



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

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Ride of a Lifetime by Victor Levy



I was at a birthday party when a guest, with whom I was chatting, told me he had to leave because he had to get up early the next day to ride his bike from Philadelphia to the Jersey shore as a way to raise funds for the American Cancer Society.

We talked for a few minutes at the door about the challenge of such a feat, then as the door closed I had made up my mind, I wanted to challenge myself and, at the same time, do something good for charity. The next day, I went online to search for rides and found that there was a ride in the last week of July called The Ben to the Shore Bike Tour. It was a 65 miler, which started at the base of the Ben Franklin Bridge and ended on the Atlantic City boardwalk, by the Showboat casino. The funds raised by the bikers would benefit the Families Behind the Badge Children's Foundation, a charity that supports the families of first responders who are killed or severely injured in the line of duty.

The next day, I signed up for the race. I had about eight weeks to train and dusted off my Giant road bike (Giant being the name of the bike company not the size of my bike). As I began to train for this, I learned a couple of interesting things about my 54 year old self: I was stronger in endurance than I thought. I still had goals that involved using physical strength much as I did when I was younger, but the best thing I learned while training was the importance of riding in the early morning when the roads are empty and the temperatures are cooler.

Race day arrived, so I got up at 4:30 am and made it to 5th and Race Street at the start of the ride, which began promptly at 7 am. I joined my fellow riders, mostly police officers, at the race line. The early morning vibe was positive and this group of 3000 riders was ready to go.

Long story short – long rides are hard on the body, especially the sit bones, the neck bone due to the position of the body on the bike, and the wrist bones from holding up the body on the handlebars. These are facts not complaints, because the ride was a lot of fun and the small price of body discomfort was worth the reward and joy of finishing. Another takeaway is that the police officer community, which are the largest supporters of this charity, were out in full force. These off-duty officers were kind, very concerned about the safety of the riders, and taught me about the importance of saying thank you to officers that were helping on the sidelines by monitoring traffic.

When we arrived in Atlantic City, there were people cheering us on, cold water, a live band, and a big table of bananas. I was so happy to get off my two wheeled machine and hug my wife and kids, then head up to my brother-in-law's home in Ventnor for bagels and lox, blessedly followed by lounging on his cushioned sofa, a welcoming refuge for my sore rear.



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The Best Show I've Ever Seen by Leon L. Levy



Back in mid-February, there was a half-page ad in the entertainment section of The Inquirer, advertising "Frank: The Man, The Music," starring Bob Anderson. The show was scheduled for June 7th at The Met Philadelphia, located at 858 N. Broad Street. It is a newly renovated

opera house that was in existence in the 50s 60s and 70s, and from what I have read, the renovations cost \$50 Million. Since my wife and I are music lovers, attending concerts regularly, we said we would try to get tickets. I wanted aisle seats close to the stage, and although the show was ultimately a sellout, we were able to get good aisle seats in the orchestra section for \$145 each.

The evening started with dinner with friends and a private car taking us to the theatre. The 8:00 show opened with a video of Bob Anderson as Frank Sinatra in his dressing room, with his back to the camera, a cigarette in one hand and a half glass of whiskey in the other while giving instructions to one of his gangster-like friends. The video ended, the lights went down and then the Vincent Falcone 32-piece orchestra began to play. Out came Bob Anderson, who you would almost believe is the real Frank Sinatra in his sixties. I mean the face, the hair style, the posture, the walk, the mannerisms and the voice were uncanny.



Bob Anderson, in full make-up, performing as Frank Sinatra in his one man show



Bob Anderson as himself

I visited the Bob Anderson website, bobanderson.com, and read up on how Bob Anderson looks so much like Frank Sinatra and found out that he originally commissioned one of Hollywood's top make-up artists, Kazu Tsuji, to turn him into Frank Sinatra. The article said that Kazu has provided the make-up and facial reconstruction for Brad Pitt in, "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" and Jim Carrey in, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," the revised "Planet of the Apes" and many others. Because Kazu's schedule did not allow him to leave Los Angeles for more than two or three days at a time, Bob was then introduced to Emmy Award winner, Ron Wild, who has become Bob's make-up artist for almost all his performances in the show. The article stated that it takes two and a half hours in the make-up chair for Bob to be transformed into Frank.

Fran and I enjoyed this music more than anything we have heard in a long time. The show was 90 minutes, and the crowd went crazy with applause. The highlight for me was when Bob sang New York, New York. It was unbelievable; I kept saying to Fran, I feel like this is Frank back from the dead.

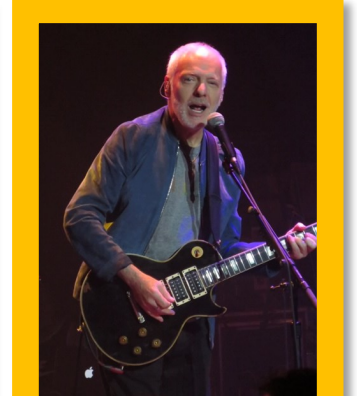
If you get the opportunity to see "Frank: The Man, The Music," do it; you're in for a treat.





Peter Frampton Tour by Lisa Distefano, Client Services Associate

Peter Frampton played the newly open Met in Philadelphia on July 10th. Peter is currently on his final tour, dubbed Peter Frampton Finale—The Farewell Tour, as he was recently diagnosed with a degenerative muscle disease that will prevent future touring. Peter played some deep cuts intertwined with story telling as his background is extensive. The last time I saw Peter perform live was in 1987 when he was David Bowie's guitarist for the Glass Spider Tour. Bowie and Frampton were friends from childhood. Peter's father was Bowie's art instructor.



Company Outing-Cooking by Paula Gill, Administrative Associate

In June, we had our spring company outing, which was an event arranged through City Food Tours (CityFoodTours.com). The day started with a pleasant board room gathering with a continental breakfast and some team games,

Later, we Ubered to our destination, located in The Dorrance H. Hamilton Center for Culinary Enterprises. This facility supports established and start-up food businesses in need of commercial kitchen space and technical assistance. We met with our culinary guide from City Food Tours and he explained what we would be doing. He told us we would be preparing and cooking a southern food menu and then eating the meal as a group.

Yikes, did he say we were going to cook? Not my thing, but I gave it a shot.



All of us sitting down to have the southern meal we created as a team

The menu consisted of the "healthiest" of foods: deep fried chicken, sweet cornbread, baked mac and cheese, veggie salad and Mississippi Mud cookies. They split us into teams and we were assigned to different stations of the kitchen, all set up with our individual recipes and the ingredients and utensils required for each recipe. It was a bit chaotic with 18 people running around the kitchen, but no one got cut, burned or ended up in the E.R., so that was already a win.



Our team of chicken fryers

The whole meal was cooked and ready to eat in about two hours, at which time we sat down to our lunch with a glass of wine or beer. Overall, I thought the meal came out very good. We had to give a show of hands as to which dish we liked best. The mac and cheese got the most votes, and I don't think there are too many people that don't enjoy a chocolate chip type of a cookie, well guess again. Only Leon and the two people who made the cookies raised their hands to indicate they were good. Yes, I made them, but with some help from a coworker (who will remain nameless in this publication). Overall, it was a fun event and day together, but I think I'll leave the cooking AND BAKING to the professionals.



**If you can't stand the heat,
get out of the kitchen.**

-Harry S. Truman



My First Mud Run by Jill Sadowski, Client Services Associate

This past winter I wanted to give myself a challenge, so I decided to sign myself and family up for a summer 5K that turned out to be a mud run. This was no ordinary mud run; it was set up on the beach in Wildwood. So, to add to the mud situation, we had the challenge of the thick and hot summer sand, which I must say is not great for ankles.

At the starting line, I stood there looking out at the huge sand dunes, which were created as part of the obstacle course, thinking, "how am I ever going to get myself over those sand hills?" Well, with perseverance and the support of my family by my side, I made it. I did multiple hills, crawled through the mud pit, climbed up a rope to ring a bell, and climbed a wall twice in order to make it to the finish line.

I am looking forward to signing up for another run, just not on a hot sandy beach.



Jill with her husband, Keith, and son, Keith

Leon Fun Fact:

Leon has been trying to find a cure for his snoring problem. He's tried the CPAP machine, a chin strap, a custom-made mouth guard, but with no real success. Then one day, he saw an advertisement for a snore-free nose clip and sent away for it. Well, we are happy to report that Leon has been successfully using the nose clip for about six months now. When we asked Leon why this nose clip was better, he said: "My wife says it works like a charm, and it only cost five bucks."



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Quarterly Update:

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Joe will be attending the RPAG Conference in California in September

Upcoming Birthdays

- ◆ October 14—Donna, October 22—Judith
- ◆ November 12—Betty, November 14—Maria, November 22—Josh
- ◆ December 5—Jimmy

Milestones

- ◆ Don Allen and Jill Sadowski are each celebrating their 15th anniversary with The Levy Organization

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