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## At a Glance...Commentary

This is the section where I typically have blown off a little steam and expressed my political views. I felt a certain relief on Election Day, after the results were in. But with the current state of the economy, it was short lived. I will hold my opinions off this year, and give the new administration time to show if it can accomplish even 10 % of what they said they would. I congratulate our new President, Barack Obama, and wish him and us speed in his mission.

On a local level we have had some more successes, including the upholding of a monetary fine against a town councilwoman I had challenged for including her campaign refrigerator magnet in a mailing paid for with taxpayer funds! She was also voted out of office since that time.

I have been both praised and admonished for including my political views in a holiday newsletter. If this offends you, I apologize, and warn you to skip this first column next year as it will most likely happen again.

I feel optimistic about our future, and I urge you all to learn about the issues, and get involved on both the local and national level...(Even if you disagree with my views!)

It's hard to narrow our focus, but I'll say that in our little world, we again enjoyed vacations with family and friends, business was good, we celebrated milestones and special occasions more passionately with family and friends, and we closely watched current events, and got more outspoken 😊 & involved with local issues and our community. So here's the wrap up...

## Pack Update

I could not write the 2007 year's Gazette. I'm ok now, but I lost my soul for a time. What ever you call it, on top of too many other sad passings, on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007, my Charlie passed on. I was lost. Charlie was very special, and he knew my thoughts and understood everything I said. He was my partner in boxer rescue and helped me from the start with all my foster dogs. I will never forget the time he knocked down and held a young boxer who was being aggressive to me, until I gained control of the dog and called Charlie off.

I have so many wonderful memories of Charlie, and I know his time had come,

he was almost 13 years old, but we miss him dearly.



Sammy turned 9 yrs old on September 21<sup>st</sup>, and is very healthy and doing great. He still has his bursts of energy, but is just as content to snuggle on the couch with you. Seniors rock!

Rudy turned 5 yrs old on July 31<sup>st</sup>! It seems like only yesterday that I held this little 8 wk old puppy in my arms. He has been a challenge being deaf, but I love challenges! He's the best!

And now to introduce you to Katie, the newest member of our pack... She came to us back in February of this year and was really only supposed to be with us for two weeks. But she never left! She'll be 2 yrs old December 21<sup>st</sup>, and is a little wacky, but we love her. You can see photos of them all at:

[Adoptaboxerrescue.com/Galleries/Rudy/RudysJournal.htm](http://Adoptaboxerrescue.com/Galleries/Rudy/RudysJournal.htm).

And some of you may know that bringing a dog into your family is like introducing them to their new "Pack". The "Pack" includes every one in the family. So I guess at this point I should mention that Jim is doing well also. LOL! 😊 He is healthy and a little wacky too, but we love him, and we'll keep him. And he will bring you up to speed on all his athletic activities in the sports update below.

And although we try to keep this newsletter funny and happy, we did lose so many of our extended pack members in 2007 and 2008 that it leaves me at a loss for words in putting their names to paper. I will speak of some in context as I try to make sense of 2008. Others, I will remember as Milestones on page 2 of this newsletter. All are missed dearly.

## Sports 2007 – 2008

### WINNING NATIONAL SR SPRINTS TOPS A GREAT YEAR

For those who haven't heard, Jim won Sr. Men's Sprints at USCA canoe Nationals this year out of 11 competitors. He also

missed 1st in Sr men's C-2 by inches with friend Larry F from FI, and took 2nd in the mixed sprints. He got first in the biathlon (3K Run, 3 K paddle) in "Over 50 Men" with Larry and 4th in C-2 marathon race in a brutal group of racers "I am happy, but want to do better next year in the marathon events"

Jim did well this year canoe racing but traveled less by car, trying to spend more time at home. Most canoe races are 4+ hours away so it takes dedication, and gas. Gas prices helped influence the decision. He still raced the General Clinton 70 miler and the warm-up races for it. In March Jim flew to Larry F's house in FI for 10 days of paddling 4-5 hrs per day. In September Jim was back to Florida paddling 150+ miles in 5 days on the Suwannee River.

With Milton B, Jim entered the Mayor's Cup around Manhattan race on Milt's OC-2 outrigger. Jim hoped that Dad would get to see him race from a Coast Guard Aux. escort boat. Small craft warnings cancelled the Auxiliary and after 1 ½ hrs the race was halted due to wind and waves. Four foot waves are impressive sitting six inches out of the water on a hollow fiberglass log with a pontoon out the side for stability. It was exciting but you wonder how Hawaiians paddled across the oceans where four feet is considered a calm sea.

The boys, as Jim and three of his best friends Tom, Bill and Dan are known, are a great group of guys who run or mountain bike on weekends and can be counted on for just about anything for each other, move a washer or refrigerator, taking down a tree, organize a running race etc. The first question often asked..."does it involve beer?" Beer or not things really do get done. Thanks guys!

The boys, thanks to the much faster Tom, Bill and Dan, have even helped Jim get some running medals. Two years in a row they have gotten 3rd masters team in Rob's Run, and in the 50 mile Ocean to Sound across Long Island race, they got 3rd last year and won the master's division against many really good teams. Also twice they won masters in the winter relays.

Jim is racing sailboats again, with friends Bill (from the boys) and Hank. It's Sundays on Bill's Ensign and some Wed. nights on Hank's 42 foot Saber. The Ensign (named Caber for a telephone pole like log that Scotts like to throw... go figure?) had a fantastic year. They

took 4th in the regional races and 3rd overall for the season. As Bill likes to say, their first major awards.

Sadly we recently received great pictures of Ray, Jim, and Sandy's last race together on Ray's Ensign at the 2007 Beach Point Commodore's Cup. We miss you Ray.

## *Milestones...2007& 2008*

\* May, 9, 2008 –Mom celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> B-day

\* July 14, 2008 –Sue Miur celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> B-day

\* Jun 27, 2008 –Joan celebrated her 50<sup>th</sup> B-day



*In Remembrance of...*

*Murphy Trehy 2006*

*Uncle Gil Jones 2007*

*Uncle Kieran Jones 2007*

*Aunt Eileen Ille 2007*

*Bob Somers 2007*

*Charlie Trehy 2007*

*Aunt Marian Jones 2008*

*Carole Fink 2008*

*Ray Fink 2008*

*Willie Poveromo 2008*

*Rocks Biancanello 2008*

All creatures, great & small, are missed.

## Tracking System Update

The WISN Radar system, short for "Where is she now?" spotted Mom in China, and in Mexico, and found her in Lynden WA and her new home now in San Juan Capistrano, CA. Wow!

Mom organized the China trip from start to finish. It started on January 1<sup>st</sup>, and included Sandy and Jim, Joe, Susan, Kaylie and Sean. The Great Wall of China



was awesome and steep! And the tour stopped in Beijing, Tongli, Suzhou, Hangzhou and Shanghai. It was amazing, wonderful and extraordinary, and words don't do it justice. Thank you Mom!

And then there was Mom and Sandy's trip to the Interline Sales Managers Conference in Cancun Mexico. Mom thought she might not know many of the active delegates in attendance, but everywhere we went, her colleagues

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sought her out to catch up on old times and discuss with her the current state of the industry.

And in October, radar spotted her with Linda, and her sister Terry and Cousin Linda, on a cruise ship on the Mexican Rivera. A fun time was had by all.

But sadly, among our many loses last year, was the loss of Mom's dear friend and travel partner Bob. While making plans for their Tahitian trip, Bob suddenly passed away. Their many trips included a 2006 expedition to the Antarctic. He is greatly missed.

## 2008 Wrap Up

We lucked out weather-wise in the beginning of the year both here and on our China trip. We enjoyed mild temperatures while on our tour. A few days after returning to the States, China experienced arctic temperatures lower than what they had seen in decades. (see WISN Radar)

While recovering from jet lag, we got back to work, having little time to contemplate and digest where we had just been. Luckily we all took a few pictures, probably about 2000! Caution must be taken when asking to see our photos of China, if you are short on time. LOL.

In February Katie came to visit and never left, so we are a three boxer family again.

### **Life with Jim, Sandy, Sammy, Rudy & Katie too!**

Jim went to Florida in March to get his fix of paddling in. It also gets him ready for the canoe season.

On May9th Sandy flew to CA to "surprise" Mom for her 80th B-day. The plan was for Joe, Susan, and Sean to go to Mom's, wish her a happy B-day and Sandy to sneak in a few minutes later and surprise her. Being Mom, Mom's reaction was to turn and say, "Oh there you are." That's my Mom!

Our good friends Ray and Carole became sick in the early part of the year. We spent much time traveling up to visit with them in the hospital, and rehab centers. We spent 25 years together racing Ray's Ensign, and went on ski vacations for at least a dozen years. Birthdays, anniversaries and holidays were celebrated together, and we met often for dinner. In April, Carole passed on, and Ray joined her in June. There is a big hole in our lives.

Summer by the backyard pond is always a calming retreat. The Koi are now about two feet long and it's relaxing to share coffee or a cocktail with friends while watching the fish swim.

Paddling kept Jim busy. He drove to the Nationals held in August, out in Indiana, and brought back a load of medals.

2008 was the 4th most active hurricane season on record. After some vacillation,

Sandy and Mom met in Cancun, on September 13th as Hurricane Ike was passing by. (see related story WISN Radar).

Boxer rescue continues to be a big part of Sandy's life. Maintaining the www.AdoptABoxerRescue.com website is a big job, combined with finding homes for all the boxers rescued by her organization, but each dog is worth saving. She and fellow rescue volunteer Joanne, drove to Pennsylvania to participate in the Puppy Mill Awareness Day protest. Two months later, the State of Pennsylvania passed its strongest law to date regulating puppy mills and their treatment of animals.

There are 10 million dogs produced each year in puppy mills, and at least 4 million euthanized each year because they are abandoned or strays.

While Linda was cruising with Mom down to Mexico, her pooches, Jack, Nickie, and Lucy visited for 2 weeks in October. It was a bit of work, but it was so nice that Linda got a chance to visit with Mom that it was all worth it.

November 4th, Election Day, was a good day at our house. We took a short breath, and have since started working on our local 2009 campaign. Being active in community and government is our duty, and I highly recommend being involved and informed.

*Please update any email addresses. Reach out & touch someone today, send e-mail.*

*We've closed a chapter on another year. We try to keep things in perspective when we revisit the old year. We appreciate the many good times we've had with friends and family. (Again, too many to fit here.)*

*And we take comfort in the memories of those no longer with us.*

*We look forward to sharing a great 2009 with all of you; both near and far, those we love and never get to see often enough, no matter how often we see you.*

*We hope this letter finds all of you in good health, happiness, & celebrating this holiday season with those you love.*

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GOOD HEALTH & BEST WISHES  
FOR A PROPEROUS 2009!**

**Love always,  
Sandy, Jim, Sammy, Rudy, & Katie Too!**



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