

Tapella Family Newsletter

2009

Sam's Graduation



Our May trip to Rolla was to attend Sam Leach's graduation from St. Patrick's School. A reception for all graduates was held in the school gym following the ceremonies. The spread of food was very impressive. Unfortunately, we had a big steak dinner at a local restaurant prior to the graduation, so food was the last thing of interest. Everyone had a good time. Now that he is attending the middle school, Sam has turned his attention to wrestling and has made the team.

St. Louis Visit



Before and after the graduation, we spent time in St. Louis with friends and relatives, catching up with old time. We spent the last few days with sister Fran and Joe, ending with a great dinner at Cunetto's on the Hill.

Emily's Graduation



Two weeks later, our only granddaughter Emily McCrone graduated from Queen of Apostles school in San Jose. A fun party followed at Julia and Brian's house. Emily has now moved on to St. Francis High School, following in the footsteps of her parents. She is active in the school's marching band as their only twirler as well as a member of the debate team.

Our 50th Anniversary



June 6th was our 50th Anniversary. The entire family was able to come to Sunnyvale to help us celebrate. It was a week of solid partying, celebrating three birthdays and culminating in celebration itself. We had a private renewal of vows at St. Lawrence chapel with our old friend Fr. Joe Tomei officiating, followed by dinner at Il Fornaio restaurant in San Jose. Michael was a school sponsored immersion trip to poverty stricken areas, but happened to be in Monterey, so he was able to come up for the celebration, ending with a solo limo ride back to his hostel (some poverty trip, eh?).

San Diego October 2008

We spent three weeks in the San Diego area using up timeshare weeks, two at Lawrence Welk Resort and one on the ocean at Pacific Beach. We played lots of rounds of golf and met with Chuck and Marilyn Runge for golf and dinner in Del Mar.

We also got a chance to have dinner with old friends Vic and Marleen Dervin who have moved to the Fallbrook area after many years in Sunnyvale.



We visited the San Diego Zoo's Wild Animal Park for the first time in nearly 40 years. It obviously has changed quite a bit, but it was lots of fun.