

The Levy Light



Spring won't let me stay in this house any longer! I must get out and breathe the air deeply again.
- Gustav Mahler

New Kitchen Chairs by Victor Levy

It's a bad sign when you're on a first name basis with the proprietor of your nearest UPS store. Why you ask? Because you are probably there dropping off online returns and you know what a hassle it can be.



This story starts with the pandemic. Because of it, my wife, Suzanne, and I are in our house more, which provides us with more time to look at things and find reason to replace them. We recently set our sights on our kitchen chairs.



Our present chairs are 25 years old and have held up relatively well. We reupholstered them when the kids were younger with a heavy duty leather seat cushion and they show little wear and tear. The problem is in the cushion itself - it has lost its spring. This, of course, translates into a need for new chairs. We chose to attempt this project like we do everything else - by looking online at Wayfair or Amazon.

The process is somewhat tedious as you go through online page after page reviewing different options, reading customer reviews about durability and comfort, and then reviewing closely the floor to the seat height. I am a stickler for 19 inches and nothing shorter as I like to sit high above my kitchen table.

For the last week, we have received many large boxes on our front porch, even during the snowstorm. The chairs came disassembled, but were easy to setup with a few screws needed to add legs. Then once you have it ready to go, you sit and reflect on the comfort and the height and the sturdiness. You stand up, then you sit again, you discuss - it's really a grueling undertaking which requires a great deal of patience. Eventually, you pick one and have to return all of the others. This is where Steve, the UPS owner and manager, enters my story.

Taking the chairs apart is not the problem and packing them up is easy. The hard part is carrying the boxes to your car and then into the UPS store. These are big and bulky boxes. It is a two person job to carry them, and thankfully, Steve, has been most helpful allowing me to drop them off behind his store in the rear alley way.

In short, online shopping and returning is easy for small items, but please beware of these larger purchases which may require a return. Or, better yet, just arrange to have UPS pick these up directly from your front porch and save yourself the hassle of schlepping them to the store. Lesson learned.



Victor with Cherry Hill UPS Owner, Steve

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My Pandemic Birthday Celebration by Lisa DiStefano, Client Services Associate



Lisa, The Birthday Girl

I love celebrating birthdays, so I wasn't going to let the pandemic stop me. My three closest friends and I went to my favorite restaurant in Philadelphia, Buddakan. We had amazing food, drinks and company — the presents were nice too! Buddakan is set up with individual heated stalls out on the street, as are many other restaurants in Philly, with openings to the outside for an abundance of air flow for safety. Besides my wonderful friends, the Buddakan staff made my birthday feel almost normal even in 35 degree weather!



Lisa with her birthday entourage



My Drum Hobby by David Levy

As we are all living in the at-home life cycle, some have readdressed their hobbies. A favorite hobby of mine is playing drums and I rent studio space in Center City to do this. I recently put new drumheads on my drums, which I would



David's drums in the studio

like to explain. When you purchase a drum set, they come with stock drumheads from the brand, and usually are very basic. I have used these drumheads for about five or six years, but I decided during the pandemic to replace them. I recently joined a Facebook drumming group and in corresponding with other drummers and doing some research on options, I made a choice to replace the old drumheads. I ordered new heads online and they came about week later. It does take time to unscrew each lug and replace. I think it might have taken me about two hours to replace and retune. The result is a wonderful new sound and tone. I am hopeful that one day soon, I'll be jamming with others again.

Leon Fun Fact:

When Leon's eyeglass prescription changes, he always orders frameless glasses. When we asked Leon why he doesn't branch out and try something more modern or fun, he replied: "The frameless lenses almost make me look like I'm not wearing glasses, and besides, they are nice and light."



A Well-Needed Weekend Away by Josh Goldberg, Controller

During this pandemic, life has come to a semi standstill and my travel and concert plans had come to a screeching halt. I was grateful to have taken a cruise right before the lockdown, which had given me enough to hold me over until now.

Now that it has been over a year since that trip, I was able to use the long New Year's holiday weekend, to take a safe weekend trip to the Adirondack Mountains. I was able to hike two snow peaks in the great outdoors. This is the new normal to do a small road trip and be outdoors. It was a lovely time and a great way to see the sights that our great world offers.

Now, as we plan to come out of the pandemic and all get vaccinated, there are concerts and travel itineraries starting to be planned and venues are being booked

As many sports fans watched the amazing Super Bowl half time show performed by R&B/soul artist, **The Weeknd**, he subsequently released that he was going on tour starting in the spring of 2022. This means that we can start to see the other side of the pandemic where concerts will start to happen again.

This gives me hope that life will resume to normal or a new normal over the next 12 months.



Josh on top of Cascade Mountain



Ash with her snowman friend



Ash & Bree

More Kid Fun by Jason Lawrence

Although the snow is beautiful, it can be hard on us adults with all the shoveling, cleaning the cars off, driving, and walking. On the other hand, my daughters, Bree and Ash, really enjoyed all the snow this winter, Ash made a larger than life snowman and Bree taught her sister how to sled. It was great to get out of the house! With that said, we're all looking forward to a wonderful springtime.



A Letter From Leon L. Levy

Hi, My Fellow Pandemic Sufferers,

I hope you are fairing well as I am quite hopeful that we are getting close to the end of this situation because more and more of us are getting the Covid vaccine. Hopefully by the summer we will all be vaccinated and a lot freer. As for Fran and me, we have adapted to socially distancing ourselves from others, since both of us had gotten the virus in early March 2020. Subsequently, we went last month to Allentown, Pennsylvania for our vaccinations. We feel pretty comfortable in our present state, hopefully, with a lot of immunity. The reason we traveled to Allentown for our vaccinations is that Philadelphia and the suburbs did not have a system in place for obtaining vaccinations. I got a pleasant email from a fellow Susan G. Komen Philadelphia board member advising me to call St. Luke's Hospital in Allentown as they are taking people by appointment now. I called on a Sunday and left a message, and I received a call back on Monday. They asked me when we would like to come in, and I answered, tomorrow. The following day, Fran and I drove to Allentown, which was a beautiful ride on a beautiful day. At St. Luke's, they greeted us, sat us down, gave us our shots, monitored us for 15 minutes, thanked us for coming, and we were out the door on our way home. It was a very pleasant experience, and of course, the second vaccination was just as pleasant an experience.



A pleasant surprise came in the mail this week where we were invited to take an eight-day Broadway Mediterranean Cruise in September 2022 whereby Playbill Travel partners with Silversea Cruise Line. We have gone on about four or five of these Broadway Cruises, but missed going in 2020 and 2021 for obvious reasons. These cruises are so much fun, with well-known Broadway entertainers performing each night. We are very much looking forward to this trip.

Fran and I are thrilled and proud to announce that we are becoming great grandparents for the first time as our grandson, Jared, and his wife, Melissa, are expecting a baby boy in June. This is very exciting news for the whole family.

Regarding my work life, I still very much enjoy coming into the office Monday through Thursday from about 9:30 to 12:30.

One last item is that Hillel at Drexel University is having a virtual benefit on March 24th, where they are presenting me with the Drexel Hillel Leadership Award. It is a great honor for me.

I hope to see you soon with or without masks.

Take care,
Leon



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- *Ongoing Knowledge Drives Success*
- *In Proactive Actions*
- *In Responding Urgently*
- *Accuracy is Critical*

Quarterly Update:

Upcoming Birthdays:

- ◆ April 23 — Joe
- ◆ May 6— Leon
- ◆ June 3—Victor
- ◆ June 30—Don

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