



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



The Levy Light

Forever Young by Victor Levy

Six months ago, my childhood friends and I were out with our wives. Throughout the night, the guys were talking about getting together to do something fun, such as a white water rafting trip, or a 10K run in some exotic place. We settled on the TD Five Boro Bike Tour, a forty mile bike ride through Manhattan, the Bronx, Brooklyn, and Queens and then over the Verrazano bridge to Staten Island before taking the ferry back to the starting line in Manhattan.



Victor and his friends, Jaime, Andy & Jeff, after completing the TD Five-Boro Bike Tour in NYC



That next week, we all signed up for the race and began training for the ride. As the weeks got closer to the big day in May, we texted each other, sharing stories of training and preparation for our big day together with the same caustic wit that filled my youth. I also went out and bought a road bike, a Giant Contend, which was an essential piece of equipment for this long ride.

When our big weekend together arrived in early May, we got to New York City the evening before the

bike tour and stayed at the Hilton across from the Freedom Tower complex in lower Manhattan. We checked in our bikes that evening, had a wonderful Italian dinner, walked around the Freedom Tower and then went to bed early as we had to begin at 5:00 a.m. to get our gear ready for the 7:30 a.m. start.

From the beginning of the race until the end, we had such a good time together. Four lifelong friends, riding bikes together with 37,000 riders, having the car-free roads of New York City all to ourselves. It was an incredible feeling, a feeling of remembering the carefree days of our youth spent together growing up in Cherry Hill. Years ago, we took the long bike rides together but now here we were, in our early 50's, pedaling along, trying to keep up with one another, looking out for each other, and making sure none of us get lost in the crowd. On our wheels, we had freedom, the wind at our backs and just the basic love that we all have for one another.

When the race ended, we spent about an hour at the base of the Verrazano Bridge having a delicious lunch together and taking pictures. We are already talking about making this an annual thing and discussing plans for next year's trip. Looking forward to it!

Special points of interest:

- > Our travels
- > Our accomplishments
- > Our lives

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For Pete's Sake Cancer Walk by Lisa DiStefano, Client Service Administrator



Lisa (center) with her friends, Lisa and Adrian, at the For Pete's Sake cancer walk at Citizens Bank Park in April

On April 15, 2018, I was part of a walk to benefit For Pete's Sake Cancer Respite Foundation, which provides travel for cancer patients to give them a break from what their daily life has become with doctor visits, testing and treatments.

I did the walk with my friend, Adrian, who has been fighting cancer for many years. Adrian is the most upbeat and positive person you could ever meet. His drive and determination to beat this disease is an inspiration to all. While the weather was not cooperative we had a fun filled morning walking around Citizens Bank Park.

Levy & Associates sponsored me on this special day with a generous donation. I am very grateful for their support on a cause that is so important to me.

"We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do."

-Mother Teresa

Wedding Prep by John King

For those of you that are devoted Levy Light readers, you may remember an article that I wrote last spring regarding my proposal to my now fiancée, Danielle.

Since our engagement we have spent many weekends exploring wedding venues, countless hours speaking with florists and photographers, and what seemed to be a lifetime in Crate & Barrel completing our registry.

With the majority of the planning in place, venue selected, and invitations in the mail, we are looking forward to enjoying the last few months of our engagement before tying the knot on September 7th, 2018.



John & Danielle, excited to tie the knot in September



Leon Fun Fact:

While on a vacation in Paris, 30-some years ago, Leon bought a gold watch that he has been wearing every day since. When asked why Leon never wears another watch, he replied: "This watch is still attractive and it keeps good time."





At the Sixer's play off game, David was given 45 seconds to make a lay-up, free-throw and a half-court shot for everyone in the stands to win a Chick-fil-A biscuit sandwich. David missed the half-court shot and owes Chick-fil-A sandwiches to the crowd.



Kuku Donna &
newborn Grandbaby Colton



I'm Nobody's Granny by Donna McPeake, Client Service Manager

I became a very proud grandparent to my wonderful grandson, Colton, on March 14th, and I would like to share the story behind my newly anointed term for what Colton will call me (when he can speak of course). I was struggling with the G, N, and M words, such as Grandma, Nana, Nanny, Mom-Mom, etc., because I didn't feel that those names fit

the personality of a young, vibrant woman who just happens to have an offspring who now has an offspring.

So the contest to find me the right grandparent name was launched. Many options came pouring in and I knew that as soon as I heard the right name, I would instinctively just feel it, and I did. Thanks to the intense research efforts of our favorite redhead, Paula, I am now officially Kuku Donna. Kuku is the Hawaiian term for grandmother. In the Hawaiian culture the grandmother is revered (works for me), is a beloved member of the family (works for me) and is very involved in the life of the grandchild (I am obsessed with Colton). So, all that combined with a term that is also slang for crazy, this was just a match made in heaven. For all the times that I have been called crazy, both to my face and behind it, it's official now...I am certifiably Kuku Donna!!

Happy Anniversary!

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At La Fontana Restaurant in May, Levy & Associates was proud to celebrate Lisa's 30th & Charlene's 20th anniversaries with the company



Leon & Lisa at our recent Company Anniversary Din-



Our Annual Office Outing, June 6th

- ◆ Breakfast & Games in the Office
- ◆ Painting with a Twist
- ◆ Lunch at Misconduct



Leon "Picasso"



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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 whole gang with our finished works of art

Quarterly Update:

Upcoming Events

Leon is attending a two-day conference with The American College Board in June
 Victor & Michael are attending the LPL Focus 2018 Conference in Boston in July

Upcoming Birthdays

July 7—Greg, July 22—Paula Gill
 Sept. 2—Jill Sadowski & Jack Levy, Sept. 7—Lynne Lucio,
 Sept. 18—Katelyn Dowling, Sept. 24—Charlene Gaydosh

Milestones

Greg passed another GBA (Group Benefits Associate) exam
 Lisa recently celebrated 30 years with the company
 Charlene recently celebrated 20 years with the company