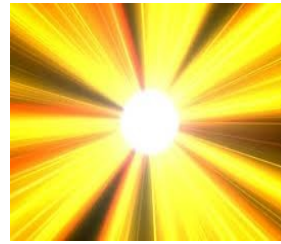




The Levy Light



"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much" - Helen Keller

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Victor and his wife, Suzanne, at South

Checking out Jazz in Philly by Victor Levy

Over the years, my wife, Suzanne, and I have been to see many types of music, from rock and pop to orchestra. Last winter, we discovered that we actually love jazz music and when I received an email from the restaurant South, which mentioned that Grammy award winning saxophonist Kenny Garrett and his band will be in town, we decided we had to go.

First, a word about the experience. This was not just going to a jazz club but rather South is a restaurant which, no surprise, specializes in Southern cuisine. The menu includes fried green

tomatoes, homemade cornbread, and various entrées featuring Louisiana Gulf shrimp. There are two areas to this restaurant, in front is a warm and cozy southern restaurant and in the back is a jazz night club where you can order from the same menu. I can't say enough about how much fun it is to have dinner and listen to jazz music.

We ordered drinks and were being served delicious food when the lights dimmed and out came Kenny and his band. It was a quintet consisting of piano, bass, drums, and percussion. Kenny was quite a showman and the music was fun and upbeat.

As they took the stage, Kenny made it clear that his band was indeed just that, a team of really talented musicians who communicate and work well together on stage in order to create new music live and in real time. His compositions are inspired with positive messaging and the production of each musician, soloing on and off throughout each song, created a feel of both warmth and rhythm which created a drive to the music that was supported and enhanced by the heavy percussion.

Upon reading Kenny Garrett's bio, I found that he is best known in many circles for the five years he spent playing with Miles Davis during Davis's electric period,

The thing I like most about jazz music is how it works on my brain. It puts me in a state of presence because that's how the music feels, it feels like it is happening live and being created right there in front of you. This, combined with an excellent fried green tomatoes made for a wonderful evening.



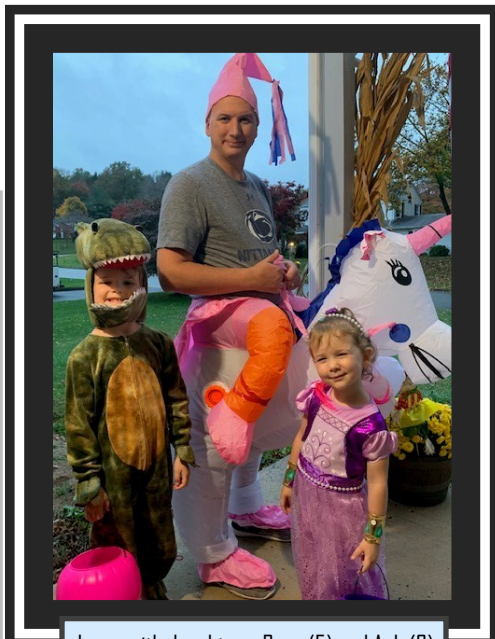
Life is a lot like jazz—it's best when you improvise.

- George Gershwin





Trick or Treating with My Girls by Jason Lawrence



Jason with daughters, Bree (5) and Ash (3)

Halloween is always a fun time in our house. My girls Bree (5) and Ash (3) love dressing up and, more importantly, collecting as much candy as they can. It was the first-time we would be trick-or-treating in our new neighborhood and my daughters were looking forward to seeing their new friends. Bree loves dinosaurs, so she dressed up as a T-Rex and Ash dressed up as Shimmer from TV show Shimmer and Shine. They both were adorable. It had been years since I dressed up for Halloween, so I thought it would be fun to surprise my daughters with a silly costume. Both are obsessed with unicorns, so I decided to dress up as a princess riding a unicorn.

Once the girls were dressed up and dinner was almost done, I snuck away to get ready. I could hear the girls talking about how much candy they were going to get and which friends we would walk with. A few minutes later I stood in the living room as the girls came out of the kitchen and they screamed, "Daddy is a Unicorn!"

We had a great time going through the neighborhood. As we went from house to house, Ash told everyone her dad was a unicorn. The night ended with lots of candy, some laughs and two very tired little girls. I can't wait to find another costume for next year!

Leon Fun Fact

Leon has been getting his hair cut by Michele DiPalma, the owner of Thunder Hair Salon at 19th & Sansom Streets, for over 40 years now. When asked why Leon hasn't ventured anywhere else for his haircuts through the years, he replied: "Michele makes me look good."



Michele & Leon

RIP Leon L. Levy & Associates Calendar by Paula Gill, Administrative Associate



Way back when, circa 1977, Leon decided he wanted his name, address and phone number at his associates' and clients' fingertips, so the LLLA calendar was born. Each year in November the calendar would be sent out to those on our mail list for the following calendar year. Many of us, associates and clients alike, had our whole lives written on these calendars— names, dates, times, places, etc. Clients would call mid-year asking when they could expect the next year's calendar and some would even ask for extras for family members or for other desks they had.

Well, the time has come, with modern technology, to put the paper calendar to rest as the masses don't use them any more. I for one, being part of the senior population, am not totally ready to say good-bye, so I went on Amazon and bought a similar type calendar for myself. Change is good, I know that, and having an iPhone calendar is wonderful and very convenient, but sometimes it's just nice to look at a whole month at once with all my handwritten notes.

Anyway, I know to many of you it won't matter that this calendar is gone, but our deepest sympathy to those who will miss our old friend!



*Our Office
Holiday Dinner
at La Fontana
On December
16th*

Following My Fave Rock Band by Lisa DiStefano, Client Services Associate



Lisa and Eric Bazilian, lead singer of The Hooters Rock Band

The Philadelphia Music Alliance Walk of Fame Induction Ceremony and Gala took place on Tuesday, October 22, 2019, on the Avenue of the Arts at the Bellevue. Among those inducted were Pierre Robert from WMMR, The Hooters, The O'Jays, Evelyn Champagne King and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

The daytime ceremony included all of the inductees and their Walk of Fame plaque reveal. The gala was a fun-filled night of musical performances and dancing.

Attendees also included Jerry Blavat, Todd Rundgren, Mike Jerrick, Charlie Ingue and Mark Goodman to name a few.

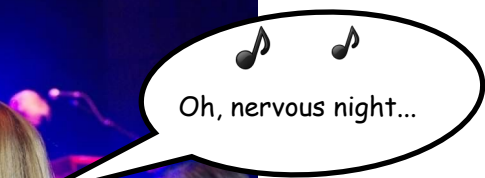
With the buzz of the Walk of Fame induction still in the air, the Hooters played their annual fall shows at the Keswick Theater in Glenside on November 1 and 2, 2019. The band tours Europe every summer and winds down the year with these sold out shows. They are always fun filled nights catching up with friends and enjoying the best music Philadelphia has to offer. A personal highlight for me this year was actually getting to sing a song with Eric Bazilian. I'm hoping that becomes a yearly thing too!



Lisa with Todd Rundgren



Lisa singing with Eric Bazilian





Leon out of surgery on December 4th

Q & A with Leon on his Recent Hip Surgery

Why did you decide to have a hip replacement? One day I woke up and couldn't walk without the assistance of a cane, so I immediately made an appointment with an orthopedic surgeon.

What was the hardest thing about the experience? I went to the ortho in early September to talk about hip situation, which was a bone on bone situation. The doctor advised me to first try a cortisone shot for pain relief, which I did, but it actually made things worse. Then, because I had the shot, I was required to wait three more months, until December 4th, before having the surgery, which was a time of pure hell for me.

Are you happy you had the surgery? Yes, it was a 45 minute procedure and I am out of pain. I am currently working on getting my strength and balance back with regular Physical Therapy and doing exercises on my own,

What was the best thing about this whole experience? Having the unwavering support and care of my loving wife, Fran, during this whole process. I couldn't have done it without her.



Leon relaxing at home, eight days post surgery

From all of us here at The Levy Organization



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



Upcoming Birthdays

- ◆ January 10—David
- ◆ February 3—Lisa
- ◆ February 10—Michael

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