

Dear Family and Friends,

December 2019

"215" is a very big number. Joe will be 80 in March; Judy 80 in July and we will be married 55 years in June. We are starting to think of transitions. We love to travel; and our grandchildren's education and lives are so awesome and fun that we don't want to miss opportunities.

Judy planned and organized an educational trip this past spring. We spent almost 2 weeks touring historical Virginia and Washington, DC. Highlights of Virginia: Washington's Mt Vernon; Jefferson's Monticello; Madison's Montpelier. These plantations required slave labor to exist. Only Washington freed his slaves as he was financially able to do this. Jefferson and his slave mistress, Sally Hemings had 5 children who were 7/8 white and lived as slaves. Four lived into their 20's and were freed. We marveled how fragile the start of the world's greatest democracy began. We are 2/3rds through listening to a biography of Alexander Hamilton (we listen to books on CDs when we are traveling). He laid the groundwork for a functioning central government. We are considering one or two more international trips – 5 days in St Petersburg – train ride to Moscow – 5 days in Moscow. Joe would still like to visit Pompey in Italy. We have a lot of the US to visit. We really enjoyed a PBS series on country music that originated in Nashville. Joe remembers seeing "Mini Pearl" at the Detroit Lakes (Minnesota) Water Carnival as a child.

Judy loves volunteering twice a week at our local grade school teaching 5 first graders to read. She observes the diversionary tactics of the first graders when they find the work too difficult. Their pencils fall to the floor and they crawl under the tables to find them. They pull their T shirts over their faces. They fall off their chairs. They meander over to a different part of the room. They change the subject. They note the failings of others. Evidently everything we know we learned in first grade. This year's readers are doing well, and their eyes just sparkle when they succeed.

Judy has inherited a political gene (her brother John Brandl was a Minnesota state representative and senator). She watches both sides of the current political news and there are many lively discussions. She joined a monthly book club and enjoys reading a wide variety of books. Judy is treasurer of a local professional photographers' organization. We hosted a gala Christmas party at our house. Photographers know how to have fun!!!! Her flower garden was especially beautiful this year (Joe got the water system working better). For six months of the year Joe brings flowers to the many shut-ins that he shares the Eucharist with each week.

Joe had a very good year with his grapes and winemaking. He replanted a block of Petite Sirah that died from a disease called "Red Blotch". Some of his aged wines are tasting very good. Several of his grapes have won "Best of Show" at the Sonoma County Harvest Fair (these are his customers' wines). For a while he hadn't sold all the grapes this year, but in the end, he had lots of buyers. He plans to get the water systems working better on the orchards, replant a raspberry bed and try and figure how to grow blueberries. In the past couple of years Joe's faith and life perspective have been changing. Every day he reads an email message from Father Richard Rohr (a Franciscan priest that lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico). Richard proclaims: God's love is manifest in all creation; love and caring for our neighbor and our environment rather than focusing on doctrine should be our goal; our eternity is how we live our life with the potential we have. He is focusing on volunteering at Catholic Charities as part of a liaison team to link faith and community-based organizations with the awesome projects at Catholic Charities such as housing, immigration and many other programs that can help change people's lives. He is converting from a Windows environment to Google Cloud for several reasons: an integrated system with everything backed up on the Cloud; most importantly, he plans to start organizing and putting the Tembrock family history on the Cloud for posterity. Joe went ocean fishing twice this year and caught: 130-pound Yellow Fin Tuna in Hawaii thanks to his son-in-law Dave Lorenz; 25-pound King Salmon in the Pacific Ocean near our place thanks to our financial advisor Tim.

We totally missed the big wildfire this year. We were on a trip to Montana to see our Granddaughter Rachel at college. Our neighborhood was on mandatory evacuation and there was terrible air quality for some time. The fire fighters did a miraculous job and saved the town of Windsor where our son Joey and his family live.

Becky and Dave Lorenz (Veneta, Oregon): preparing for a really big transition (their only son, Josiah, will be going to college next year). He did very well on the ACT and has lots of opportunities. We celebrated Dave & Becky's 25th wedding anniversary in Kauai, Hawaii and then at a whole family camping trip to Whistler's Bend, Oregon. Mary and Frank Roller (Cupertino, CA): boys Nate and Tyler are excellent competitive swimmers and play water polo. Nate loves Bellarmine, a Jesuit High School, and Tyler hopes to start as a freshman next year. Mary and the boys swam from

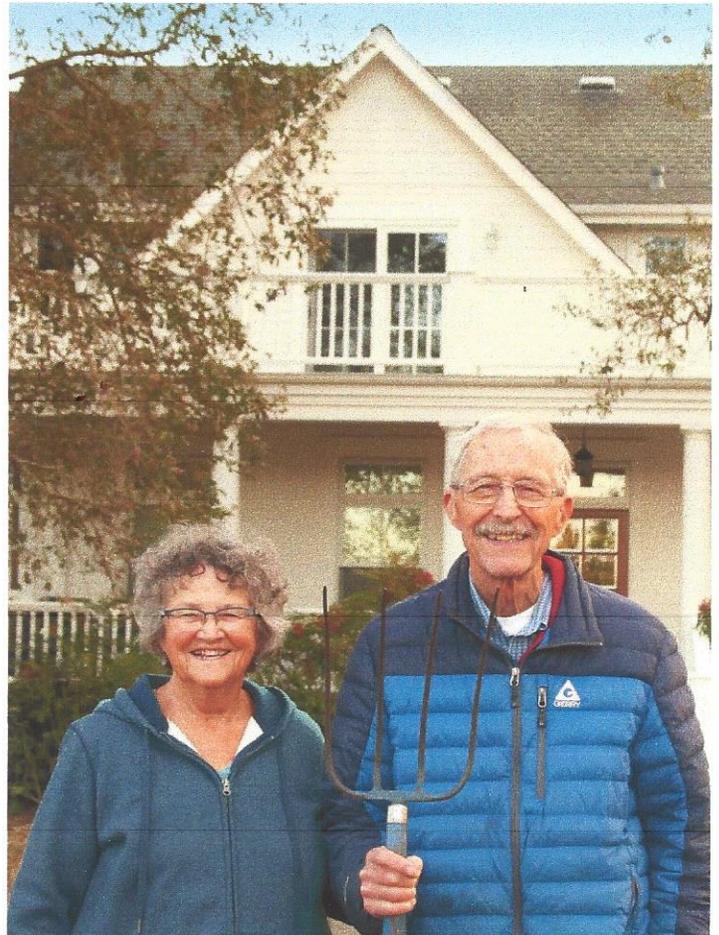
Alcatraz to San Francisco in record times. Amy and Mike Edmondson (Boise, Idaho): Amy has worked for HP for 26 years and HP is downsizing; her last day is February 14 and she has started interviewing. Rachel is a freshman at the University of Montana and may study environmental law; Emily is a high school sophomore and just completed her driving road test with no errors!!; Jennay is the tallest of the Edmondson girls, is in 8th grade and loves to beat Grandpa Joe in the card game "Speed". Joey and Belinda Tembrock (Windsor, CA, just 15 minutes from Joe & Judy): Katie is a sophomore at Cal Poly and majoring in nutrition and loves to line dance. Anna is a junior in high school and just passed Katie in height. The two Tembrock sisters look a lot alike and seem to gather a flock of boys.

We wish you peace & joy,

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Judy & Joe in Kauai for Dave & Becky's 25 Wedding Anniversary



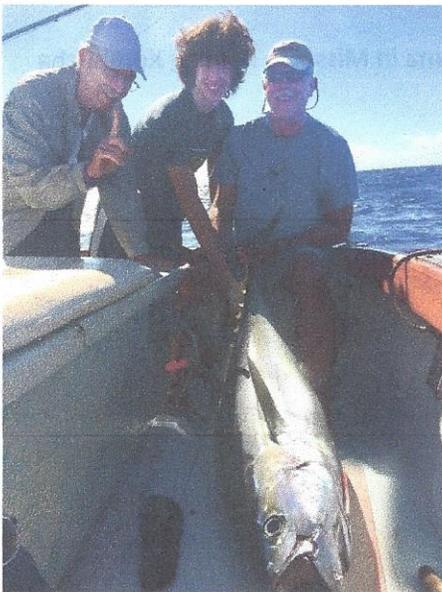
Judy & Joe Royal Court Gothic



Joe in the Library of Congress



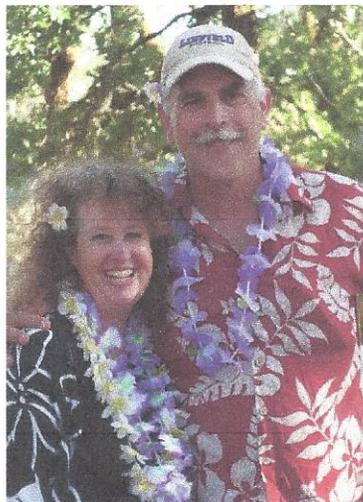
Joe's new block of Petite Sirah grapes with Zinfandel in the background



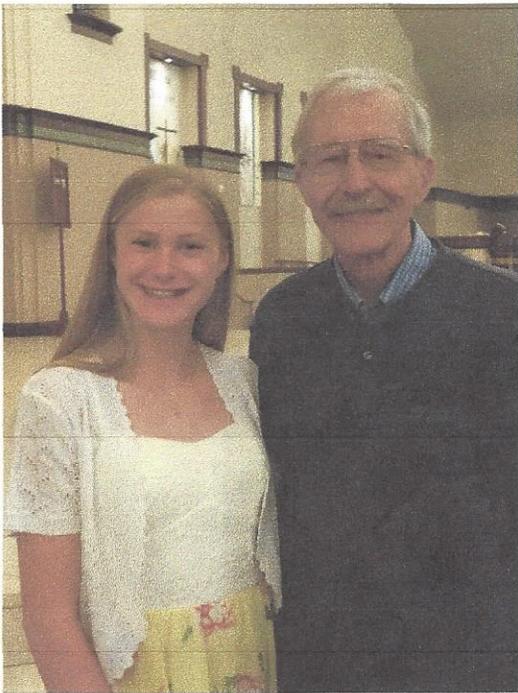
Joe, Josiah & Dave Yellow Tail Tuna (130 pounds)



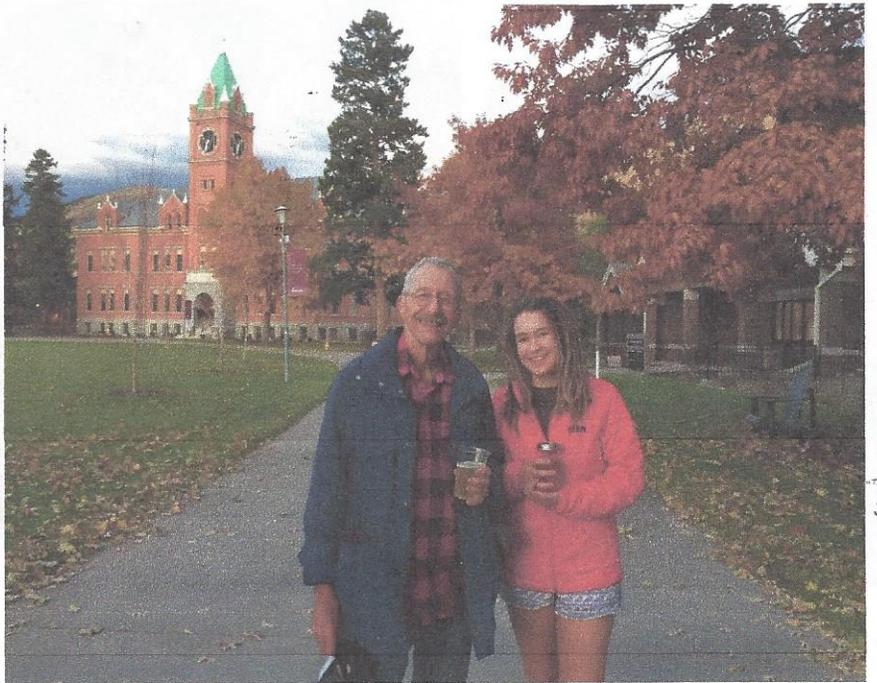
Joe's 25 pound King Salmon (the biggest one)



Dave & Becky Lorenz 25th Anniversary: Umpqua River in Oregon



Grandpa Joe at Emily's Confirmation



Grandpa Joe & Rachel at the U of Montana in Missoula holding Kombucha



Judy with Thomas Jefferson