

Chapter 22

Golden Wedding Anniversary



Schedule for the Golden Week as of 6/22/09

Friday, August 7th

Find your Nest - Arrivals
Happy Hour 7 pm - cocktails??
Dinner 8 pm, Anne - Lasagna, Val - the rest
Sing along to the Sound of Music DVD or Jesus Christ Superstar?

Saturday, August 8th

Breakfast 7 to 10
Sheila - Art project with the kids

11 am - Beach games
1 pm - lunch on the beach

3 pm - 50's Party night

Sunday, August 9th

Breakfast 7 to 10

Sheila will do an early morning activity with early rising kids

Photos Tree and formal

Kayaking and lunch

Beach and hot tub

Cocktails - ?

Jay - Rib dinner (Kerry and Joey also chef)

Monday, August 10th

Breakfast 7 to 10

9-11 Tennis courts

Yoga on the beach

Lunch 12 noon - at 24 Cypress

Mary - art project with the kids in the afternoon

Beach Volleyball

Cocktails - Anne, Val and Deb

Monica - fish tacos

Mary - dessert

Home Movies ?

Tuesday, August 11th

Breakfast 7 to 10

9-11 Tennis courts

SPA delights

Lunch 12 noon - at 24 Cypress

Tide Pool Field Trip with Debi

Horseback riding on the beach

Kids Movie night and dance party

Sheila and Eileen - full theme dinner and cocktails

Wednesday, August 12th

Breakfast 7 to 10

9-11 Tennis courts

Golf

Lunch 12 noon - at 24 Cypress

Surf Lessons

Poker Night

Cocktails -

Deb - dinner (Kerry and Joey also chef)

Thursday, August 13th

Breakfast 7 to 10

9-11 Tennis courts and Tournament

Lunch 12 noon - at 24 Cypress

Bonfire dinner and singing

Deb - macaroni salad

Friday, August 14th



In planning our wedding anniversary it seemed to make sense to have a week long party at Pajaro Dunes. Anne and I had gone with Mary and her kids on a trip to Scotland in the

summer of 2009 and we gathered in the fall for this party.

We came dressed as we remembered the 50s. Following are random photos of the participants.



Anne and I were fairly conservative and dignified. Monica was more in costume as were the rest of the kids and grandkids and all the participants.



I seem to always have a glass in my hand. Anne and I are with Mary.

Pete T and Sheila got seriously



into the costuming, as did Mary.



The kids then pulled us out on the deck for gift presentation. The photograph of our wedding getaway was really great

and Anne, as you can see, was astounded with her present. It was a glorious time.

We have to document some of the other characters and their characterizations. The following photos are in no particular logical sequence but present some of the crazy friends and relatives that were there. I can't decide whether the kids or the grandkids had the most fun in dressing up.



Sheila and Eileen hosted a wild collection of pictures from our wedding.



Now let me find some pictures of the various wild outfits; John and Val with Logan.



We also have Pete, Sheila, Ryan, and Max. I think they were doing an Italian Mafia presentation.

Next we have a shot of the four granddaughters. Looking



beautiful in costumes with Monica.



About this time we wound into a dancing mode, but continued to drink.

You can see we continued the party out on the deck it was a major celebration.



We missed Jimi, who did not arrive until after the party as he had some contagious mild disease and did not wish to infect everyone else.



Here Eileen and George are posing with us in front of the photo wall. Eileen has since split from George.



I think Peter came as Che Gvuera.



We ended the party with birthday cake that had the topping on it from our wedding. We continued celebrating all day and into the night.

More food and drink for the rest of the week. It was a fantastic wedding anniversary and party. Somewhere there is a great video of our dance party that I do not know how to put in this document.

The costumes were great and the party atmosphere even better. We had selected a series of songs from that era and passed out the words so that everyone could sing out! We are great with volume not so much with singing on key.



We geared up for the kayak trip up the Elkhorn Slough. The brave celebrants took the kayaks while Anne and I rode to meet them at the other end of the Slough. We had singles, doubles, sleeping kids and major paddlers.





A healthy Jimi arrived on Sunday to join his cousins for the rest of the week of fun.



We planned horseback riding on the beach for Wednesday. We had to lie a little bit about Georgia's age, but eventually she was on the horse and the group took off down to the beach. It was a beautiful day and they looked like they had a great time. None of the horses broke into a gallop. The girls were happy, and Max was fairly blasé.



As I write this, it is getting close to our 60th and we have to decide what we are going to do?????