



# The Levy Light



## Leon Receives an Honorary Degree from Gratz College - A Personal Reflection by Victor Levy



My father made a deal with me when I was a young man. At the time, I wasn't sure what I wanted to do with myself or my career. I was still in college and trying to figure out my major, but I remember so clearly the conversation I had with my father. Dad put his arm around me and said, "So long as you are not sure what you want to do with your life if you agree to stay in school, I will pay for it."

I took him up on this offer and ended up going on to get two additional degrees after college - my law degree (JD) and my Master's in Law (LLM).



Leon at Gratz College Commencement  
May 21, 2017

Education is the most important thing to not only Dad, but to both of my parents. Regrettably, Mom and Dad did not have the same opportunities as my brother, sister and I had to go to college. Once Dad graduated from high school, he began working in the insurance industry and taking classes at the University of Pennsylvania at night.

On Sunday, May 21st, Gratz College, a pluralistic institution located in Elkins Park PA, honored Dad by conferring upon him a Doctor of Humane Letters, a degree that recognizes his talent and contribution that he has made over a lifetime to the very credo that the institution upholds which is set forth so eloquently as part of their mission statement - to Learn, Teach and Lead.

Now for the reflection - when I saw my father walking down the aisle wearing a cap and gown, I felt a strong sense of pride. I know how important education is to him and how hard he has worked throughout his life to contribute to so many communities, whether personal or professional.

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

### Special points of interest:

Our travels

Our accomplishments

Our lives

### LEVY VISION STATEMENT

*To let every client know that we have their needs and best interest at heart.*

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## Making Changes by David Levy

With our kids heading off to college, my wife and I had an idea - let's move into town! We discussed the idea more last summer while down the shore, and we decided that we would start the process of looking in the fall.

We had a budget range and spent a Sunday looking at our options with a real estate professional. A few weeks later we came into town to look again at the marketplace. Then in early 2017, we discussed what buildings we liked most and what our budget could be. So, we went back to the city again, narrowed the choice and gave a deposit.

Now we are ready to move out of the home where we lived for the last 12 years and to move into our new place. Fun & Exciting!



## Life is Better with a Dog by Mary Gibson, New Business Coordinator

To those who know me, it's always been obvious that I am a baby and a puppy stalker. My baby need was fulfilled with the arrival of my great-niece Olivia about three years ago and she has stolen my heart. But since we lost our 13-year old Golden Retriever, Cookie Gibson, two years ago, a piece of my heart has been missing. Life without a dog just wasn't the same. I mean, it's not like I was going to the doggy park and stalking other people's pups or anything. Or was I?

The SPCA has a fundraiser/adoption event every year called Uber Pups. For a \$30 donation, Uber will bring a pup to your office for 15 minutes. The Puppy Godmothers (Donna, Lisa & Jill) here at Levy & Associates made it happen. A lovely pup was delivered here to our office and the deal was sealed. I was still feeling some trepidation but my very own Puppy Godfather (Leon) made it happen. I am now the proud mother of Daisy Mae Gibson. This adorable baby girl makes me smile every day. Life with a dog is definitely better!



## An Honorary Degree from Gratz College - A Personal Reflection by Victor Levy (Cont'd)

Moreover, the beauty of the day cannot be captured in words, but rather it was captured best by the expression on his face, by his proud smile which in that one moment reflected all of his accomplishments, his pride and his many contributions to philanthropy that have spanned a lifetime.



I say to Gratz College - you got it right! Dad is deserving of the honorary degree, especially from a college that values so highly the types of causes that he believes in. Thank you for this wonderful honor.

Dad, you are a source of pride for me, our entire family and our company.

*Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.—James M. Barrie*

**Victor & Suzanne's Boys**

Ben is studying in London



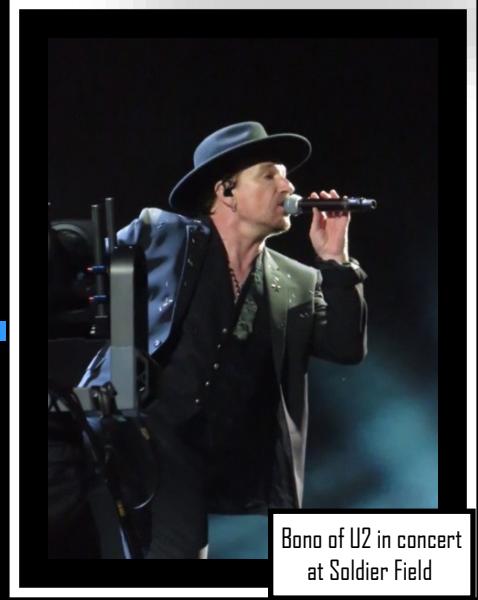
Jonathan displays his work at Cherry Hill East Art Show



Lewis receives Beck Middle School's Student of the Month Award

**U2 by Lisa DiStefano, Client Service Administrator**

I went to Chicago the first weekend in June to see U2 perform two sold out shows at Soldier Field. They performed The Joshua Tree album in its entirety for the 30-year anniversary of its release. The visual display was high tech and they also performed old classics like Bad as well as a new song to be on their next recording. They play in Philadelphia on June 18th. Check them out! They never disappoint.



Bono of U2 in concert at Soldier Field

Leon serves on the Susan G. Komen Philadelphia board. As such, he was one of the volunteers at the 2017 Mother's Day Race for the Cure. Half-jokingly, Leon told us his job was to tell people where to find the porta-pottys.

**Leon Fun Fact:** Leon has been wearing a key tie-clip every day for approximately 45 years. He tells us the reason for this is that upon passing his Chartered Life Underwriter® (CLU®) exam in the early 1970s, The American College awarded him the tie-clip. When asked why he wears only this particular tie-clip, Leon said, "because I earned it and it holds my tie in place."



The Levy & Associates Gang at The Amazing Escape Room

## Our Annual Company Outing, June 7, 2017

The Levy & Associates Gang having lunch afterwards at Pietros



Leon, Marla Meyers & Beth Wynne

Leon delivered a \$3,000 check in March, from the Million Dollar Round Table Foundation's charitable arm. The donation was suggested by Leon and David Levy to be made to the Samost Jewish Family & Children's Service of Cherry Hill. Samost JFCS is a non-profit agency providing quality, affordable and accessible social services to individuals and families in need.

### LEVY CORE VALUES

We the staff of Levy & Associates believe:

- ***Clients Matter Most***
- ***Teamwork is Essential***
- ***Ongoing Knowledge Drives Success***
- ***In Proactive Actions***
- ***In Responding Urgently***
- ***Accuracy is Critical***



### The Last Word...

#### Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Joe & Victor attending PEPC Ethics Workshop, June 2017
- ◆ Victor, Joe & John attending LPL Focus in Boston, July 2017

#### Upcoming Birthdays

- ◆ July—Greg & Paula
- ◆ August—Mary
- ◆ September—Jill, Lynne & Charlene

#### Milestones

- ◆ Donna—30-Year Company Anniversary
- ◆ Greg—15-Year Company Anniversary