



Happy 4th of July 2016

Hello everyone! I hope everyone had a great Fourth of July Celebration! This year Bob & I stayed home and watched the fire works on TV. There was no official fire works display on site this year as the new owners had safety concerns. As much as we all enjoyed them, I was actually surprised the previous owners allowed them! The weather was very hot and humid to entertain the thought of going anywhere. On the Friday before the 4th, there was an ice-cream social, with a golf cart parade prior, to celebrate the Fourth. See the picture to the right.

On July 14th, there was a 'Quilts of Valor Ceremony' to honor Veterans at Lakeside Crossing. *'The Mission of Quilts of Valor is to cover all service members and veterans touched by war with a comforting and healing quilt.'* The Quilts of Valor Foundation along with the Conway Quilt Guild and Lakeside Crossing, honored 21 local veterans, of which my Bob was one. It was a very moving ceremony!! The first picture is the opening ceremony with the Presentation of Colors and the National Anthem, which was beautifully sung by the granddaughter of our neighbor across the street, Ray Harrison. That is her on the left hand corner. The group picture was taken at the end of the ceremony. You can see Bob in the group on the right side and a picture of his quilt below. A lot of effort went into making those quilts!

As everyone knows, the month of July was wet and hot which equals high humidity! We had rain almost every day and the result was the lake level rising, which you can see by the rising water level and the road drains backing up. As soon as the weir (gate) was opened it went back down! Thank you Lou!! At the end of July we headed for Maine, which was more comfortable in the lower 80's and 70's! That will be page 2 of the newsletter. Here at Lakeside, we celebrated "Christmas in July!", which our new Activity Director Lori set up for some fun. We spent part of an afternoon singing Christmas Carols while Santa played his guitar. Bottom right, Bob put his computer skills to work helping our local Nutritionist, Ana of 'Ask Nutrition' with some computer issues. We view this as a win...win situation between our senior community and the larger surrounding business community! We are helping each other!

At the bottom meet Rose Bud, our new resident bunny!



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St Joseph's College!!!

Well, as I mentioned, Bob & I ended the month of July by driving to North Windham, Maine to attend my class reunion, which happens to be 50 years since I graduated from St. Joseph's College. We were a small class of about 20 students then, with a campus that held about 4 buildings. When I was there it was a women's college, which subsequently opened it's doors to men. The campus grew to about a dozen buildings and other enhancements. It is a Catholic College, run by the Sister's of Mercy, and is set high overlooking Sebago Lake - a beautiful location! There were six of us in attendance from my class and we all participated in a ceremony where we were inducted into the Walton Street Society, celebrating 50 years of support for St Joseph's College.

When we left, Bob & I drove to New Windsor, NY from where we departed 14 years ago. While there we enjoyed a short visit with Timothy our grandson, and his fiancé, Catherine. Our granddaughter, Lana, drove up from Queens to be with us also. We got to meet Catherine's mom for the first time as well. It was a short visit but one with much enjoyment. In fact, yours truly was so distracted, I forgot to take any family pictures! I know that is hard to believe, but it is true. While there we did take the opportunity to visit where I grew up and where Bob & I used to live. Needless to say there were a lot of changes.

Below is Xavier Hall, one of the original buildings on campus, where most of the alumni events took place. Above, on the right, the six of us are having lunch. The new building is one of the new dorms. Next, I was presented with the Walton Street Society pin by the College President, Dr Jim Dlungos. Below right, is a lobster/chicken bake by the lake and the sun setting on Lake Sebago.



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