoever I then played with. I also played with Beverly (Spillum) while on our Sky Valley cruise to Alaska.

### Beverly Spillum:

- My trip to Antarctica
- My trip to the Swiss Alps
- Building my dream house
- Playing Bridge with Jack on the Sky Valley cruise to Alaska





## CRUISING WITH SKY VALLEY

Hello Fellow Cruisers,

Our October cruise plans are shaping up nicely, but we still have room for more cruisers! The cruise departs from Fort Lauderdale, Florida on October 22, and returns to Fort Lauderdale on the 29<sup>th</sup>. The ship is Royal Caribbean's Oasis of the Seas. Our itinerary will include Nassau, St. Thomas, and St. Maarten. I have included the prices below, as well as a detailed itinerary. All prices include all taxes and port charges. They do NOT include airfare. The rates are based on double occupancy. If you prefer a single room, the rate is about 200% of the per person rate.

There are oceanview cabins if you prefer, and there are also Central Park Balconies and Boardwalk Balconies. (space available, since I do not have cabins blocked in these categories)

Full deposit is not due until June 15<sup>th</sup>, and is \$500 per cabin, not per person. However, if you want to guarantee a specific cabin, deposit will be due at the time of the specific cabin assignment. In other words, you will not be able to hold specific cabins without a \$500 deposit per cabin. If you don't care where your cabin is, and prefer to wait until June to make your deposit, I can add your name to the reservation without assignment. That way you are guaranteed a cabin, but not a specific cabin. In June we will assign the cabins. I hope that makes sense.

Sandi Moore

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### *OASIS OF THE SEAS Itinerary*

*INSIDE CABIN: \$1043.40 PER PERSON + \$59 FOR INSURANCE (OPTIONAL)*

*CENTRAL PARK VIEW: \$1143.40 PER PERSON + \$89 FOR INSURANCE (OPTIONAL)*

*BALCONY CABIN: \$1263.40 PER PERSON + \$89 FOR INSURANCE (OPTIONAL)*

**Cruise Line :** ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL

**Cruise Length :** 7 Nights

**Date :** Sat 22 Oct 2011

Date	Port	Arrival	Boarding	Departure	Remark
Sat 22 Oct	FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA		2:00PM	5:00PM	DOCKED
Sun 23 Oct	NASSAU - BAHAMAS	7:00AM		2:00PM	DOCKED
Mon 24 Oct	CRUISING				
Tue 25 Oct	CHARLOTTE AMALIE, ST. THOMAS	9:00AM		6:00PM	DOCKED
Wed 26 Oct	PHILIPSBURG, ST. MAARTEN	8:00AM		5:00PM	DOCKED
Thu 27 Oct	CRUISING				
Fri 28 Oct	CRUISING				
Sat 29 Oct	FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA	7:00AM			DOCKED