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Lou's Organ Recitals By Lou Selder Plant Engineering 1964-1988

During the pandemic lockdown in 2020, we were told to stay home and start a new hobby, one that would exercise our brains. So, Elsa and I decided to start something that neither of us knew anything about. We chose learning how to play piano. After much research, we bought a Yamaha Clavinova CVP 809 Digital Grand Piano.



It is an incredible machine with many great features, including over 1,600 different voices (instruments) that it will play. The voice I play is the Concert Organ Tutti, which makes the sound of a powerful pipe organ in a cathedral.

I don't know how to read music, never had lessons, and never played any musical instrument before. But with the miracle of the internet, you can get free help online from websites that show you how to play a specific song. I picked Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D Minor because I can make a lot of noise with it on the organ.

I learned how to play most of the Toccata. I'm having fun playing it as a 5-minute recital for friends, neighbors, relatives. I would like to play the recital for you. Go to the YouTube video

HYPERLINK "https://youtu.be/BhntvTAjOE0" }

As you watch the video, realize that I may have set a record as the oldest man ever to learn how to play Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D Minor on the organ. I was 32,243 days old when I made this video.

I hope you enjoy it.

Lou Selder



Elsa, Lou, and Brody Christmas 2020

Holiday Social Our Savior Lutheran Facility December 2, 2021

Here are some photos from the holiday lunch. Many thanks to Roger Everett for organizing the very nice get-together.



Ray & Joanne Culy



Jim & Vivian Wang Sheila & Ray Rychnovsky



Al & Marge Mederios, Ron Pastone



Rodger & Jorene Page



Jane & Roger Everett



Linda & Tim Evans, Gail Bryan



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Glenda Muir, Elizabeth Folkendt



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Martha & Rich Campiotti



Gail Bryan



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Jim & Glenda Muir, Stefan & Elizabeth Folkendt, Jim Bauman

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David & Jolene Abrahams



Wanda & Dick Finn



Emily Joiner, Christie O'Shea, Sharron Norris



Dick Jones, Graham Thomas, Joel Lipkin



Karen & Harry Davis



Tim Sage, Kevin Schroder



Marianne Green, Ron Pastone



Connie & Bill Ormond

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Updates from Retirees

Karen and Harry Davis

A Road Trip on Route 66! Square Dancing in Jackson, Mississippi in June 2021, driving through Needles CA, Grants NM, Vernon TX, Monroe LA, and into Jackson MS. Photos are in Seligman, Arizona, where an old saloon with a grill in front ended up as Roadkill Café with wonderful food and atmosphere. The Route 66 signs are in a hotel in Barstow CA.









Leaving Jackson, a stop on the Natchez Trace Parkway was a must. An entrance to history.



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Wil and Jan Vandermolen September 2021

Retirement moves along. Right now, Wil and I are in Angel Fire, NM for a quiet week in a beautiful area of New Mexico. Unfortunately, many aspen trees have been rendered lifeless by drought and bark beetle.

Our cabin just for the week



Our view from the front deck



Wil took a bad fall in the back yard about a year ago that has curtailed his activities but he continues to be interested in all kinds of reading in a wide variety of topics...the fall did not affect his usual good humor. I stay busy with household chores, great-grandchildren, bowling, bridge games, reading and far too many hobbies. Would like to see everyone at the Christmas shindig but we'd made reservations in Tucson for that week several months ago. We'll travel as long as we can.

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Recent Deaths:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Marilyn Lane Don Cowgill Max Schell Ray Baldonado Henry Hanser Rick Wayne Norm Breazeal George Overturf Luis Bernardez II Ken Tschritter Alec Willis Gary Beeler Jim Miller Fred Cerruti Len Hiles	10-27-2020 01-01-2021 02-28-2021 03-13-2021 04-03-2021 04-22-2021 07-01-2021 07-07-2021 07-26-2021 08-25-2021 09-10-2021 10-03-2021 10-04-2021

RASCAL Dues

It is time to renew RASCAL dues for 2022. Send your contact information along with your \$5.00 yearly dues or \$50.00 lifetime dues to Retirees Association of Sandia/CAL, (RASCAL), P. O. Box 18, Livermore, CA 94551. If you would like to transfer funds from your SLFCU account, please contact our treasurer, Roger Everett at: roger.everett@sbcglobal.net



Retiree Resources

HR Solutions - 505-284-4700

MetLife Customer Service: 866-492-6983 Via Benefits: 1-888-598-7809 (TTY:711)

Sandia Retiree Website: https://hr.sandia.gov.sandia-retirees/

Death Notification Procedures:

htpps://sandiahr.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/8678

Thank You

We want to thank all of you who have contributed articles and photos on your vacations, hobbies, moves to new locations, and other informative subjects. We really appreciaate your excellent contributions to the Newsletter. Keep them coming!

Also thanks to Jim Muir and Ken Marx for all the party photos.

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