



# NEWS FROM THE ROCK

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Christmas 2022 Celebrations—out sailing 4 days prior to Xmas22!



CAUGHT LOTS OF  
BLACKFIN TUNA. DELICIOUS!



Xmas Eve Party at Lynne and Dave Brooks' with their guests!  
Pictured, Dave's brother Larry "Opossum" & his wife Mary!



Dec. 26, I had a great  
Sushi Dinner Palm Beach Gardens  
with Mike and Angie !



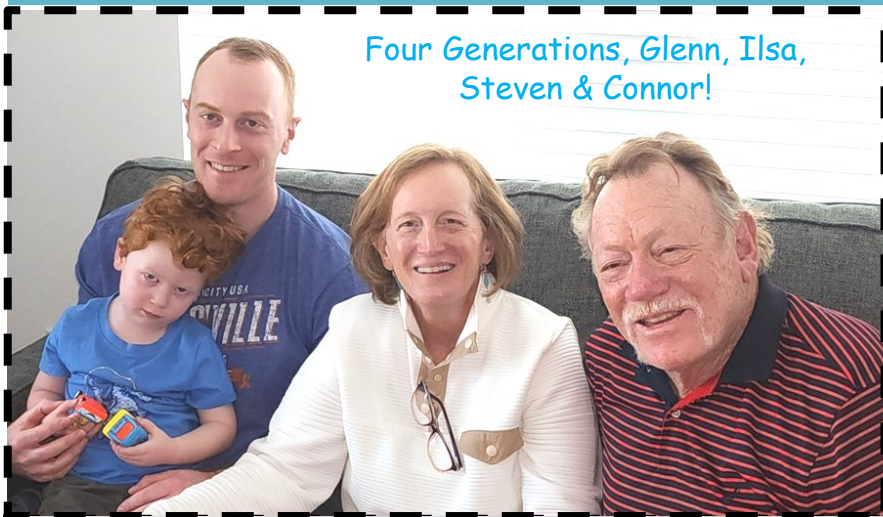
Xmas Eve  
Party at  
Lynne and  
Dave  
Brook's with  
Butch.





# JANUARY 2023 ~ RV ROAD TRIP TO TEXAS AND BACK!

First Stops in "The Villages" to visit Ilsa & Steve, also Steven, Meredith & Connor was there!



WOW! Great Grandson Connor's Hispanic genes were working, he loves black beans!



On to Weatherford, TX, to visit with Mary's sisters at Cynthia & Jim's.  
Food, stories and new memories and Lots of Fun!



Billy Bob's Honky Tonk ~ with Mary's Sisters and their Families



We left Weatherford early on Sunday to avoid the coming ICE Storm! Made it south of Shreveport, LA! It was 50°F there!



**Texas Ice Storm** In late January and early February 2023, a four-day ice storm hit parts of the South, including Texas, Arkansas, and Tennessee<sup>1</sup>. The storm was named **Winter Storm Mara** by The Weather Channel<sup>1</sup>. The ice storm was the worst icing event in the region in more than 15 years, with Camp Mabry in Austin recording 0.69" of ice<sup>23</sup>. The storm caused road closures, school closures, airline cancellations, and power outages<sup>4</sup>. Four days after the storm, Gov. Greg Abbott issued a disaster declaration for seven counties impacted by the severe weather<sup>5</sup>. As of Saturday evening, more than 60,000 households were still without power<sup>3</sup>. The roads were impassable, accidents everywhere because of the ice on the road.





Feb. 5, 2023 Mary's Birthday ~ Moose Dinner provided by Tom & Joyce! With John & Melinda!



*March 2023  
ST Patty's  
Day  
Dinner  
with the  
gang!*



MARCH 2022



*A busy month of dinner parties!  
Tom & Joyce got to spent time with their  
daughter, Tonya and her friend Martha!  
Great friends & good food!*



*Above, Dave Brooks' birthday, with Lynn @ Lazy Days, with Mary & Glenn, Tom & Joyce, and Butch, & more...*



*<<Cyndee, Chrissy & Mary got together for old stories, new plans & Champagne!!*





**NEW Great Grandson #2 arrived April 23, 2023 Garrett Matthew Blaney. He makes a great addition to his USCG Family! Steven, Meredith & brother Connor. See the last page!**



**<< APRIL 2023, An old friend, Frobes from Canada and Steve Hanson from So. Africa did a 4 day trip down to Big Pine Key and back! It was a great trip!**

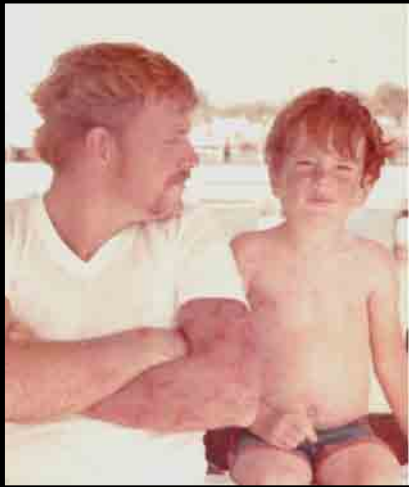


**FIREFIIGHTERS, mini RV Park get together in Ocala (N)! orchestrated by Billy Flowers and Mike Fisikelli. Thanks You Guys Mary & I enjoyed the event! We saw so many old friends and got caught up on each others lives!**





May 2023 Craig's 57th Birthday ~ Amazing how the years fly by!



Dinner at Hobo's, John brought the fish that Hobos cooked three different ways. John, Melinda, Mike & Angie, Mary & I. The Fish was delicious!



The stitching girls got together for Frances' B-day! Good Times & Great Food!

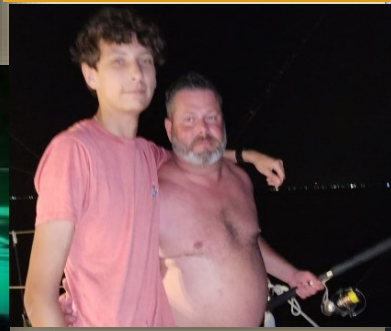


<< Cydnee and Jim visited us on June 5, 2023. We had a great dinner and we got to catch up and share Champagne!

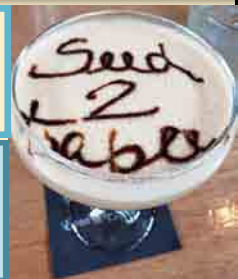




The Chamber son Calib's High School Graduation trip to the KEYS! June 2023



JULY 2023



Visiting Pat Crenshaw in Naples! Had dinner at "Seed to Tables"! Unfortunately we missed meeting Pat's Wife, Jana



We attended FF Jannine Carroll's celebration of life in Brooksville, FL We worked with Jannine and her husband John on the MDR Dept. They retired to Horse country in the Brooksville.





JULY~DINNER  
 @ JOHN &  
 MELINDA'S  
 WITH MIKE AND  
 ANGIE  
 & LINDA KEYES!

**Wahoo Sashimi**



**August 2023**



**Sue Bailey with her Clan visit the first week of Lobster Season!**







Mike & Angie  
Kevin & Tracy  
John & Melinda



Glenn & Mary

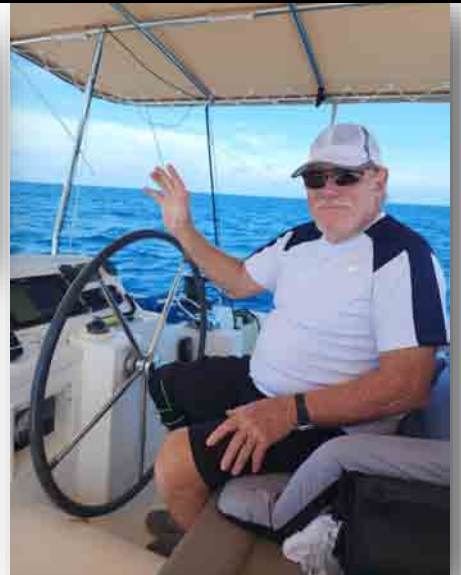


August Lobster~Fest at HOBOS, after a trip to Stillville. We had FUN, and full bellies!

## OCT 2023 ~ SAILING WITH BURT McVEA



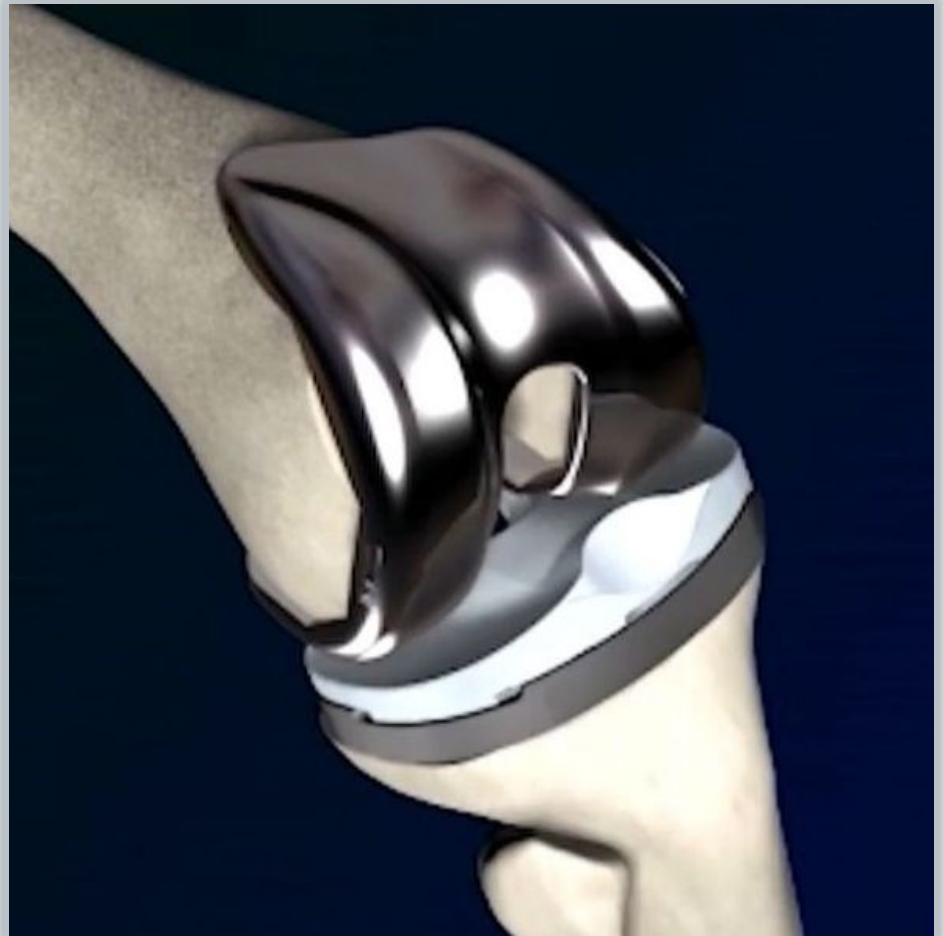
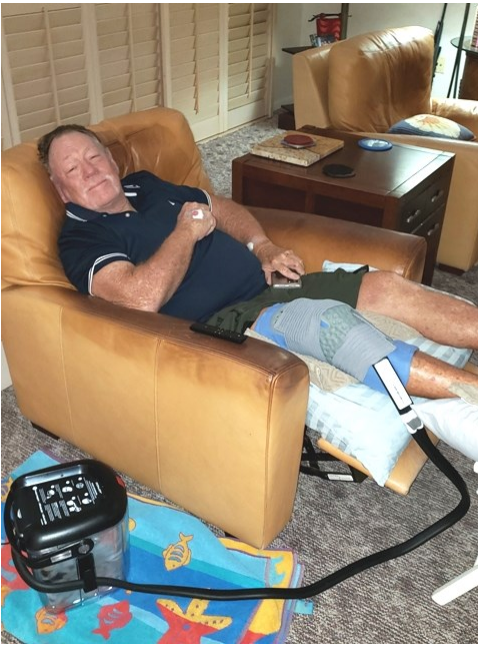
We caught a nice Blackfin Tuna. They are yummy! We had a nice sail out to 900 feet of water. 12kt breeze, 2-3ft seas!



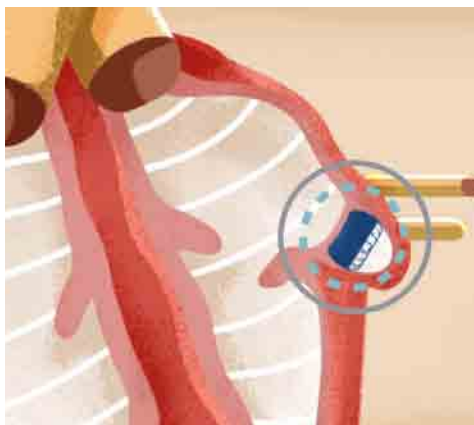
Oct 2023, Windlass replacement project! One tough Job!



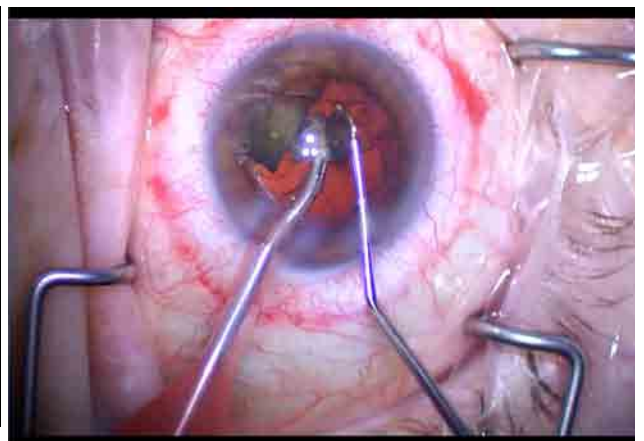




OCT 2023 ~ WOW! This years was a “Fixer Upper Year”, I almost got rebuilt. I got a “Watchman” heart implant in Feb, Cataract Surgery, and a Total Right Knee replacement on Oct 17! Hopefully, all of this will help me keep up with Mary. We plan to do a little more traveling in the next couple years.

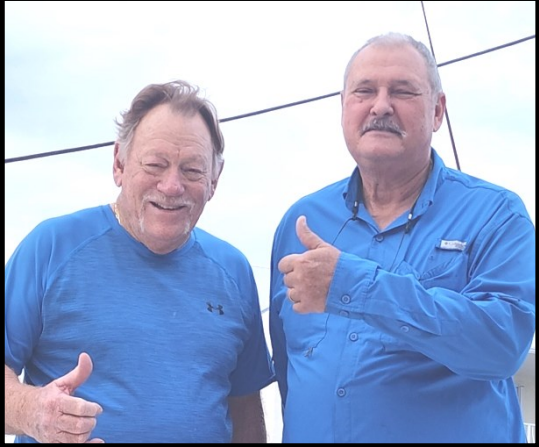


<< Watchman Heart Implant, Cataract surgery >

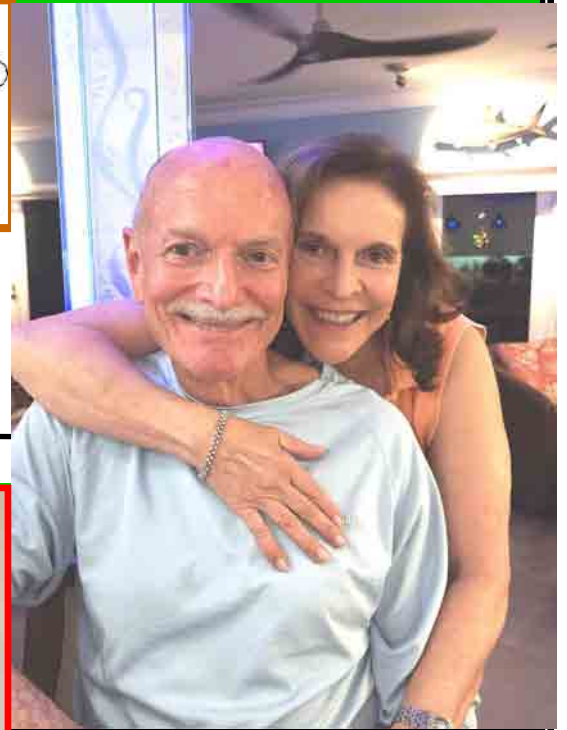




WOW! Mike & Liz Arias  
came for dinner in October



THANKSGIVING AT DAVE & LYNNE BROOKS'



Elves Taste like Chicken



MICHELE & FILIP AND STACY ENJOYED DINNER WITH US  
OVER THE THANKSGIVING WEEKEND





# Dec 2023 Happenings



FireFighters lunch at Black Point Marina Grill, Lise Lazo (Photo organizer), Paul McCabe, John Georgiades, Jill Gills, Dave Grove, BJ Strong, Mike & Kerry Lorick, Rhino, Vic & Joanna Devalos, Patsy & Mike Ruiz, Gray Richard, Jack Cole, Joaquin Del Ceuto, Mark Benitez, Vaughn Mulder, Dave Groover, Bert McVea, Gordan Gregory, Tom Chachoon, Brian Mizstal, and Glenn Patton & Mary Powell (there were a lot of FFs who came to the Lunch, if I missed anyone, maybe next time, I'll get you listed!)



Preparing for our Road Trip to Dollyland, Gatlinberg, TN for Mary's sister's, Linda & Dennis DeGraw's 50th Wedding Anniversary! We will be visiting Craig and Ilsa on the way. On the way back, Grandson Steven and his wife Meredith will be at Ilsa & Steve's in The Villages with the 2 Great Grandsons!!!



Well, we did not get in much sail in 2023, cause of all the medical issues and recovery. So now, we are ready to do a bunch of sailing in 2024! Call ahead and make reservation for a cabin and join us! ADVENTURES AHEAD IN 2024!



## Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Mary & I feel that we are so fortunate to live in our Key Largo bubble and we are staying relatively healthy in our 70's. So, 2024, looks like it is going to be a tumultuous and interesting year. We hope to get to visit with family as much as possible. Also, we are looking forward to some adventurous trips in 2024. So, we will keep you posted on any trips we may have planned. Let us know if you are headed our way, we would love to meet up! We are working hard to make 2024 a great year. We never take our LIFE, LIBERTY or FREEDOM for granted! C'est la vie!



With Our Love, Glenn & Mary

*News from the Rock ~ Merry Christmas!*

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The Burlee Family  
US ARMY Family



Caitlin and Jeremy Rice  
USAF family



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We are sure that **"Our Troops"** would like to hear from you, **"THANKS"!**