

FRED...

HAPPY

90TH!



May 30, 2010

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Fred Nicholas, 1947

To

Frederick M.
Nicholas

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Fred, age five, 1925



Fred, age twelve, 1932



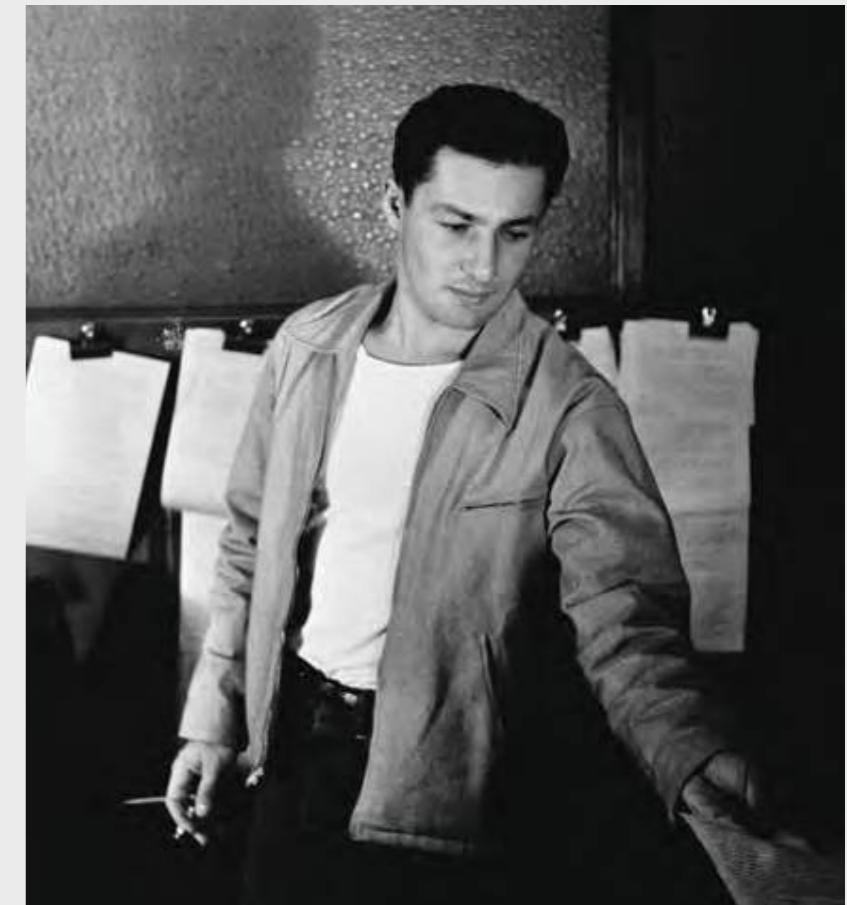
Fred at home, 5161 San Vicente Boulevard, 1940



Penny, Rose, Helen, Ben, and Fred, 1932



Sigma Delta Chi, USC, 1941



Fred, Journalism Group, USC, 1941



Intramuros, Manila, Philippines, September 1945

Honolulu, Hawaii, 1948

Algiers, Algeria, 1943

Manila, Philippines, August 1945

Rose, Fred and Helen, 1942

Willy Cameron, Fred, Ted Michaelis, Manila, Philippines, August 1945

Fred and Eleanore, USC Law School graduation, 1952

Eleanore and Fred's wedding, the Berman family garden, 1951

Palazzo Venezia, Rome, Italy, May 1945



Hudson, Collin, Niall, Emily, Oona and Cole, 2001

I Family

Deborah Nicholas
Jan Nicholas
Tony Nicholas
Collin O'Malley
Peter O'Malley
Niall O'Malley
Emily Cooper
Hudson Cooper
Oona Nicholas
Cole Nicholas
Helen Devor
Nancy Storm
Lynne Weinberger Sullivan
Charlie Weinberger
Joan Nicholas
Rebecca Fields
Judy Fields
Joanna Stingray
Madison Stingray
Jimmy Nicholas



You have always been an inspiration to me.
You have taught me the meaning of strength and fortitude,
To be disciplined,
To view the world with compassion,
To be patient, loyal and generous,
You have demonstrated tenacity and determination.
You have blessed me with intelligence, pride and fortitude.
You have shown me how to be kindhearted and loving.
These are attributes that I value in you.
These are the qualities that we share.
I am honored to be celebrating your 90th birthday, together.
I am so proud to be your first-born daughter,
Who adores and admires you always.
I love you, Dad!
5/30/2010

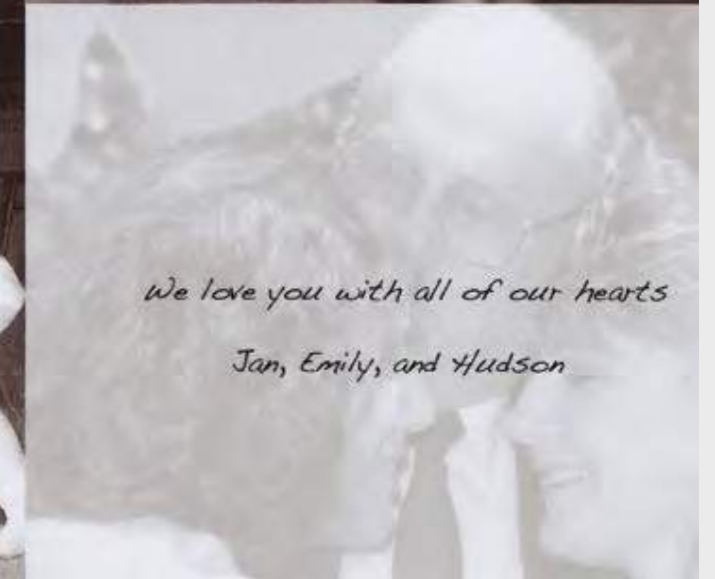


*My Dad,
You are like no other
Full of love and sage wisdom,
Kindness and support
for your whole family
and community*



*You love us fiercely
and unconditionally
As we love you*

*I am so lucky to be your daughter
My children are blessed to be
your grandchildren*



*We love you with all of our hearts
Jan, Emily, and Hudson*

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May 30, 2010

Dear Dad,

After a lifetime together, it's hard to believe that you are 90 years old. While the march of time may be inevitable, it is reassuring to me that you have always been there for us regardless the circumstance. You are constantly upbeat, looking at the positive, determined to fix every problem. You never make rash decisions, advising me many times, "when in doubt, do nothing". I marvel at your ability to handle multiple crises at once and not take the stress home with you at night. That is not an easy quality to emulate! I admire your philosophy of always looking ahead. You have said that it's futile to continually reexamine mistakes but to remember that we learn more from a defeat than a victory. You have always preached survival and the need to move on. I think that mindset is your true secret to success, which has allowed you to remain a productive member of society well into your 90's.

You are my hero, mentor and best friend. I feel very fortunate to have been able to share your life and learn from it. I cherish our time together and look forward to our lunches with great anticipation.

It is amazing to me how well respected you are. A day rarely goes by without someone singing your praises. I never tire of hearing the compliments and I usually respond that you are a fantastic person and an even better Dad. I know that the reason people love you so much is because you are a man that truly cares.

I am proud of your tremendous accomplishments and the many lives you have led: in the arts, in business, in the law, in politics, in charity, in sports and in war. Most importantly, you have been a great father and grandfather. You are my inspiration. I can only hope that I live up to the lofty standards you have set and try to raise the bar a little higher in my own unique way.

Love,

Tony



To commemorate your birthday, I wanted to recognize the profound significance of your life and its impact on me and others who surround you. I am extremely privileged to be a part of your family and to witness your perseverance, selflessness, and the way you conduct yourself among friends and colleagues. You are someone I admire as being in charge of your feelings, actions and responsibilities and your disposition has provided me with a distinction that has guided me in my life, through obstacles and my everyday tasks.

While I am growing and exploring this world, now as a more independent person, I often times refer to our conversations and your advice in helping me to confront difficult situations. I remember sitting down with you in the last weeks before I left for my semester and the virtues that you encouraged me to consider in my continued growth.

Through my many pursuits in life I have worked to condition myself to be the best man possible and to take authority in my life and responsibilities. I appreciate your excellence, candidness and incessant passion and love for your work and life that has inspired me. Happy birthday Grampy!

Collin





Dear Fred,

The achievement is not in the number of birthdays, but in having lived a life so full of people who hold you in such high regard. I appreciate the way you welcomed me into your family when I married Deb and I'm proud to be your son-in-law.

Your honesty and generosity shine through in everything that you do.

Love,

Peter

Deborah and Peter O'Malley, 2011



Dear Grampy,

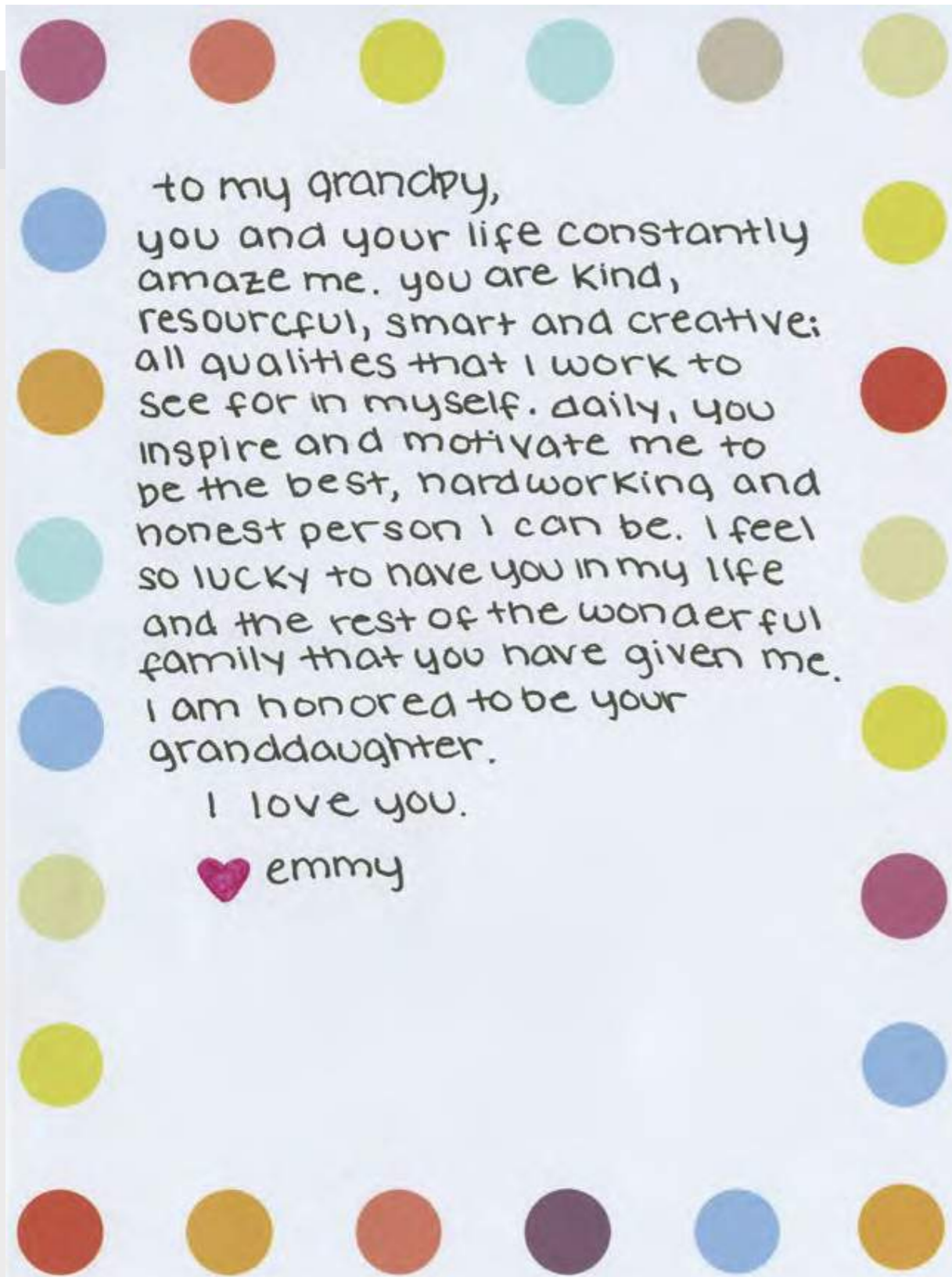
Happy birthday! It is true that with age comes wisdom, but what is so unique about you is that it seems the older you get, the younger you are. It is my hope that I get to see, learn, love, and experience as much as you have. What I admire the most about you is that you let nothing get in the way of how you conduct your daily life.

Many people use their age as a reason to become complacent and lose their will to strive to progress in life, but not you. You still work, play tennis, and love your family with more energy and heart than most 30 year-olds.

So once again, Happy Birthday Grampy! May your next 91 years be better than the last.

Love, Niall

Collin and Niall O'Malley, 2010



Dear Grampy,

There is no way for me to express the pride that I feel for being able to call such a great, loving, caring, and determined man my grandpa. You are an inspiration and a role model for all of us, and I want you to know how highly and dearly I hold you in my heart.

It is an honor to know a man as amazing as you, let alone to be so close to you. I love you more than you could possibly know.

Your loving and devoted grandson,

Hudson

May 30th, 2010

Dear Grandpa,

I love you so much that words can't describe it. You are my role model and you are the most amazing person I have ever gotten to know. I look up to you more than anyone in the world and I love spending time with you. I will never forget all the wonderful moments we have had together at the Polo Lounge, Beverly Wilshire, and the Montage and I wouldn't rather spend my time with anyone in the world but you. You have such a great influence on me and my dream is to be just like you. I love listening to all the stories about your childhood and I love that you are willing to talk to me about anything. I feel so comfortable talking to you because I know you always have something incredible to respond and you are always there for me. One of my favorite aspects about you is your incredibly funny personality. You can always manage to make me laugh and now I know where I get some of my humor. I love going on dates with you because each time I find out new characteristics about each of us that is similar, even the smallest thing like both ordering lemonade and chicken sandwiches.

When you received the Lifetime Achievement Award in New York and the Public Counsel award, I realized how many people love you and look up to you just as much as I do. I am so proud of you and I had no idea how much you have achieved because you are such a humble person, which I admire so much about you. Thank you so much for everything that you have done for me. I have improved so much in tennis, and I am so grateful that I have been able to learn it, especially because I know I am carrying a part of you with me. I know that tennis really is a sport you can play and enjoy for your whole life. I really want to play tennis with you sometime soon, maybe with Emma and Rabbi Beerman.

I could not ask for a better Grandpa and role model than what you have given me. I love you so much and you are the best grandpa in the world. I will never forget all the amazing memories we have shared together. Happy Birthday, Grandpa!!!

Love,
Oona



May 30, 2010

Dear Grandpa,

When someone asks me about you I could go on for hours telling them all about your amazing achievements and your great stories, and yet every time we go out I learn more and more. Your life experience never ends, and one of the many great qualities about you is, not only do you live and experience your life to the fullest, you learn from past experiences and mistakes to make the wise choices in the present.

Whenever we go out you always inspire me to always make the right decisions, and I hope that one day I could be as amazing and live life as much as you do. On top of it all you have an incredible passion to help others, you give help to the helpless, you have such empathy it is just incredible to me.

You are my idol, my hero, and my grandfather, for this I am so thankful. Happy 90th birthday. I sure hope there will be many more to come.

Love,

Cole



Dear Fred,

Since the beginning you have been an inspiration to me, even when you talked me into washing the dishes when it was your turn – what a sucker I was for your charms- and when girls wanted to be my friends to get invited over I was so proud – it hasn't changed over the years.

And when I was asked from friends of a friend what my brother did for MOCA, "oh you know, blab, blab, blab," at which point the woman said "oh, he must know Fred Nicholas", and I replied "He is Fred Nicholas"!

You've impacted me, my family, your family, Joan's family, the City of Beverly Hills, City of Los Angeles, Washington D.C., and on and on and on.....

No words can truly express what you mean to me.

Your loving sister

P.S. I don't eat cucumbers either



Dear Uncle Fred,

When I think of the most influential men in my life, you are at the top of the list.

Your constant love and support have always meant so much to me.

You have shown me how to live my life with integrity, kindness, and giving to others.

Because of the example you have set, I have tried to pay that forward.

I treasure spending this special birthday with you!

Love, Nancy

Dear Uncle Fred,

I have always felt proud to have you as my Uncle.

Aside from the accolades you have earned for your exemplary public service, professional accomplishments and contribution to the arts, you have also been a wonderfully supportive and loving friend to me throughout my life.

The confidence you had in me to successfully develop a real estate project with your money meant more to me than you may ever know. I will never forget how much I enjoyed working with you on that project and how successful you made me feel.

I feel so grateful that my children have had the opportunity to spend time with you and I know that they are better people as a result.

You are a truly amazing man and I love you very much.

Happy Birthday Uncle Fred. I hope you enjoy many more.

Love, Lynne



Deborah, Lynne, Jan, Nancy, Fred and Charlie, 1964

Nancy Storm and Lynne Weinberger Sullivan

Fred's legacy to our family has always been about inspiring us all to manifest our dreams. His business and creative interpersonal relationships along with his considerate manner is something for all of us to emulate.

Fred has always been blessed with good taste and has shown all of us what form, style and creativity looks like. One of his greatest assets is his ability to connect with others. I once asked him what his secret was, his reply "I'm really interested in people." He has a magnetic charm that seems to always bring out the best in others, he leaves people feeling uplifted and honored for having spent time with him.

Fred has always been there for me throughout my entire life. I have always regarded Fred as a great example. He is the man I look to for advice, support and guidance. I will always love and appreciate Fred for all that he is, and all that he has given to our family and the community.

Fred, I am honored you're my uncle. Happy Birthday with love!

Charlie

Charlie Weinberger



Charlie, Fred, Deborah, Nancy Spaulding, Jan, Gene Weinberger, Lynne, Nancy and Tony, Lake Arrowhead, 1964

Dear Fred,

After all these years together, I feel closer to you than ever. We are a team - we act as one - you for me and me for you.

All my love darling, always.

Love,

Joan



Joan Nicholas

Joan and Fred, New Zealand, 1982

Dear Fred,

Thank you for everything you've done for me over the years. I wish you a

Happy Birthday and best wishes.

Love, Rebecca



Dear Fred,

Thank you so much for being an important part of my life. You have always listened to and helped me through my problems. Mostly thank you for being a wonderful grandfather to Angelica, Nikolai and Kali. Happy Birthday!

I love you very much, Judy



Rebecca Fields

Judy Fields

Dear Fred,

You have been an incredible stepfather and friend. You have supported me in everything I have done and like your mother Rose, have appreciated all the unusual paths that I have taken in life. Mostly you have been a wonderful husband to my mother, Joan, and the two of you have taught me how to enjoy a long-term relationship and to laugh through all of life's ups and downs. I am very blessed that you live down the street from me, and that I am able to spend so much time with the two of you. Your wisdom and advice has helped bring me to a stable, fulfilling place in my life. I am a happy mother, wife and person and a lot of this is because of you and your love for me. I wish you a Happy 90th birthday and want you to know how much I care for you and love you.

When Madison was little, she had a school assignment to build some small structure. She went to see her grandpa and asked if he would help her since he built Disney Hall. Madison thought he actually built Disney Hall with his hands. Every time we passed the Hall, Madison would point and say, "Grandpa built that" and I would say, "yes he did" forgetting that a child would take that literally. It's such a funny vision of her Grandpa with a hammer in his hand pounding on the metal. Madison has always believed her Grandpa was the smartest person in the world and that he could do everything. She is right.

Grandpa was the first to hold Madison, at the hospital, after she was born and she has been so lucky to have him near through out her life. He has really been present in her life and has shown up for every soccer game, every theater performance, every school activity, every birthday and on many trips. He is also the one she vents to when things are tough. He has been the most important male figure in her life and he brings her so much love and joy. Their relationship is truly magic.

With lots of love, Joanna & Madison Stingray

Joanna and Madison Stingray



Joanna and Madison Stingray

Fred,

We the east coast Nicholas's are proud and honored to be a part of your life!

We don't get a lot of face time, but when we do, it is ALL QUALITY.

You are an inspiration to us all!

We look forward to toasting many more

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!!!

LOVE

Jimmy Nicholas and family



Kiwon Wang, Fred and Jimmy Nicholas, 2008



Ben, 1983

Ben and Rose Nicholas, 1972

Elsie Berman, Ravello, Italy, 1950

Isidor and Elsie Berman, 1978



Eleanore Berman, New York, 1985

Ben and Fred, New York, 1974



Ben and Rose, 1984

Rose, Fred and Ben, 1978





Deb, Lake Arrowhead, 1961
Fred and Deb on waterskies, Lake Arrowhead, 1961
Fred and Jan, Williamsburg, 1963

Fred and Tony, Lake Arrowhead, 1961
Jan, Tony, and Deb, 1960

Jan, Fred, and Deb, White Sun Ranch, Palm Springs, 1961
Jan and Deb, Santa Monica beach, 1960

Deb and Tony, Pacific Palisades, 1960
Jan, Santa Monica beach, 1960
Tony, Hill and Dale Nursery School, 1961



Fred and Deb, Golden Gate Park, 1960
Fred and Tony, Lake Arrowhead, 1962
Fred, Jan and Deb at Muir Woods, 1958

Fred and Jan, Golden Gate Park, 1960
Deb, Jan and Tony, Pacific Palisades, 1962



Fred and Tony, Hawaii, 1976
Fred and Jan, Beverly Hills, 1976



Jan, Tony and Deb, Monterey, 1972
Fred and Deb, 1984
Tony, Deb and Jan, Mammoth, 1973



Herb Turman, Bill Carter, Bill Winter, Peggy Winter, Zoltan Gross and Pat Poole, 1990.

II Friends

Zoltan Gross
Lynette & Herb Turman
Stan Gold
Shelly Sloan
Ray Evans
Lisa Duckett
Evan Duckett
Jerry Epstein
Michael Levi
Bill Norris
Martin Kagan
Sid Machtinger
Michael Maltzan
Eve Triffo
Kelly Assiff
Thom Rhue & Jeff Dannels
Niels & Eleanore de Terra
Rick Johnson
Larry Turman
Lois Rose Rose
Kim, Charlotte & Elle Raboff
Roi 'Bubi' Escudero
Valentin & James Ewan
David Burman
Brad Wiseman

Fred and I have known one another for over 77 years. We have been loving friends since childhood. The strength and beauty of our friendship is shown in its constancy. Despite the fact that our life journeys have taken us to different worlds we have never been far from one another. Fred's life travels took him to remarkable public achievements. I have stood with the rest of our community as we honored him with our respect and love for his remarkable service to the growth and beauty of our city. My life's journey took me into the aloneness of a fulfilling private psychotherapy practice. Despite the difference between these two different worlds, the distance between them did not distance us from one another.

From the beginning of our adolescent years we shared heroic adventures taking a freight train to Yosemite or hitch hiking down spectacular Highway One. Later in our postgraduate years at different universities we shared time in Chicago and later an apartment in Los Angeles finishing our graduate studies. Later in the turbulence of our early adulthood we counseled and comforted one another as we road the rapids of those times. Fred stood by me when I was harrassed during the McCarthy period, during a trying divorce, and has remained at my side when the river of my life has smoothed to its present even flow. His continuing warmth and respect have nourished me for almost all of my life. Much of who I am today is interwoven with the loving relationship I have with him.

Zoltan

Zoltan Gross



Fred and Zoltan , 1936

Dear Fred,

It's hard to realize that I have known you since 1957, when I came to work at Swerdlow, Glikbarg and Nicholas. I was an innocent young thing finishing up at UCLA and that job changed my life.

Of course, I refer to meeting Herb there, when he came on Fridays to have a drink with you. So in many ways, you are responsible for what happened in my life. It's ok if you just want to take credit for the good stuff.

You also suggested that I share an apartment with Arlene and that turned out to be great.

But the most lasting part of working there has been the friendship that we share. You made Herb and me a part of your family and that was very important to both of us. Do you remember when Jerry Brown "crashed" your Father's Day party in Malibu? I still feel that connection to your family and am thrilled at how well your children and grandchildren have turned out.

We have gone through a lot of "stuff" together. I fondly remember your house at Lake Arrowhead and your boat at the Marina. I remember helping you decorate the house below Trousdale. And I recall a wonderful lunch in Venice, Italy, where we met up on one of our trips. I remember going to the grand reopening of Weberstown. We also went to auctions and to Laguna to buy primitive art. And then I remember our last Mediterranean Cruise, where we were joined by Joan, Zoltan and Pat. How great was that, being able to be together on Herb's last cruise!

You were a wonderful friend to Herb and you have been a wonderful friend to me. I relish our lunches together at Hillcrest and the many other times we have been together. I am honored to have you as my friend and to be able to share in the celebration of a life very well lived. You set the standard for what it is to be go and shine.

I hope we will be able to share many more happy, healthy years.

Love,

Lynette

Lynette Turman



Herb Turman and Fred, Corfu, Greece, April 2004

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June 28, 2010

Dear Fred:

It was a great thrill for me to see you honored by Public Counsel. You are most deserving of the honor. It was also wonderful to be with so many of your lifelong friends, all of whom had wonderful stories about your participation and support of many community activities.

I could not attend such an event without thinking of the wonderful few years we spent together while I was finishing USC Law School. You were gracious enough to hire me as a legal intern doing a series of research projects, but the real value to me (in addition to the money which I really needed at the time) was watching you work for the public good.

You will recall that it was at a time in which you were representing Synanon and trying to find a permanent home for them, which finally ended up to be the old Casa Del Mar Hotel in Santa Monica, then owned by Norman Tyre and his group of partners and clients.

At a time before the internet and even fax machines, my contribution to this effort was being the messenger boy delivering various drafts of the proposed sale/lease to Norman's office in Hollywood.

It was a time in my life when I worked for you during the day and studied for the Bar in your office at night (on occasion falling asleep on your couch only to be awakened by the staff in the morning). I knew I had achieved some level of acceptance when you showed me where the hidden key to the liquor cabinet was kept.

Mr. Fred Nicholas
June 28, 2010

Even 40+ years later, it is difficult for me to express my gratitude to you for providing me with scholarship money to attend Cambridge University in England for postgraduate studies following my graduation from USC Law School. The experience of spending an academic year abroad is something that has broadened my world outlook and shaped my values.

Finally, having helped me secure my legal education, you then found me a job. Your formal introduction of me to Norman Tyre and the partners at Gang, Tyre & Brown provided me with a professional home for 18 years. It exposed me to very good lawyers; to quality people; and people who were community minded. It was a fortuitous set of events that brought us together and from which I profited enormously.

In talking with others at the dedication ceremony, I learned that you provided this type of guidance and mentoring and help to others, but for me it is impossible to express the enormous influence you had on my maturity, my professional responsibility and my community involvement.

Let me put this as simply as I can – Thank you.

With much admiration,



Stanley P. Gold

JUDGE SHELDON SLOAN

June 24, 2010

Frederick Nicholas, Esq.
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Dear Fred:

On the occasion of your 90th birthday I am given a chance to express to you how much our friendship has meant to me; what a great opportunity!

I remember being in law school, wondering what I would do when I graduated, and talking with my friend Sherry, who was kind enough to introduce me to you. I immediately wanted to go work for your firm and learn to practice law from you but, unfortunately, the openings offered me were not in real estate but in anti-trust, an area I found uninteresting. So, off I went to Washington to work for Bobby Kennedy.

When I passed the Bar, you asked me if I thought I was a lawyer, and when I said "Yes" you told me that when I had put a witness on the stand and he testified differently than he had been telling me for months, I should call you and you'd tell me I was a lawyer. A couple of years later it happened, I called and you just laughed, but I knew then I really was a lawyer.

When I returned to Los Angeles, you offered to keep me busy with work and you did. I learned to read leases quickly and to summarize the important deal points from you.

When I started with a firm trying cases, you sent me lots of work to keep me busy.

What has been important to me is that we have never lost touch; you have always been there for me to give good advice through all the wives (both of us), the parties, the tennis and the plain good old fellowship.

The days, weeks, months and years all seem to fly by, but it still makes my day when I bump into you, or we make a date for lunch with Andrea.

Frederick Nicholas, Esq.
June 24, 2010

I am glad your genes have allowed you to live for so long (you'll probably outlive me) so that our friendship can continue.

Anyway, I just wanted you to know that I treasure our relationship and wish you many, many more happy birthdays; 90 is the new 60, right??

Happy Birthday, Fred -

Love,



Shelly and Shelby Sloan

Dear Fred,

By luck of birth I received a fabulous uncle, by luck of chance he became best friends with you, but by your choice I am lucky enough to have a relationship with you. I am humbled and astonished by all you have achieved in your lifetime and am eternally grateful for your friendship, caring and wisdom. If all people were like you the world would truly be a better place, thank you for making my little corner of this world a truly better place.

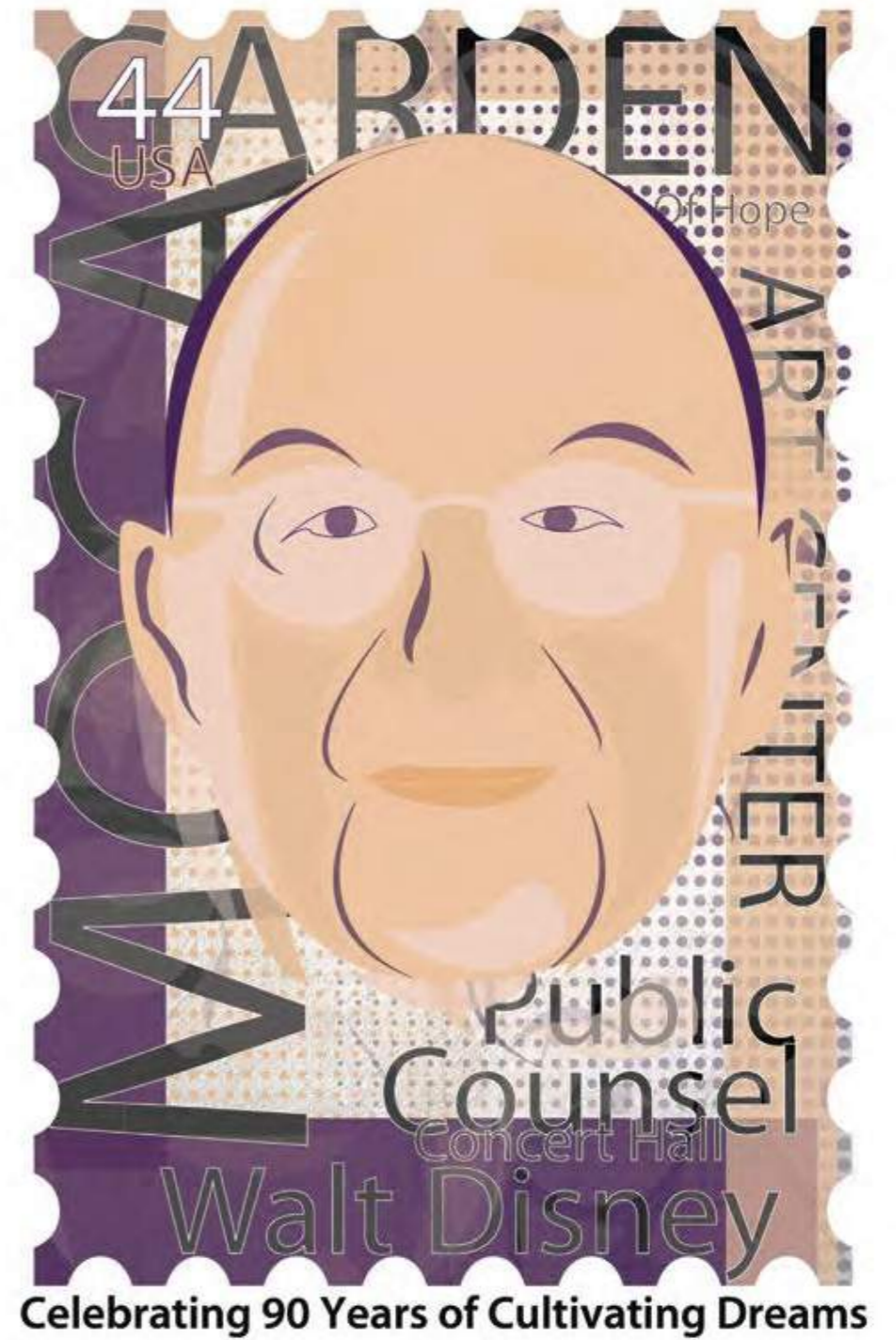
Love,

Lisa



Lisa Duckett

Ray Evans, Salamanca, New York, 1996



Designed by Evan Duckett

JERRY B. EPSTEIN

July 9, 2010

Dear Fred....

In all of my almost 87 years, I have never met anyone that truly embodies the "American Dream" until I met you. This may sound like the title of a song, but it is all true.

Being aware of all your accomplishments and condensing them into a comparatively few words is very challenging!

Your journey through school, where you not only excelled academically, but athletically becoming the handball champion of the University of California, state champion and onto the nationals; your activity in the armed forces at which time you were wounded in action and earned a Bronze Star

for heroism; your entrance to civilian life and becoming an attorney who was not only brilliant in all phases of the law, but also was instrumental in establishing legal services for the poor who could not afford competent legal advice; your social activities include chairing The Music Center and various other public and philanthropic organizations.

Fred, you are the epitome of "A Man For All Seasons".

Happy 90th Birthday! Pat and I feel privileged to be your friend and admirer and send you and Joan our love.



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Dear Fred

5/25/10

Wishing you the most wonderful
Birthday. I love you very much and
consider you part of my family. I always
marvel how people respect you. - nobody
has anything negative to say about
Fred. - except for me architect

Through the years you have always been so
kind to me and your advice is always
the best! You have this uncanny ability to
evaluate a problem, look at both
sides + find a solution. Countless
times I've had dilemmas and you
helped me find the answer.
Growing up I have nothing but
fondest memories, sitting with you

in sex education at the Yucca,
trips to Hawaii, and driving in the
back seat of your brown bomber.

Fred you are one of the sweetest +
brightest + gentlest men I have
known. I love you dearly. -

Have a great 90th!

Love
Michael



THE BOOK OF FRED

When Oliver Wendell Holmes was 90, he was still a justice of the Supreme Court. His mind was still sharp as a tack, but he made at least one concession to his age. While strolling in Georgetown one day, he watched a beautiful woman walk by, sighing to his companion, "Oh, to be 80 again."

At 90, Oliver Wendell Holmes was plainly no Fred Nicholas. At 90 Fred would never think, let alone say, "Oh to be 80 again." To Fred, 90 is no different from 80. Or, for that matter, no different from 70, or 60, or even 50. Fred Nicholas is an ageless miracle. So what's the big deal about being 90? Fred is still the busy real estate developer he has always been. He still swims every morning, plays tennis a couple of times a week, and now has added to his physical repertoire dancing lessons with a professional dancer named Joan. Whether Fred harbors at 90 the same doubts about beautiful women that Holmes harbored at 90 I cannot say. Only the beautiful Joan can answer that.

I don't remember when I first met Fred, but it was a long time ago, probably in Democratic politics. I was drawn to him immediately, not just because I liked his politics. I liked everything about him. To me he was and always will be the real deal. His warmth, his values, his generosity, his choice of candidates and causes are exemplary. Take Tom Bradley, for example, the greatest mayor Los Angeles has ever had. And Leo McCarthy who served as speaker of the assembly and later our lieutenant governor. Both Tom and Leo were true public servants just as Fred has always been a true public servant in the Los Angeles community..

As a lawyer, I was truly impressed when I learned that Fred was the founder of Public Counsel, the wildly successful public interest law firm that has been providing legal services and hope to the poor for decades and still going strong. Recently Public Counsel paid tribute to its founder at a ceremony dedicating the Fred Nicholas Garden of Hope.

As the founding president of MOCA, I will always treasure my memories of joining forces with Fred and others in launching the museum 30 years ago. As a one-man committee, he had the responsibility of supervising the construction of the Grand Avenue building and getting it built on budget. Later Fred served as chairman of MOCA's board of trustees.

Happy birthday, my dear friend. I promise to stick around another decade so I can join you in celebrating your 100th birthday, knowing that you will be the same creative developer, community activist, athlete, and all-around fabulous guy you are today.

With affection and respect,

Bill Norris

Martin I. Kagan
31 Oval Avenue
Riverside, CT 06878

Fred:

You are my hero!!!

My life is so much richer since I met you 20 years ago. I have learned so much from you. You are my mentor and my teacher.

On behalf of Deborah, David & Sam, I want to wish you the world for your 90th. You will live forever and we will be there to celebrate with you.

I am only sorry that I am not there to be with you and Joan on this milestone occasion.

I love you!



SIDNEY J. MACHTINGER
CENTURY CITY
1900 AVENUE OF THE STARS
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90067

My Friend Fred

Every thing that can possibly be said about Fred was said at the dinner honoring him by Public Council, and I ~~was~~ was all true!!

I can only say that I treasure Fred as a friend. I enjoy being with him. He adds a dimension just being with you. Fred, don't slow down, all of us, especially I (me) need your joy of life, your energy and your ability to see the ~~positive~~ and not the negative in this crazy world.
With love and
Kisses,
Sid

MICHAEL MALTZAN ARCHITECTURE

Dear Fred,

I have a number of pictures arrayed around my desk, and they are the context for me when I am working and thinking about architecture, and about the city.

In two prominent pictures I am standing next to you. The optimism in your smile fills the space of the image.

The earliest of the pictures is from a groundbreaking where you stuck around for a few moments to have your picture taken with a bunch of the younger members of the project team after the other VIPs had already left. It was a remarkably generous thing to do. It was one of your acts of generosity, innumerable in number and frequency, which have helped launch many of us into the world, convinced, because you paid attention, that we have a real role in the future.

In that picture I got to stand next to you. Actually, I connived to be in that position just as the picture was about to be taken. As someone just starting out, I wanted to make sure I had proof that I knew you. I have treasured being in such close proximity to your orbit. I always will.



Dearest Fred,

Your friendship has meant so much to me over the past 30 years.

You mentored me when men didn't do that for women. You have been a wonderful example of how hard work, flexibility and perseverance along with intelligence win out in the end. You have made a huge difference in how my life has turned out.

I have learned so much from you. I am very grateful to you and look forward to seeing you soon.

Congratulations on the first 90 years! Let me know how I can help

with the next 90!

Love,

Eve



Eve Triffo and Fred

My husband Ron sends his love, too, as do Sidney, Chief and the rest of the animals. (In horse years, Chief is almost as old as you are!) The pictures are from our wedding on May 7, 2005. I will always treasure the fact that you and Joan were there to help us celebrate.

Eve

Happy Birthday Fred,

It's hard to explain in just a sentence or two what it has meant to me to have the opportunity to have you in my life. How I have admired you, looked up to you, been inspired by you, but most of all that I have been able to call you a true friend. There have been so many times when you've been there for me. I can't tell you in words the joy I have experienced by being part of your life and the admiration I have for you. The feeling I get when people I came across in all walks of life either mention you or I feel that by their conversation they know you and mention your name, how proud I feel that I know you and you can tell by the looks on their faces that they can see I am proud to know you. Happy Birthday Fred and I hope I am around to see many more.

Love,

Kelly



Kelly Assiff



Dear Fred,

We have shared a warm and valued friendship and a love of art for many years. But you have made it possible to share more than your love of art. You have made it possible to actually share the art, through your generous gifts which are prominently featured in our home.

Thank you Fred for making our home so beautiful and for making Los Angeles a better place to live for all of us. You life stands as an example of success in every aspect of humanity.

Happy 90th Birthday,
Thom Rhue and Jeff Dannels



Thom Rhue and Jeff Dannels

BEGIN

1952, or thereabouts, my mother, Eleanore, and I (age 11) moved to West Los Angeles from Santa Fe, NM. I would not have grasped how difficult the situation was for my mother who had just separated from my father. A young person registers feeling directly and through parent's reactions. Fred and his young wife were neighbors in our Westwood apartment building, and an immediate friendship developed between Fred and Eleanore. They quickly discovered common interests in art, politics and a host of other intellectual subjects. I recall liking Fred from the start, drawn to his calm and genuinely warm nature. My mother remained in close touch with Fred until her passing in 1991. Fred helped Eleanore get through some very difficult periods demonstrating a rare and caring loyalty.

I, through a life of globe-trotting, managed to keep in touch with Fred. In 2008 and 2010 I was able to continue a family connection and introduce Fred to my sons, Kieran and Conor. I have also caught up on the remarkable achievements of this man. My sense is that Fred's many successes are due to a unique chemistry that combines a deep integrity, great sensitivity to people, acute intelligence and love. Truly, the Light shines from this person.

A big abrazo, Fred.

Niels de Terra



Niels and Eleanore de Terra, 1952

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June 23, 2010

TO MY FRIEND FRED NICHOLAS

Dear Fred,

You are one of the smartest, greatest and kindest men I have ever had the pleasure of meeting besides being a good lawyer and business man.

I remember meeting you in the early 1970's when you were with the HapSmith Company with offices on the 8th Floor, Suite 800 across from my office, Suite 809 in the beautiful office building at 9454 Wilshire Boulevard, then known as the Glendale Federal Savings and Loan Building on the corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Beverly Drive in the heart of Beverly Hills.

One of my fondest memories was being invited to your beautiful house in Beverly Hills with Assemblyman Willie Brown for a cocktail party and reception that you hosted for Senator Ted Kennedy.

What a wonderful nite, what a wonderful experience. It was great and you are great.

Happy 90th Birthday. I love you man!

Peace and love,



Rick Johnson

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Lawrence Turman

All accolades contained in this book actually ~~understate~~ the rare, energetic, humanistic quality of Fred's inner soul and outward magnetic magnetism.

With admiration and affection,

Larry



LOIS
ROSE
ROSE

Fred —
You make my world better.
You make everyone's world
more beautiful and more
just — thank you!
Love, Lois

Lois Rose Rose

Fred,

You continue to be an amazing source of inspiration in my life. Every lunch or dinner we share or letters we exchange leave me with a smile on my face and warmth in my heart. Not to mention how creatively charged I get listening to your past and present art projects.

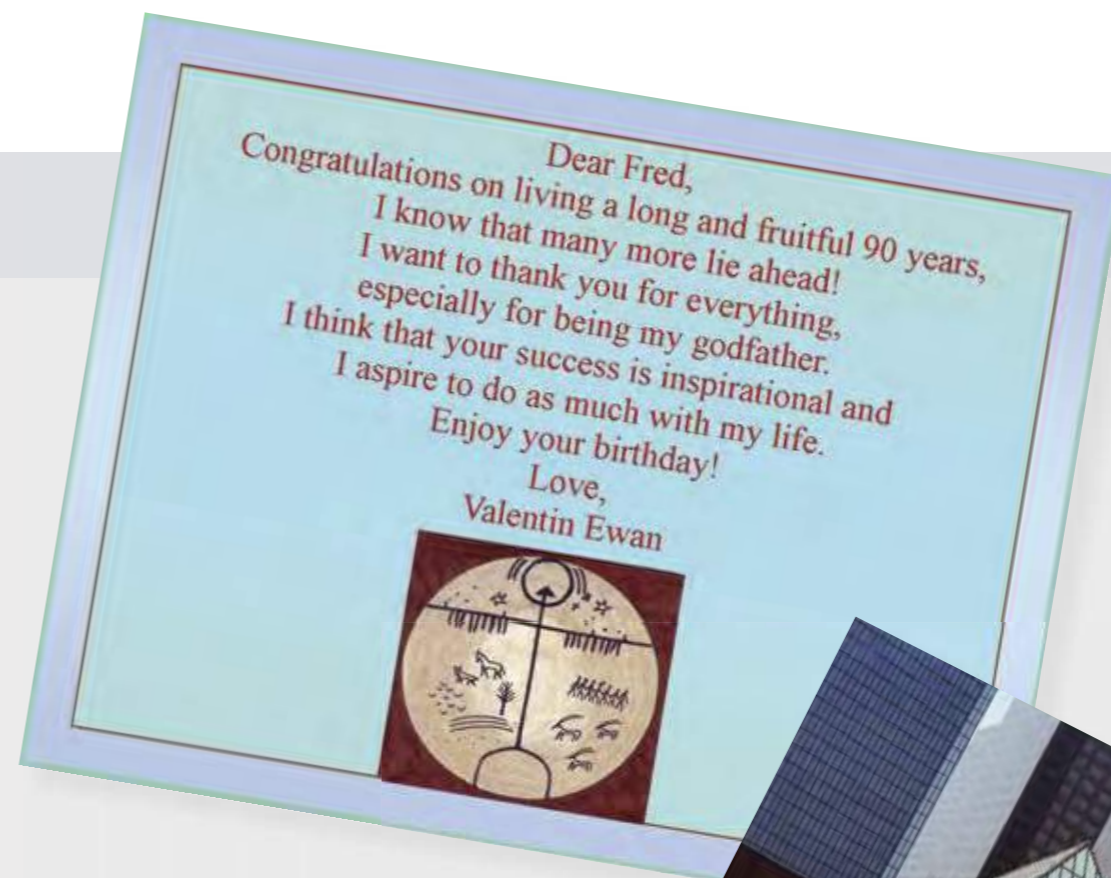
You've always been there to give me wise words and a consoling hug when life's been tough. Coaching me to move on and continue the journey. I feel lucky to have you as a friend.

On this most auspicious of birthdays, I congratulate you and wish you many prosperous and healthy years to come.

With love to you, Joan and your families,



Charlotte, Elle and Kim Raboff



Roi 'Bubi' Escudero, Valentin and James Ewan

Dear Fred,


As you know, I like to write and my original thought for this occasion was to write several pages recounting our experiences and conversations together. But I thought twice about it, and decided that the best approach would be to be direct and concise to express my gratefulness for the inspiration you have given me to be a better person, which can be distilled into the three lessons you have taught me:

- 1. In business, you have taught me that going from a sound idea into a commercial reality requires many different thought processes and a large quantum of perseverance in the face of real-life adversity.*
- 2. In being charitable, you have taught me that there is nothing more rewarding than to devote one's time for a good cause.*
- 3. In friendships, you have taught me that constancy and patience help path the road to enduring relationships.*

This lessons were fashioned over time and were instilled mostly upon reflection in packets, sometimes days or weeks after a conversation and sometimes years, as wisdom can never be imparted overnight. At times I still falter in my life but these lessons help me keep on track as guideposts lighting the way forward.

So, on this special anniversary of your birthday, this is a message of thanks for being my teacher, even though the past 15 years we've been 6,000 miles apart.

With love and affection,



DAVID BURMAN
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Dearest Fred:

You have had a profound impact on my life. You are my friend, my partner, my mentor, and most of all, an inspiration to me. I often think of your advice and words of wisdom when I am in the heat of negotiating a real estate transaction, "Don't let your emotions get in the way, make the deal."

Your accomplishments are vast and impressive.

You continue to amaze us all with your endless energy and wit; pretty amazing for a man who is only 90 years young. I am blessed to have you in my life and there is nothing that I would not do for you. Lastly, I thank you with all of my heart for the positive influence you had on my father Hal, and for being his very good friend over the years. I know that he loved you and valued your friendship deeply.

Happy Birthday my dear friend,

Brad



Dian Roberts, Murray and Laurie Kahane, Herb and Antonia Turman and Fred, New Year's Day, Lake Arrowhead, 1962

Fred and Bill Wolf, 1947

Jack Roberts, Lake Arrowhead, 1962

Zoltan Gross and Fred, 1936

Fred, Bill Wolf with their dates, 1942

Ernie Raboff, Malibu, 1982

Fred with Bill Winter, New Zealand, 1982

Herb Turman, New York, 1990

Tony and Michael Levi, Hawaii, 1976

Fred and Herman Guttman, 1990

Ray Evans, New York, 1981



Mike Farrell, Paul Schrade, Fred, George Regas, Leonard Beerman, Dick Gunther, and Stanley Sheinbaum, Tuesday Knights, 2010

||| Tuesday Knights

Leonard Beerman
David Rintels & Vicki Riskin
George Regas
Stanley Sheinbaum
Mike Farrell
Albie Wells
Bob Powsner
Dick Gunther
Paul Schrade



Dear Fred,

Thinking of May 30 - which
should really be declared a national
holiday - I thought the enclosed
might be a good letterhead for any
thank you notes you may write

You always have my love,
dear friend.

Leonard



LEONARD BEERMAN



Leonard Beerman



* On The Go ^{Talk}

Dearest Fred,

There may have been times when you made a living out of art — there has never been a time when you didn't make an art out of living.

What a fine man you are, and what a wonderful life you've led. You've made a better, kinder, richer world for all of us.

It's been a joy and an inspiration to know you and to be part of your noble life.

Love always,

Vicki and David

680 Randall Road • Montecito, California 93108



Vicki Riskin and David Rintels

George Frank Regas

August 26, 2010

Dear Fred,

You have been a very important person in my 80 years on planet earth. I treasure our friendship and plan to share the journey toward your 100th birthday. And that is no exaggeration! You are someone who has taken care of your body, mind and spirit – and it will have its payoff! Trust me on that.

It was 30 years ago when I asked you and Joan to host a reception for Archbishop Desmond Tutu and you all graciously and generously agreed. We had a memorable event in your beautiful home. Desmond often reminds me of that special moment in our journey together.

Your mentorship of The Tuesday Knights is very obviously the crucial ingredient that has sustained that magnificent group of men. We owe you so much for your constant leadership and gentle love.

And most of all, I appreciate your constant affirmation of my own work over the years. Even when you might have questioned some of my positions, you always put your arms around me and urged me on. That meant more to me than words are able to express.

So happy birthday on your 90th and keep on the journey. I'm cheering you on as one richly blessed by your life.

With love and gratitude,

George

819 Las Palmas Road Pasadena CA 91105



George Regas and Desmond Tutu, 1992



Stanley K. Sheinbaum

May 20, 2010

Mr. Fred Nicholas
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Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Dear Fred,

I was overwhelmed at the Public Counsel event – first by your part in having created and developed that as an organization and more importantly, I had not understood how much of a role *you* played in all that.

To repeat, it was a helluva event and I found myself being very proud of you.

Warmly,

Enclosure

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Dear Fred,

Because it captures my experience of you – and depth of my regard for you – I'll send along this clip of the introductory speech I was lucky enough to be able to make in opening the evening at Public Counsel that not only dedicated the Frederick M. Nicholas Garden of Hope, but also celebrated your 90th birthday.

It was an evening filled with love, inspiration and appreciation for a wonderful man.

With Love,



Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you for joining us this evening.

My name is Mike Farrell and I hope you'll allow a personal minute.

I first came to know of Public Counsel through Jane and Ron Olson, with whom I was associated at Human Rights Watch. The praise they heaped on the work of this organization made me take notice.

I became even more aware of Public Counsel when Jed Minoff, the son of my business partner, the late Marvin Minoff, came to work here. Jed's dedication to providing legal assistance to those in need – and his ability to provide it through this organization, was inspiring.

Through Jed I met his boss Paul Freese. The Director of Litigation and Advocacy for Public Counsel, Paul is one of the most intelligent, dedicated, and at the same time humble and self-effacing human beings it's ever been my pleasure to know. Paul created opportunities for me to come down and meet the staff that makes the impossible possible.

Next I met Hernán Vera, President and CEO of Public Counsel, whose charm, dignity, legal talent and commitment to social justice are matched only by those of the human rights champion who happens to be his wife, Julie Su.

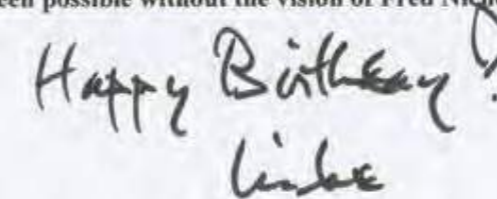
Finally, my friend Tracy Rice left the ACLU to come aboard as Development Director and subsequently opened the door for my daughter, Erin, to become Special Events Coordinator.

I tell you this because in conversation a while back Erin told me of tonight's event honoring Fred Nicholas. I said Fred Nicholas? Fred is a friend of mine. Why are you honoring Fred Nicholas? "Because, she said, Fred Nicholas founded Public Counsel."

Well, call me stunned. I haven't known Fred for very long, but I quickly came to count him as a friend. The next time I saw him I told him that my daughter had just started working at Public Counsel. He smiled. I said I'd learned from her that he had founded the organization. Fred smiled again and said, "That's right."

And as I thought about it, I realized that that was exactly right. Because every one of the qualities I have come to admire about this organization and the work it does is a reflection of the personal qualities of this man I have so come to admire. The dignity, the charm, the intelligence, the compassion, the humility, the concern for the underserved, and the commitment to social justice, all the things that make this organization great, are the qualities of its founder that I find so personally inspiring.

So, we come here tonight to celebrate an extraordinary man and to dedicate the Frederick M. Nicholas Garden of Hope. 40 years ago, Fred founded Public Counsel. It is only fitting that we dedicate this garden in his honor, as thousands of clients walk through this gate every year in search of free legal assistance. Public Counsel has been a beacon of hope for countless individuals, families, small businesses and non-profits, none of which would have been possible without the vision of Fred Nicholas.



Mike Farrell

Dear Fred:

What an amazing life you have put together. You never seem too busy to help someone. I've taken advantage of your friendliness dozens of times in the roughly 50 years we have been friends and TKs. together.

Of the many stories you have shared, I think the best, for me, was the one about the phone call to your house from an elderly lady who wanted to determine if you were the Fred Nicholas she had been told to ask for help.

When you painted a word picture for the TKs about the time you first met Mrs. Disney in her Pasadena home, we were delighted to picture for ourselves, Fred sitting on a huge couch beside this most formidable lady who had a huge mission she wanted you to shepherd.

My mental picture was of a Los Angeles gentleman sitting there, with hands folded, waiting to learn what this lady was about to divulge, while taking cautious care not to upset the old lady with an inappropriate comment!

She offered you the leadership gathering the team to begin planning for the Philharmonic and then asked what sort of compensation you wished. You promptly and as politely as possible suggested that you wished no compensation for such a magnificent opportunity.

As I remember, she was surprised by your philanthropic gesture, and the conversation continued.

You told us that you knew when to leave, once the "sale", had been completed. As you were walking toward the door, you mentioned that you "had a thought". You asked and she immediately consented to your wish to have a chauffeured car during the period of your work for the Disney project. We TKs got a good laugh about that.

I think that evening each of our group had a own mental image of this momentous event. I recall the expressions of awe and delight among us for you. Some jealousy might have been present too.

Little did we know about the oncoming private visits to the great halls around the world that you shepherded along with the Disney daughters now and then, along with your team of experts. On top of that, your party was privileged by the local philharmonic to attend private performances in order to experience the beautiful acoustics within the hall.

Over the years of construction, we listened to some of the stressful stories you gave when the many things happened that caused the Hall to grow enormously over budget. On and on the Disney struggles went, when finally it came into being with its splendor.

You and we shall never know if Mrs. Disney, while resting in her heavenly parlor, forgave your team for building that abnormal structure, that I understand she hated.

Over these last few years in which my change of residence has precluded my attendance at TKs gatherings, I deeply miss being in your warm and delightful presence.

With love and a big Hug, Albie

Albie Wells

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August 26, 2010

May 18, 2010

Well Fred:

Holy cow! It seems like we've known each other for 90 years. But it's only from about 1954 or 5; two newish lawyers on opposite sides of lower 6th Street in downtown L.A.

But over the years, we found a lot in common—our sense of humor, our "domestic histories" and, I hope to say, a definite joie d'vivre.

Keep it going, dear friend. I'll try for the next TK meeting or a lunch in between.

Much love,

Bob Powsner

Bob Powsner

For Fred:

90--it's impossible. The only reality that makes it believable is to look at all that Fred has accomplished in his life--and he must be 90 to have done it all.

With best wishes to you for many more productive years. Maybe another 90 is too greedy, but you have earned a few more rounds.

With affection,

Dick Gunther

Dear Fred You are among the very,
Very few in my world who is always
Lovable, loving and kind who deserves

All best wishes on your 90th

Birthday Love Paul

Dick Gunther

Paul Schrade



Fred and Paul Schrade, 2010



Richard Koshalek and Fred, MOCA Grand Avenue building, 1986

IV MOCA

Richard Koshalek
Sherri Geldin
Paul Schimmel
Erica Clark
Jack Wiant
Randy Murphy
Mo Shannon
Vas Prahbu
Sylvia Doleei
Kathleen Bartels
Bonnie Born
Leslie Marcus



March 22, 1993

Dear Fred:

Without your vital involvement, The Museum of Contemporary Art would not have achieved the success that has brought it international recognition. Your invaluable contributions towards the renovation of The Temporary Contemporary, the design and construction of the California Plaza building, and your leadership as President and Chairman have been extraordinary and are respected and admired by everyone familiar with the arts in Los Angeles.

Most importantly, your friendship towards the staff of MOCA and myself is of the greatest value to all of us. Both you and Joan are our dearest friends. It is the greatest pleasure to know you and we all look forward to continuing our friendship and collaboration into the future and into the next century. You are absolutely the greatest individual that I have met.

With the greatest appreciation and admiration,

The Museum of Contemporary Art
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March 25, 1993

Mr. Frederick M. Nicholas
President
The Hapsmith Company
9300 Wilshire Boulevard
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Beverly Hills, CA 90212

Dear Fred:

On behalf of all of us, our greatest appreciation to you for your extraordinary commitment of time and leadership as Chairman of MOCA. We know that you will continue to be involved and that we will be able to work closely together into the future, but we will never forget your amazing personality and skill.

With all very best to you and Joan,

Richard Koshalek
Director

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Richard Koshalek, MOCA Director



March 22, 1993

Mr. Frederick M. Nicholas
Chairman, Board of Trustees
The Museum of Contemporary Art

Dear Fred:


Amidst the many heartfelt tributes that will mark the culmination of your amazing decade of leadership at MOCA, it's hard to imagine that anyone can fully capture the magnitude of your contribution to the museum. Although I consider myself among the fortunate few to have shared your complete tenure here and to have benefitted in countless ways from your sage counsel and warm friendship, my humble expression of gratitude and praise, no matter how effusive, can't begin to do you justice. Occasions such as this seem to call for pronouncements of a higher order entirely.

A litany of your accomplishments on behalf of the museum would seem virtually endless. The scope and depth of your commitment are writ large on every aspect of this institution: the stunning building that defines its physical presence and the generous spirit that permeates its very heart and soul. Having once rescued the museum from certain disaster, you have remained our most reliable ballast -- ever watchful, ever steady, ever wise.

Your "retirement" from Board leadership evokes an inevitably bittersweet sigh. How does one gracefully reconcile the desire to celebrate a job well done with the emotional tug of fond farewells?

Fred, it has been my supreme pleasure and privilege to work side-by-side toward the success of an institution that has meant so much to us both. You will forever hold a prominent place in the extraordinary saga of MOCA, as well as in my personal recollections of this remarkable adventure. It's been a splendid time, and I thank you with all my heart for your enduring faith and affection.

With much love,


Sherri Geldin
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March 22, 1993

Dear Fred:

My singular regret about coming to MOCA so late in your extensive tenure is that I didn't get to know you for as long as other very fortunate staff members. In my three years at MOCA, I have come to appreciate in a personal way what was already well known throughout the art world - that you are far more than just one of the best Chairmen of the Board of any museum, but you are, in fact, the glue that kept together this once fragile institution during its formative days.

In my more than twenty years of museum work, I have never seen a relationship that I've so envied as the one that Richard has with you. Although I've had many a mentor, I've never had someone of your experience, political acumen, and human sensitivity watching over me as you have clearly watched over your friends at MOCA. Fred, I sincerely wish that in the coming years our friendship will grow and that I will continue to be the fortunate recipient of your wise counsel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Schimmel', is written above the typed name.

Paul Schimmel
Chief Curator

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Paul Schimmel, Chief Curator, MOCA



Fred with Paul Schimmel and his family.



18 March 1993

Mr. Frederick M. Nicholas
Chairman
MOCA Board of Trustees

Dear Fred:

For the past five years I have had the privilege of being the luckiest Director of Development at any museum in the United States. The reason for this is simple: I have had the privilege of working with the most extraordinary trustee Chairman anywhere -- you.

My sense of being lucky, as I hope you realize, goes far beyond the fact that I am fortunate to have learned from one of the consummate fund raisers and community "galvanizers" of all time. Even more than all of this, Fred, you have been a fantastic source of delight and inspiration to me. I can't tell you how much it meant to me, first of all, to have your extraordinary "vote of confidence" as I assumed the position of Director of Development very shortly after being hired at the Museum. I will always be grateful to you for this.

There are so many other things, too. Your humor, extraordinary understanding of people and situations on all levels, your uncanny ability to mobilize, energize, and motivate others, and your incredible hospitality -- all of these have been an inspiration and a gift. I will never forget them.

Best of all is the news that you will continue to serve on MOCA's board. I don't know what I would do if you were truly leaving us. By remaining at MOCA, you will continue to set the standard for which everyone -- Trustees and staff alike -- must aspire.

Thank you for everything, Fred.

With deepest affection,

Erica Clark
Director of Development

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Dear Fred,

In all my years at MOCA and before in my years at the Music Center, I came into contact with most of the prominent and powerful people in the city. None of them measure up to you in any way. It is truly an honor to know you.

The encouragement you have given me over the years has meant a great deal to me. You have affected my life positively in more ways than you will ever know. Thank you.

We all love you, and we will miss you very much.

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March 18, 1993

Dear Fred,

Thank you so much for the tremendous support and contributions you have made over the years to MOCA and for the assistance you have provided to me and the Facilities and Operations department. I have always appreciated the tremendous interest you have taken in building issues and look forward to continuing to work with you as your schedule will permit.

I can't thank you enough for the team you put together to evaluate and write the proposal for the HVAC upgrade at the T.C. The team was first rate and made the project a pleasure to work on.

Your negotiation skills with our latest security contract enabled us to not only obtain a high level of security for the museum, but at a cost that saved the museum a great deal.

You and Joan have been so generous to the staff, opening up your home to all of us for staff holiday parties that were always nothing less than spectacular. The response was unanimous, everyone had a wonderful time. You will never know how much this improved staff moral, thank you.

These contributions probably seem small to you when compared to your other accomplishments at MOCA and to cultural life in Los Angeles, but they made a great difference to me and I will always be grateful. Thank you for your outstanding leadership, we are fortunate to have Fred Nicholas at MOCA.

Best regards

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Dear Fred-

I have always admired your spirit and energy for MOCA. You will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.

Continued good luck with your noble efforts in life.

Fondly,

Mo Shannon

March 22, 1993.

Dear Fred

It's hard to put into words how much I'll miss you ~ for not only doing all you've done for MOCA but for how personally involved you are ~ your notes, your calls, ideas for interesting resources for MOCA's education department... ~ you are a model not only as a trustee but as a patron of the arts and as a leader in Los Angeles! Thank you for everything
much love, Vas.

Dear Fred & Joan,

I'm so sorry that I am unable to be there for the lunch and dinner honoring you today but wanted to pass on my tremendous appreciation for all you've done for me and the museum. I've just heard the great news from Richard that you've agreed to head the development committee and I couldn't be more pleased.

My best to both of you.

Randy

Vas Prabhu, Director of Education MOCA

Randy Murphy, Director of MOCA Administration

With boldness and grace,
Discrimination and heart,
A legacy grows.

Thank you Fred
for all you've done for MOCA
and all you continue to do
for Los Angeles.

You are a great man.

Much love,
Sylvia Dolei

3/22/93

Sylvia Dolei, MOCA

3/22/93

Dearest Fred,

I want to thank you for all of your tremendous support and encouragement to all of us on the MOCA staff. You have the wonderful ability to make everyone feel welcome and special in any situation. We are all so fond of you and so very happy to have had you as our Chair for the last five years. You have certainly contributed to my happiness at MOCA. You're truly the best! Love
Kathleen



Kathleen Bartels, MOCA Assistant Director

Dear Fred,

On this occasion marking the end of your five years as Chairman of MOCA's board, let me add my voice to the many others in praise of your character, your generosity, your kindness, your philanthropy and your many great accomplishments. It is a great pleasure to know you and Joan and to spend time with you. You are extraordinary individuals and it is an honor to enjoy your friendship. Love, Bonnie

Bonnie Born, MOCA Program Director

Dear Fred-

It's hard to imagine not having you as chairman of our board any longer. MOCA is certainly going to miss having you at the helm. I don't believe that anyone has quite the passion for this place as you do, nor cares as much about the staff.

I feel lucky to have had the opportunity to work (and even travel) with you over the years. Your support has meant a great deal to me and I am particularly going to miss your charm and good cheer around the office.

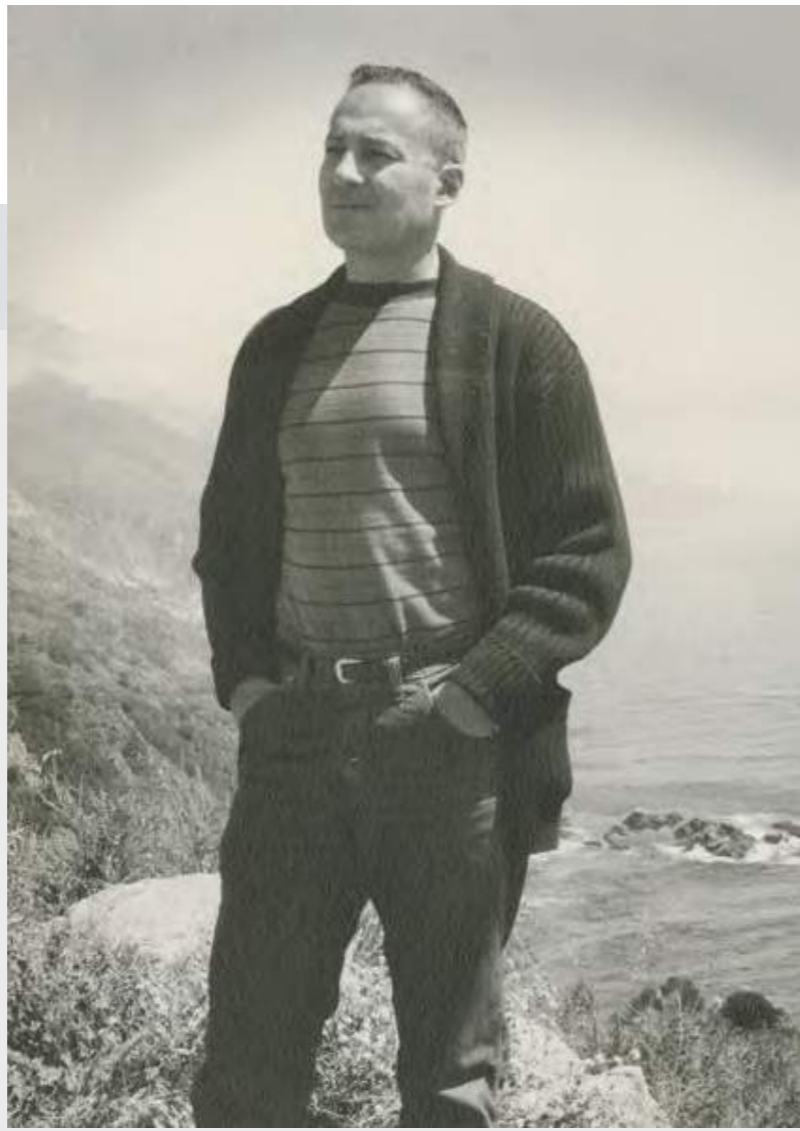
Fortunately, this isn't good-bye, as I know that I will continue to see you and Joan - hopefully often! I did however, want to take this opportunity to thank you for all you have done,

Not only for MOCA, but for me personally.

With Much Love,

Leslie

Leslie Marcus, Director of Travel and Support Programs at MOCA



Fred, Lake Arrowhead, 1962

Fred and Charles Dederich, for Synanon, at the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, 1963

Egypt, 1978

Big Sur, 1961

Ben and Rose on Fred's boat *Horizon*, May 30, 1965

Fred and Joan, the Great Pyramid of Giza, Egypt, 1978

New Guinea, 1982

Joan and Fred, MOCA event, 1990

Fred and Helen, Beverly Hills, 1983

Ben, Beverly Hills, 1983



Kenya, 1985

Hawaii, 1976

Fred, Malibu, 1980

Beverly Hills office, 1980



Fred and Joan, Poland, 1981

Deb, Jan, Fred and Tony, 1984



Mona and Fred, 1990



Tony and Fred, 1990



Mona, Cole, Fred, Oona and Tony, 2004
Fred's halibut catch, Alaska, 2005

Hudson, Oona, Collin, Cole, Niall and Emily, Hawaii, 2002
Emily, Jan, Reid Winfrey and Hudson, 2010



Fred, Ray Evans Memorial, 2007
1952 USC Law School 50th Class Reunion, 2002



Roy Norris, Fred, Mel Rubin, Al Kost, 2007



Fred, Special Administrator, The Sam Francis Estate, 2003

V The Arts

Ed Ruscha
Georg Herold & Lena Mozer
Richard Koshalek
Billie Weisman
Shingo Francis
Osamu Francis
Sam Francis
Manny Silverman
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FRED...

HAPPY

90TH!

Ed Ruscha



May 30, 2010

Dear Fred,

to your 90th birthday with our love, thoughts,
and deep respect. Our best wishes, and

- congratulations -

What a life! You are the America!
You are America and America is you.

This ideal of humanity and freedom,
of equitableness and liberty -
visions about the future for a young artist,
as I once was.

This dream of a New World, of hope, of
energy and spirit, of drive and pioneering!
And creativity and art, social power
and mutuality. And last but not least:
Family!

You opened so many doors, minds and
hearts - so ours! Thank you!

We are happy to join you and
your family and your friends to
celebrate your birthday.

With love
Fredy and Lena
Cologne



Individuals who have made contributions as extraordinary as Fred Nicholas has made to our world are not only rare, but have - especially in Fred's instance - an amazingly sensitive intellect and personality. But what makes Fred even more stellar as a person and a friend is his fantastic kindness with which he embraces virtually everyone he comes in contact with.

The range and significance of Fred's contributions extend from the founding of the Public Counsel to the building of The Museum of Contemporary Art (at both of its renowned facilities) and its equally acclaimed programs. In addition, Fred nurtured the initial design and creation of the Walt Disney Concert Hall, probably the most important work of architecture ever built in the city of Los Angeles. Thus Fred has, in his long career, truly been a city-builder in the best sense of the term. I absolutely love this man and can't think of anyone for whom I have greater respect, admiration, and appreciation.

Happy Birthday and Happy Birthday and Happy Birthday!!!!!!

Richard

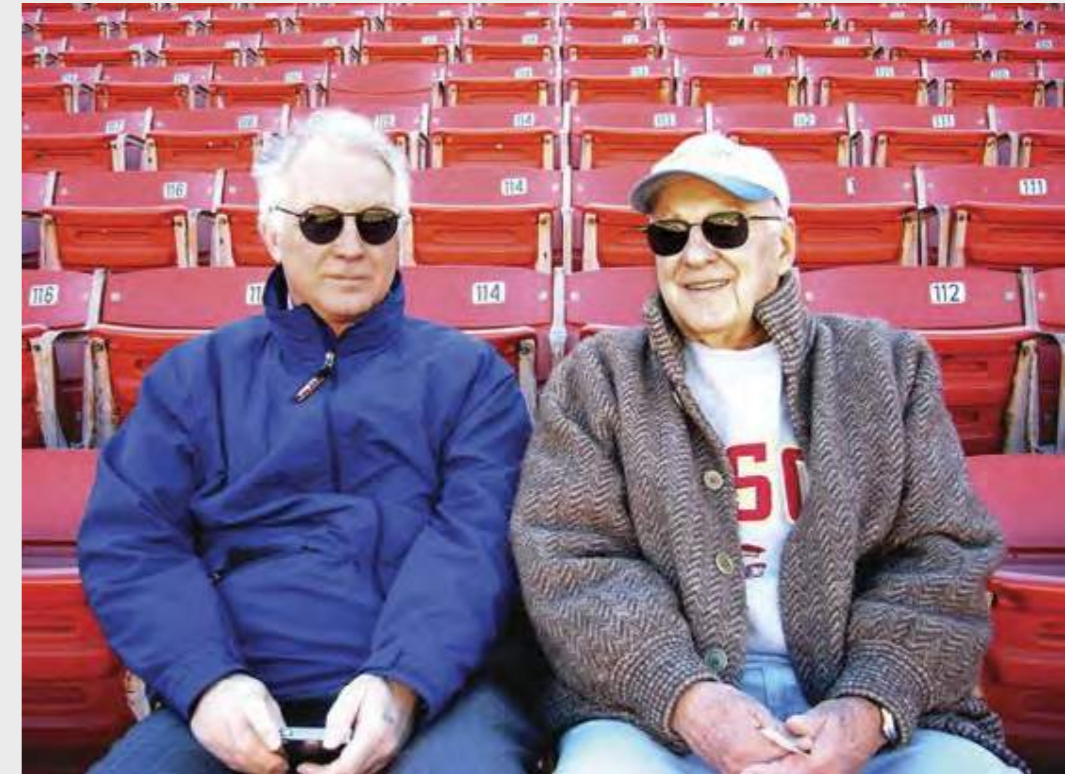
Richard Koshalek

Director

Hirshhorn Museum

and Sculpture Garden

Richard Koshalek



Richard and Fred, USC football game, Coliseum, 2009

Dear Fred,

On behalf of my Family: my Husband, Frederick R. Weisman;
Parents, William J. & Violet Milam; Nephews, Nicholas Gray, Sean Gray,
Lleyton Gray, and Niece, Suppalak Gray we would like to wish you a Happy
and Healthy Birthday with many more good years to come. You and Joan
have been my extended family for at least 25 years. My family has also
enjoyed your friendship over the years. My husband Fred to both
he and I will always remain in my heart. My dear Mother would be so
appreciative of how you and Joan are caring for her family. You and Joan
have watched my Nephews grow and offered them such warmth and
generosity. You always know the right things to say and do- your caring
words and actions are what make you the Dear Friend that you are.
I am proud to have you and Joan as my adopted family and feel honored to
have you in my life. I am so grateful that Joan takes such loving care of you
so that we will be celebrating once again another decade from now! You are
truly an example that each of us should strive for in our lives.

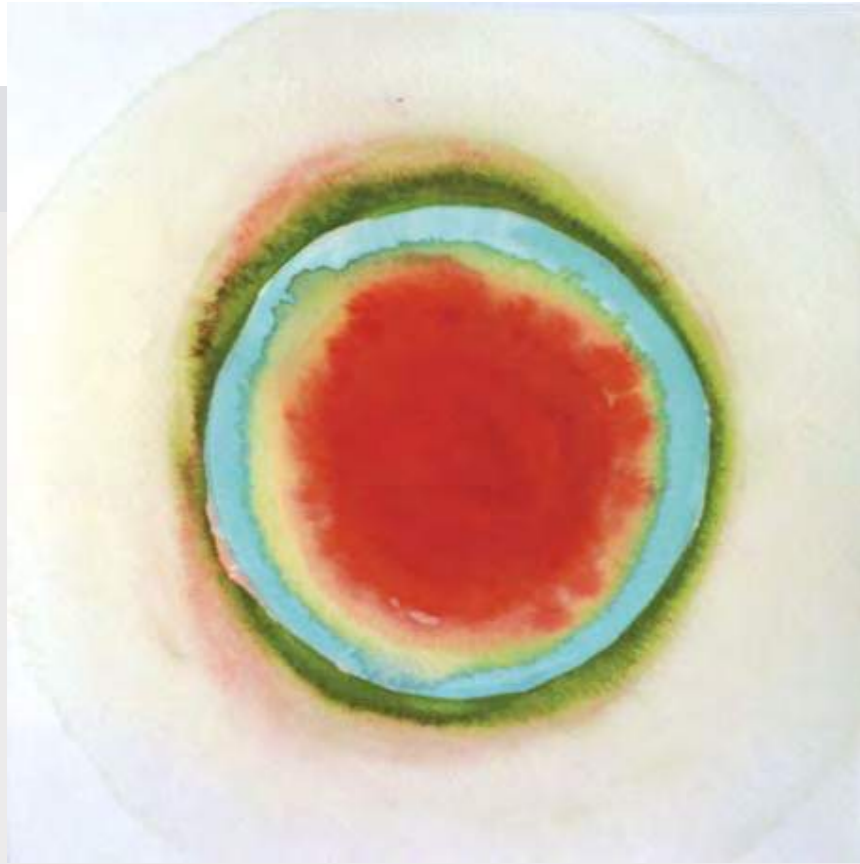
Much Love and Appreciation,

Billie

Billie Weisman



Fred and Billie Weisman



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRED!!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BIG HEART, AND FOR MAKING A BETTER WORLD FOR ARTISTS AND FOR ALL THE PEOPLE.

LOTS OF LOVE,
SHINGO

Dear Fred,

Ryoko and I are wishing you a Happy Birthday from Tokyo. As they say here in Japan, "Otanjyo bi omedetou!"

Love,

Osamu

Shingo Francis

Osamu Francis



Sam Francis, Venice studio, 1998

MANNY SILVERMAN

Dear Fred;

In this your 90th year, I thought it would be fun to put down some remembrances about our friendship through the years.

We have known each other since 1962 when Jackie and I used to work for Ernie part time in the auction business. I have known you almost as long as I have been married. Wow! Remember the affair on the Orozco that came from that scoundrel George Gastine and you got Ernie and the gallery out of hot water.

Then when I was at Art Services we would see each other at a lot of political events (usually liberal Democratic) and occasionally I would help you with framing. But also occasional dinners at Palevsky, Familian, Weissman, etc. The McGovern campaign was fun, wasn't it?

During the Koshalek years at MOCA it was very enjoyable to see each other at openings and laugh at the passage of time. Better to laugh than the alternative.

However, these past few years when you became head of the Francis estate have been the most memorable. Like the time in Munich when we met in the lobby of the hotel, to go out to dinner. It was about to rain and you couldn't find your raincoat...so we went to Searle and you bought an new one. We went to dinner. The owner of the restaurant kicked out a bunch of ladies who were drinking the same cup of coffee for over 3 hours as she told us. And I remember we had sausages and strudel. Then we get back to the hotel and the desk clerk asked you if you wanted your raincoat. You had left it in the closet in the lobby when you were waiting for your room to be prepared. We had a laugh at that! Later on that trip we ate in the Keifer House in one of the rooms with Otto and his guests. What a grand dinner that was after the opening. Then we went out and helped the lady move her car off the curb where it got stuck. Good thing Tony was there so we didn't hurt our backs. Youth wins out every time.

And the great times in Italy. Sandro made sure we ate and drank well. Checking out the old Perroni factory which was turned into a large exhibition hall and the opening was planned for the Francis traveling exhibition. Now that was a great day.

All in all there have been so many good times that we have had enjoyed together over the years, all with a lot of laughter and love. Jackie and I are blessed to have known you and Joan all these years. I am doubly blessed to have spent so many great days and nights with you. You are the best!

Happy Birthday and let's keep doing it!

With Love,



Dear Fred.

35 years --or is it more? Since I first met you on a trip to Southern California while I was "deaning" at the University of Chicago Law School and looking for distinguished, committed alums who made a difference. Little did I know then what an unique role you would play in my life.

A comprehensive attempt to cover all of the projects we have done together is daunting and impossible: law school alumni events; Japanese American cultural and business experiences; strategic planning for Public Counsell; a myriad of projects and assignments during your tenure as a trustee at Pitzer College; a Russell Means weekend people will never forget; dance, dance, and more dance; the complexities of The Art Center College of Design; art, art, and more art; friends, friends and more friends; and the list flows and grows.

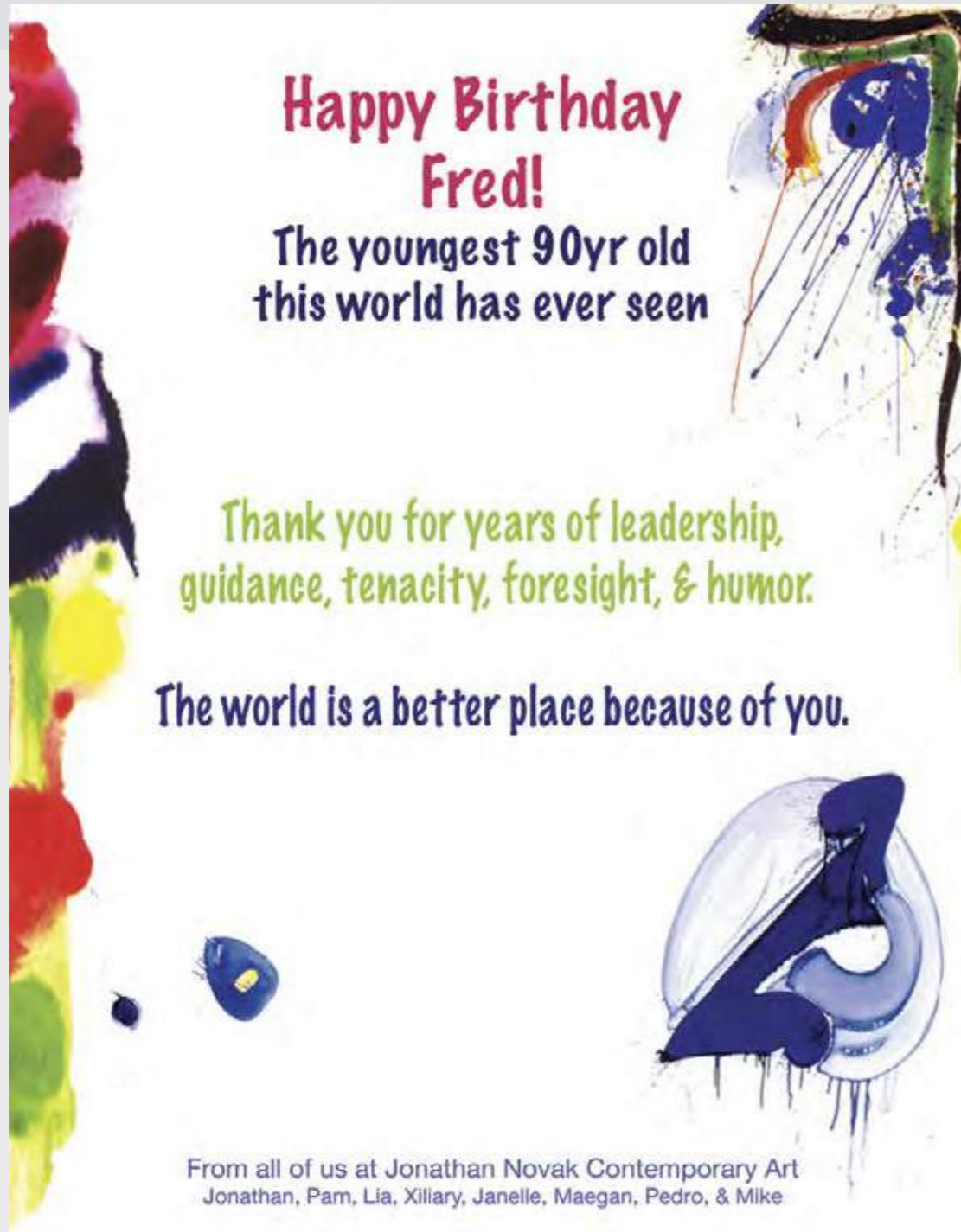
But at the heart of all of this is a great human being with heart, street sense, compassion, and a truly monumental track record of "making a difference."

Fred you are awesome. You have been a mentor and a friend. My life has been richer beyond words because of you. Thank you.

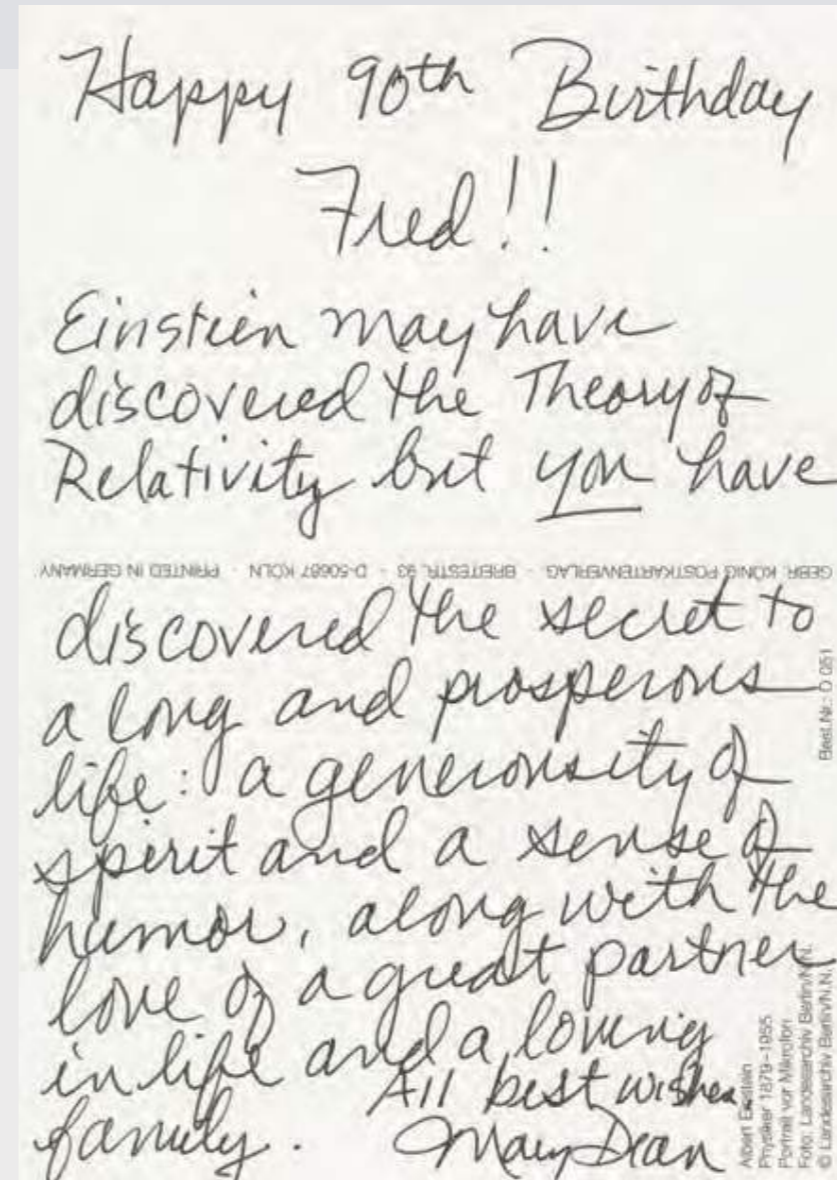
Happy birthday and many more....

Yours,

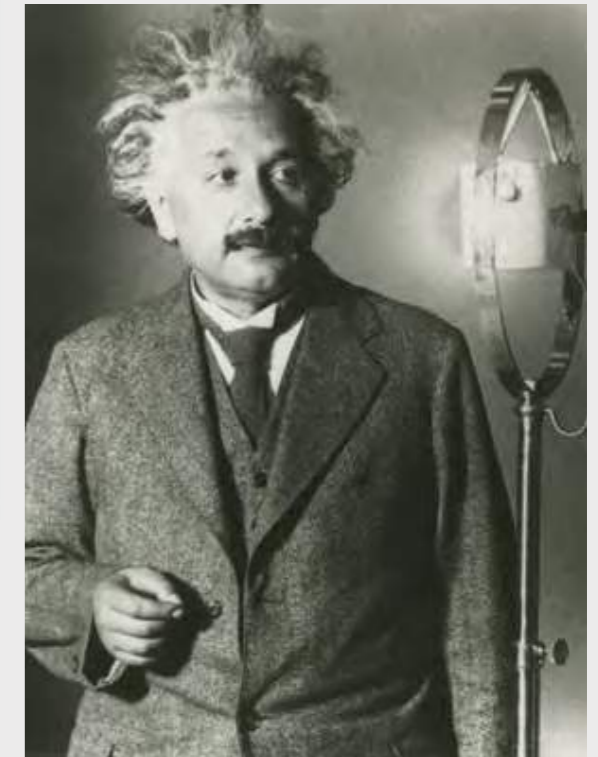
Frank



Jonathan Novak



Mary Dean



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18 February 2011
Los Angeles, CA

Dear Fred,

My honor to be included in this tome is only matched by my good fortune at being able to count you as a friend. Thank you for allowing me and the others in this book the opportunity to express our gratitude.

When we first met I was but a young buck, full of energy & potential. In many ways it was your guidance, friendship and recommendations that set me on the path that I tread today. Without your support at key moments in my life I can honestly say I would not be the man I am today.

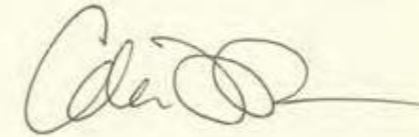
We move through life at times unaware of the impact we have on others. I write this today to affirm that you, Fred Nicholas, have helped make me a better man; for this I am forever grateful. It is now my hope - my duty! - to continue this tradition. I too aspire to be a visionary who contributes to the betterment of family, friends

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and the community. You have set the bar high, but have also wisely built the foundation and provided the motivation to reach high.

In short, when I grow up I want to be like you, Fred.

With fondness and gratitude,
very sincerely,



Adam Gross

Dearest Fred,

How can I possibly convey the GENEROSITY that you've shown me and so many others? There is really no one like you. In your richly interesting and beautiful life you have done more, for more people, than anyone I can think of. By "generosity" I mean generosity of spirit - generosity in really listening to others; generosity in understanding people so compassionately; generosity in being open to others' differences and strengths and weaknesses. In other words, generosity in exploring and appreciating the people and the world around you. This is a rare gift indeed, and you give us so much while lavishing it.

And let's face it: anyone who loves mangoes as much as you do can't be all bad ...!

The happiest and most generous of birthdays to you, dear friend. You're an example for all of us.

Much love from Bill and me,

Erica

Erica Clark

Associate Director for Program Partnerships

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden

Smithsonian Institution

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

★ FRED! ★
★ We love you. ★



We met you at MOCA over 20 years ago and have admired and loved you ever since. It was such an exciting time to be at MOCA, starting up a great institution, and we both admired the leadership role you took in bringing the museum to the world stage. You have always been so supportive of the two of us, taking us to lunch, supporting our causes, offering advice, and we can't tell you how much we appreciate that in you. In our work, running two Los Angeles non-profits, we are continuing your great legacy of investing in the people in our community. We are proud to have you as a dear friend, and you are our role model for so many things, and now also for how to be 90 and FABULOUS!!

Lunch soon?

Love, Cynthia and Margaret

Erica Clark

Margaret Steele and Cynthia Campoy Brophy

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July 22, 2010

Mr. Fred Nicholas
Hap Smith Company
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Culver City, CA 90232

Dear Fred:

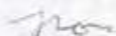
A belated **Happy Birthday**. Ninety years. What an accomplishment, you are a role model!

I have great memories of the work we did in building the Walt Disney Concert Hall. I had hoped to find some of our pictures—particularly the trip to Europe and Japan. I am sure that some day I will discover them.

Jane and I have been full time residents of the Vintage Club in Indian Wells and really enjoy it. We very seldom come into Los Angeles.

Let me know when you reach 100.

With best regards,


Ronald E. Gother

Ron Gother

Happy 90 Fred. From Adam & Ruti. 06/10



Adam Rabinowitz and Ruti Nemet

It's been my distinct pleasure having had the opportunity to work with one of the most ethical, compassionate and generous people I've met in my 30-year career as an executive, Fredrick M. Nicholas. Over the last decade as a trustee for Art Center, he was instrumental in helping us acquire the South Campus building, negotiate a long term lease for the Glenarm Power Plant and has given me personally, countless hours of advice and support. On a personal note, I have been blessed to have him as my mentor and guide in both my business and personal life. His loyalty and dedication to his friends and family are unparalleled. A wonderful father, husband, boss and friend, Fred stands out among the rest.

I'm reminded of a business trip that Fred and I took to San Francisco for an Art Center Board Meeting and upon our return waiting in the airport I noticed an acquaintance of mine who was a young, handsome, Hispanic councilman in Los Angeles. I walked over to the councilman to say hello and brought him back to where we were waiting so that I may introduce him to Fred. When I introduced Fred to the young councilman, the councilman responded by saying, "Are you 'the' Fred Nicholas?" Fred responded with a chuckle saying, "I guess I am," and from that day forward Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa puts me at the top of the list for many of his events.

I recall after a Board Meeting, Paul Violich, trustee for Art Center and businessman from San Francisco, commented to Fred, "Had I met you when I was young, you would have made me rich."

Having Fred in my life has made me rich and I will cherish our friendship always. Happy 90th birthday Fred, and thank you for all you've done for me and the Art Center College of Design.

Mazel tov,

George E. Falardeau

Senior Vice President

Real Estate & Operations

Art Center College of Design



George Falardeau and Jami Pillow



May 30, 2010

Re: Momentous Occasion Extraordinaire

To the Chairman,

Fred,

I am writing to you to congratulate you and wish you heartfelt good cheer on the occasion of your 90th birthday.

Over the many years which we have known each other, I have often looked at you as on of the most gifted seers of the ages, and one whose guidance and wisdom, has benefitted all those whom you have chosen to bestow it upon.

You have been a good friend and colleague to many of the good friends whom we share in common, and I am thankful that at least a little of that gift has stuck to me by my proximity. I know that these friends of ours have benefitted immensely.

Please accept my fondest and warmest wishes of good health, good cheer, and good luck, as you pass into another decade of success and as well, may that twinkle in your eye never fade....

Thank you Godfather....

REED

L. Reed Manville
Executive Vice President

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Dear Fred,

I am sending you best wishes for a spectacular goth birthday!

You are one of my favorite people, and you have been a wonderful mentor to me.

I look forward to many more years of friendship.

With love,

Judy Webb

Reed Manville

Judy Webb



Mr. Frederick M. Nicholas
President
Hapsmith Company
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Culver City, Calif. 90232

Dear Fred

Happy Birthday to a wonderful man that has giving his all to help mankind. Your lifelong efforts for humanity and devotion to the Arts & Education are just part of who you are.

It has been a pleasure working with you over the years although not concluding with the best results your ethics and transparency have been beyond approach.

Remember Fred, if you ever looking for something you know who to contact- The Link Group.

Best to you and your family

Happy Birthday my friend.

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9 May 2011

Fred Nicholas
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Dear Fred,

You are the kindest, smartest, wisest, handsomest, and coolest guy I know. You are a beacon whose dignity, insights, wisdom, and philanthropy have guided and supported an astonishing array of essential social and cultural causes. You and Joan are exemplars of love and caring—and both of you light up any party.

You have been a benefactor and a friend—without you, neither the Santa Monica Museum of Art nor I could have prevailed.

With thanks and love,



Elsa Longhauser
Executive Director
Santa Monica Museum of Art

SMMOA



Elsa Longhauser



Fred and Paul Kantor, Warhol party at Fred's home, 1975

Fred, Jane Erickson, and Robert Rauschenberg, Malibu, 1978

Fred and Russell Means, Pitzer College, 1982



Fred, Richard Koshalek and Arata Isosaki, Japan, 1984

Richard Koshalek, Aiko Miyawaki, Fred and Arata Isosaki, MOCA, 1985



Tom Bradley, Richard Koshalek, Marcia Weisman and Fred, 1986



Fred, Ron Miller, Frank Gehry and Diane Disney Miller, stone for Walt Disney Concert Hall, Italy, 1989

Walt Disney Concert Hall ground breaking, December 10, 1992

Ron Gother, Frank Gehry, Diane Disney Miller, and Fred, Walt Disney Concert Hall model, 1988



Fred and Pontus Hultén, 1989



Fred and Joan with Rosa and Guiseppe Panza, 1990

Fred Nicholas, Sam Francis Retrospective, MOCA, 1999

Arnie Klein, John Baldessari, Coosje van Bruggen and Claes Oldenburg, at Fred's home, 1986



David Hockney, Robert Shapazian, Kayo Francis, Shingo Francis, Margaret Francis at Sam Francis Retrospective, MOCA, 1999

Sam Francis Retrospective, MOCA, 1999

Fred Nicholas with Eberhard Kornfeld, Bern, Switzerland, 2000

Fred and Doug Christmas, Beverly Hills, 1999

Betty Koshalek, Fred, Joan, Billie and Fred Weisman, 1990

Fred, Walt Disney Concert Hall grand opening, 2003

Fred, Chairman of MOCA, 1985



Frederick M. Nicholas Garden of Hope, Public Counsel, 2010

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July 1, 2010

Fred Nicholas
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Dearest Fred,

Happy 90th birthday!

Passion inspires loyalty. Your immense passion for life – for helping others, for creating and supporting civic institutions, for family, for art, and for the broader community – have inspired a legion of loyal friends, family, and admirers. By setting out to change the world for the better, you have won the hearts of all of us whom you've touched with your grace, humor, and keen mind.

Thank you, Fred, for our regular lunches at the Club, for your mentorship, guidance, and, most of all, for your kind friendship. You have helped to make my time at Public Counsel even more fulfilling and special. I am truly honored and blessed to count myself among those lucky enough to share in your boundless energy and optimism.

On behalf of all the staff at Public Counsel, and all the clients who don't know you personally but who benefit from your tremendous vision, thank you for making this dream of justice a reality.

We love you, Fred...

With deepest affection,

 Hernán Vera



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"There is no greater justice than equal justice."

Hernán Vera



It simply doesn't seem possible that I have known you for almost 40 years – years which have been very kind to you – you have changed very little.

Public Counsel recently honored you with the Frederick M. Nicholas Garden of Hope. It's a very fitting tribute since your life has been about giving hope to so many people. You have contributed greatly to this community through your philanthropic work. You have given your time and your money – but you have also done so much more. You have given your heart to these endeavors, and you have motivated others to do the same. The concept of "Access to Justice" is an integral part of today's legal dialogue – it seems inconceivable now that this was not always the case. The State Bar of California created the Access to Justice Commission, and Chief Justice George identified Access to Justice as one of his most important priorities. However, in 1970 when you began the Beverly Hills Bar Association Law Foundation, Now Public Counsel, not everyone embraced the idea. You encountered much resistance. But you believed, and I think you still believe that practicing law is a privilege, and anyone who is fortunate enough to be a lawyer should give something back. Despite the many challenges and setbacks, you persevered – a trait that has been instrument. You inspired me to become a lawyer, and I am so grateful for your example. Your energy and enthusiasm continues to amaze me. There is no one like you.

Stan and I send you our very, very best wishes on your special birthday.

May you have many more to come.

Dominique Snyder

April 19, 2010

Mr. Frederick M. Nicholas
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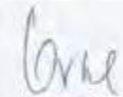
Dear Fred,

I want to express my congratulations to you on the upcoming dedication of the Frederick M. Nicholas Garden of Hope at Public Counsel on Tuesday, April 27th. The honor is much deserved and is appropriately symbolic of the hope that you have helped to give to countless individuals through the generous and socially responsible work being done at Public Counsel.

It is difficult to imagine Public Counsel not existing which is a testament to how important it has become to ensuring justice within the legal system for those who represent the most vulnerable and underserved in the city of Los Angeles. For all the good work Public Counsel has done and will continue to do, we have you to thank for your vision and leadership with its founding four decades ago.

Congratulations again on the honor you are about to receive in recognition of your inspirational commitment to philanthropy and service with Public Counsel. Incredibly, it is just one example of the many noteworthy contributions you have made to the community in your distinguished career.

With best regards,


Lorne M. Buchman
President

RAMONA RIPSTON

Monday April 19, 2010

Dear Fred -

Both Stephen and I will be at Yale Law School the week of April 26 so we will not be able to be at the dedication of the "Frederick M. Nichols Garden of Hope" dedication on April 27. Both Stephen and I have to give speeches so it's impossible to change it.

So often when we talk you tell me about the great things I've done for this

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City but I truly believe that you have done more than I.

The diversity of the things you've accomplished is overwhelming -- museums, Disney Hall and Public Counsel -- has really been overwhelming. I cannot think of any private citizen who has done more.

You're an extraordinary man. I hope I can tell you how much I admire you in person, very soon.

Enjoy the 27th and I'm so sorry to be missing it.

Much love -
Ramona

Dear Fred:

All my memories of you are happy ones. Your passion for the defense of the Bill of Rights, your generous help to make that defense possible, your support for me as executive director, and the warmth and friendship I feel when I see you. Thank you for everything you've meant to me, and the ACLU.

Wishing you the happiest of birthdays.

With admiration, appreciation and love,

Ramona

Ramona Ripston

Dear Fred:

Thank you for being a role model, and being a friend, and being a pioneer. Most people leave footprints in the sand which are washed away with the first wave. Some, like you, leave footprints that seemingly change the course of the ocean. Among the many wonderful things you've added to our lives, your creation of Public Counsel is one of those events that altered the course of the ocean -- for the tens of thousands of people who've gotten help, for the thousands of volunteers who've given help, for the hundreds of Board members and staff who've been privileged to help, and for this one particular well wisher whose life has been forever enriched.

I say with a great deal of love, admiration, and joy: Happy 90th Birthday Fred!!!

Steve Nissen



June 30, 2010

Dear Fred,

Happy 90th birthday!

Through your spirit, wisdom, generosity, and heart, you have touched the lives of millions of people. But none more so than those of us who are privileged to call you a friend.

With much love and respect,

Dan and Colleen

Steve Nissen

Dan and Colleen Grunfeld



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May 30, 2010

Fred Nicholas
The Hapsmith Co.
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Dear Fred:

It's a pleasure to join your countless friends and admirers in wishing you a happy ninetieth birthday.

Thank you for devoting so much of your long life to making Los Angeles not just a city to be proud of, but a community to be proud of as well.

Cordially,

Robin Meadow

Robin Meadow

Frederick M. Nicholas founded the country's first bar-sponsored, public interest law firm.



Sen. Edward M. Kennedy spoke at a special luncheon as our mission grew.



Rep. Barbara Jordan was recipient of the 1989 Douglas Award.



Public Counsel acquires our first headquarters.



LA County Supervisor Mike Antonovich (center) with Jenny Weiss and President/CEO Dan Grunfeld.



Public Counsel dedicated our current headquarters.



Hernán Vera, President/CEO, with Jay Leno.



1970



Executive Director Steve Nosen and 1986 Douglas Award honoree Gloria Steinem.

1978

1986

1989

1991

1993

1999



Actor Louis Gossett Jr., emcee of the 1991 Douglas Dinner, with honoree Alec Haley.



Sargent Shriver, 1999 William O. Douglas Award honoree, and daughter Maria Shriver.

2003



Vice President Al Gore, recipient of the 2003 Douglas Award, with Richard Ziman, longtime Public Counsel supporter.

2005



Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright, Douglas Award honoree, with her predecessor Warren M. Christopher, who presented the award.

2007

2008



2010: Catherine Lhamon, Director of the Impact Litigation Project, with Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, launched a lawsuit to protect Los Angeles children from teacher layoffs.

2010



Dedication of the Frederick M. Nicholas Garden of Hope, Hernán Vera with Past Presidents Stan Levy, Fred Nicholas, (Host) Mike Farrell, Steve Nosen, Charles Palmer & Dan Grunfeld.



Fred and Hap Smith, Tanforan opening reception, March 9, 1971

VII Work

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Eric Gero

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May 30, 2010.

Dearest Fred:

I have been thinking about the first time I met you in person even though we had talked on the phone previously. It was in your private office located in the Law Offices on the eighth floor of the Glendale Federal Building. You had an array of photos on the shelves of family members and one 8 x 10 photo of a dog with a cap on his head. It gave me a clue as to your personality and I thought that someone who would have that type of picture in their office would be a person with whom I could establish a good working relationship. And I do believe that is what we did over the next 25 years.

I immediately liked the various projects with which you had been and were involved in, such as the founding of Public Counsel, the Black-Jewish Committee which raised money to aid minorities, attorney for Synanon, and ACLU. This was the first time I had worked with or for anyone with similar views as mine. It was quite liberating, to say the least.

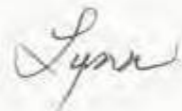
Then there was the work you were doing on the then Temporary Contemporary and the building of MOCA, most exciting enterprises which would greatly enhance Downtown Los Angeles. The years that you were Chairman of MOCA were definitely learning experiences for me and fun ones - all the amazing artists and people to meet and great events to attend. A personal highlight for me was when August 7, 1991 was declared Lynn Collings Day at MOCA and I was feted by the staff with a luncheon at the City Club. So many nice things happened to me because of you and I relish all of them.

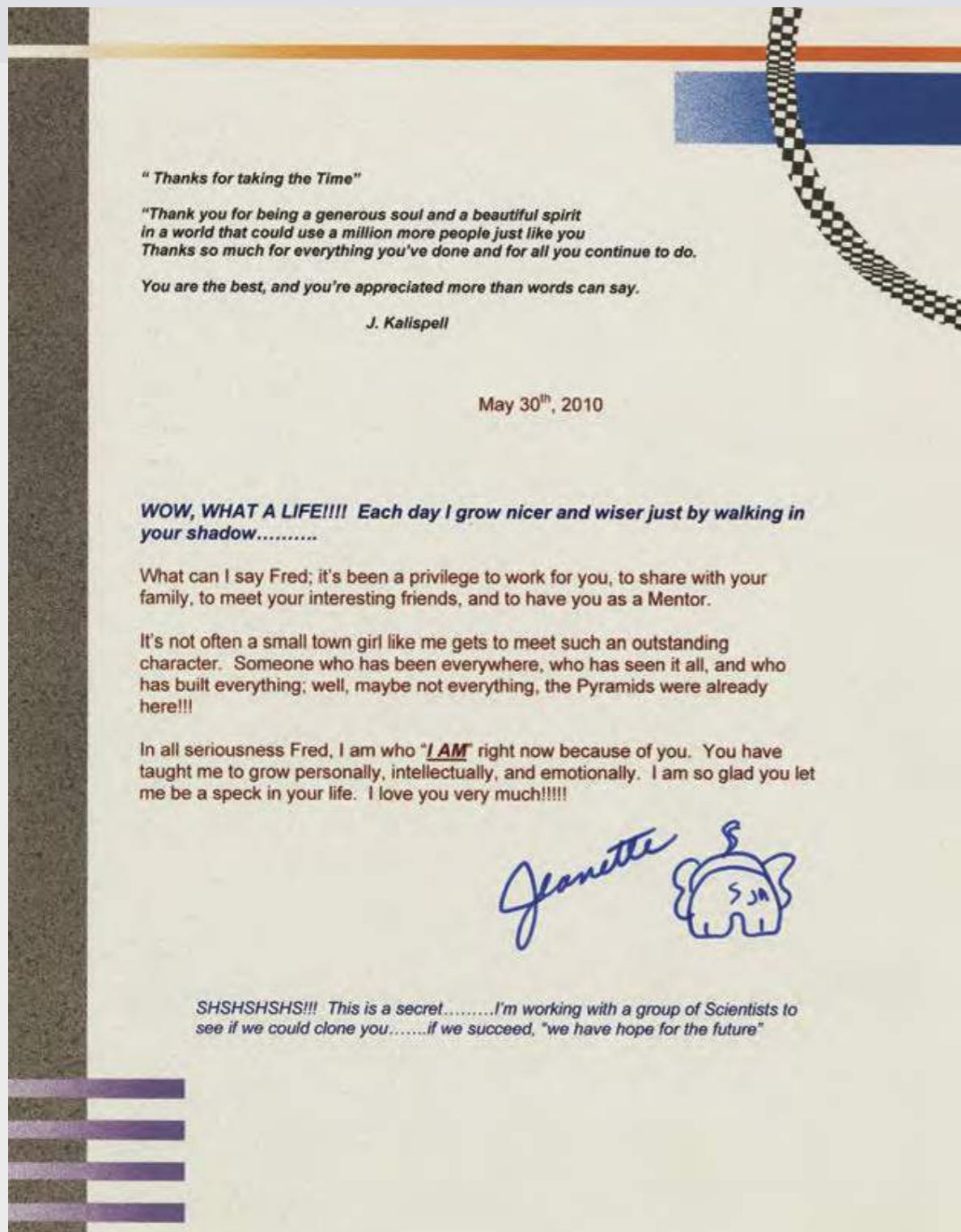
Starting in 1987 when you made the arrangements with Lillian Disney to build a world-class concert hall in memory of her husband Walt Disney, you gave so much energy to the project, and it was a wonderful project, but you still stayed on top of everything else. I so admired and continue to admire your ability to handle a multitude of issues and to be able to compartmentalize them so that full attention is given to each one.

I have not even mentioned all the daily business, legal, and, oh yes, political matters with which you dealt and I was allowed to follow along. That would take a book!

Most of all, I want to thank you for being someone I respect as an employer, a caring man of good deeds, and someone I love as a friend. I wish you much joy on your special day!

With respect and love,





Jeanette Ayala



Dear Fred,

Happy Birthday! My heartfelt wish is that you have many more wonderful years filled with happiness and joy. Here's to another 30 years!

So many years ago when I interviewed with you I did not realize what an extraordinary person I was going to have the honor and opportunity to know.

You are a blessing. I am truly thankful for the kindness, support and guidance that you have graciously provided me.

Very seldom do we meet people who touch our hearts and become such a treasured part of our lives as you have for me.

You have given a great deal to the world with your work and you deserve to be proud of the difference that you have made in so many lives, including mine.

My very best to you,

Love

Barbara

Barbara Singer

Happy Birthday Fred!

There is only one man that I can say that has made a more profound influence in my life other than my own father, and that is You Fred.

I remember the very first time that I met you and I said, "Hello Mr. Nicholas" and you replied, "my name is Fred". From that moment on you made me feel that I was someone and I knew then you were someone that I could trust and depend on. You gave me the opportunity of my life in California and without you I can't even imagine where I would be now. I cannot thank you enough for that!!!

You are a very, very, *SPECIAL* man and I hope you realize that. I can't even imagine how many souls you have touched through your generosity and knowledge but I am very thankful, grateful and proud that you are a part of my life!!!

I hope this is your best Birthday ever, you deserve it!!!!

I love you more than you will ever know.

Bob



Larry and Bob Carr

There once was a man named Fred Nicholas,
so successful it was almost ridiculous,
With any people he had no problem mix'n,
with the exception, it seems, of President Nixon.

He once built a mall,
with location and stores, it had it all.
It's success and future seemed real,
unfortunately , then came Emile.

Let me finish by saying what a pleasure,
Your friendship goes beyond any measure
There's one thing that I must say is very true,
this poem really sucks but surely not you.

Dear Fred,

Of course, I'm only jesting ...about me that is, I mean it can't all be my fault! Right?

Have a great birthday whether you like celebrating it or not.

I am very much looking forward to attending your 100th.

Emile



Emile Hons, Tom Foley, Jeff Oliphant and Fred, Tanforan remodel, 1987

Dearest Fred:

You have had a profound impact on my life. You are my friend, my partner my mentor, and most of all, an inspiration to me. I often think of your advice and words of wisdom when I am in the heat of negotiating a real estate transaction, "Don't let your emotions get in the way, make the deal."

Your accomplishments are vast and impressive.

You continue to amaze us all with your endless energy and wit; pretty amazing for a man who is only 90 years young. I am blessed to have you in my life and there is nothing that I would not do for you. Lastly, I thank you with all of my heart for the positive influence you had on my father Hal, and for being his very good friend over the years. I know that he loved you and valued your friendship deeply.

Happy Birthday my dear friend,

Brad

Brad Wiseman

Happy B-Day Fred,

It's been truly great knowing you as I do these thirty-five or more years. I so admire all that you have accomplished with your life, few even come close. You are one person that is always there for so many including myself. From those days with you in N.Y. to my lovely stay at Cedars Sinai, I felt your love and support always there! You opened my eyes to many new things and I am so much better for it. From service to country, community, friends and family there is no one like you!

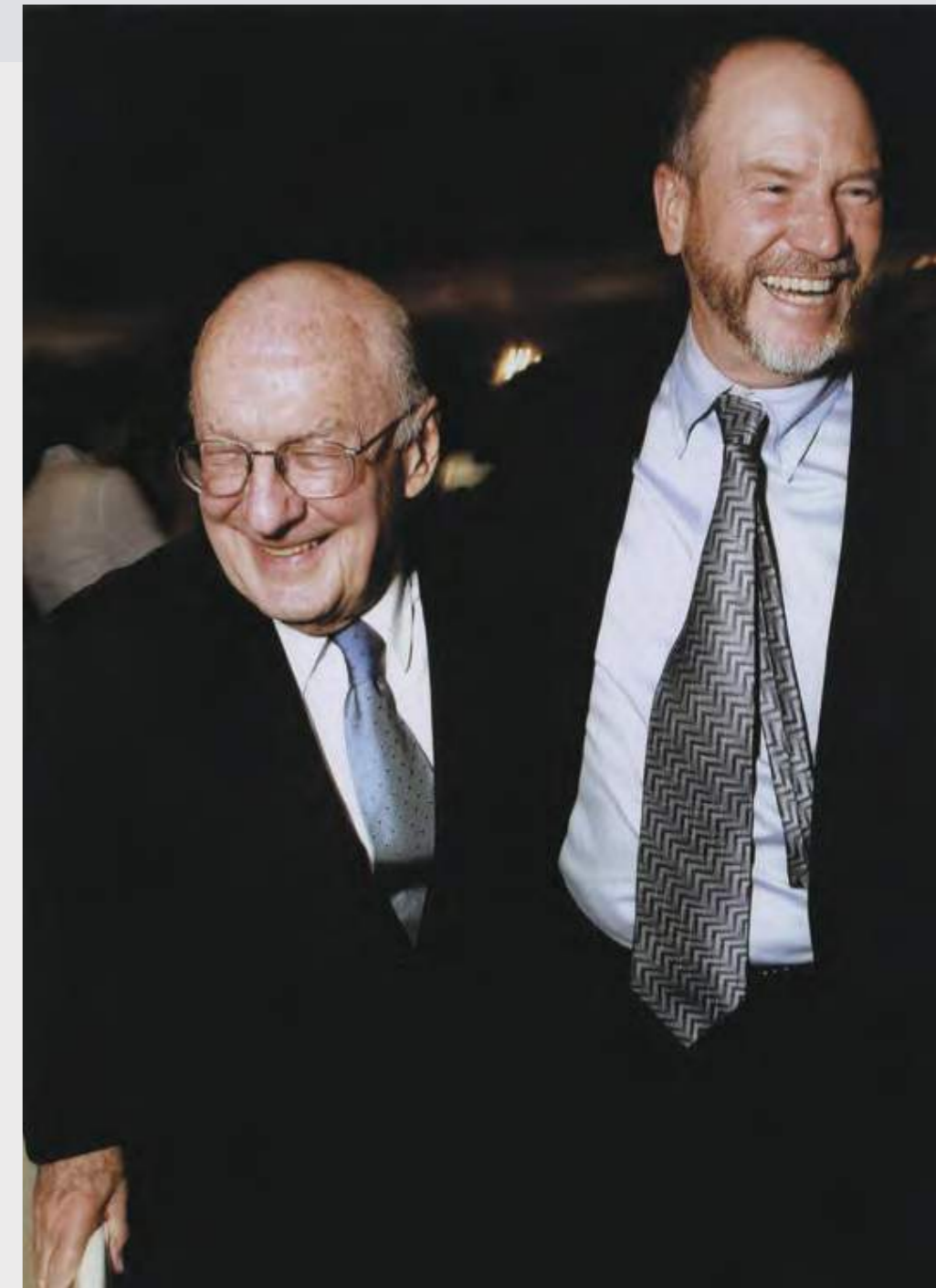
Thank you so much for everything,

Lots of love to you, Mr. Tuffy!

Love,

Don

Don Koppes



Fred and Don Koppes, 2007

Simon Rubinstein

May 2010

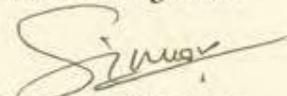
Dear Fred,

Happy birthday. It is a true honor for Susy, my children and me to get to know you over the past years.

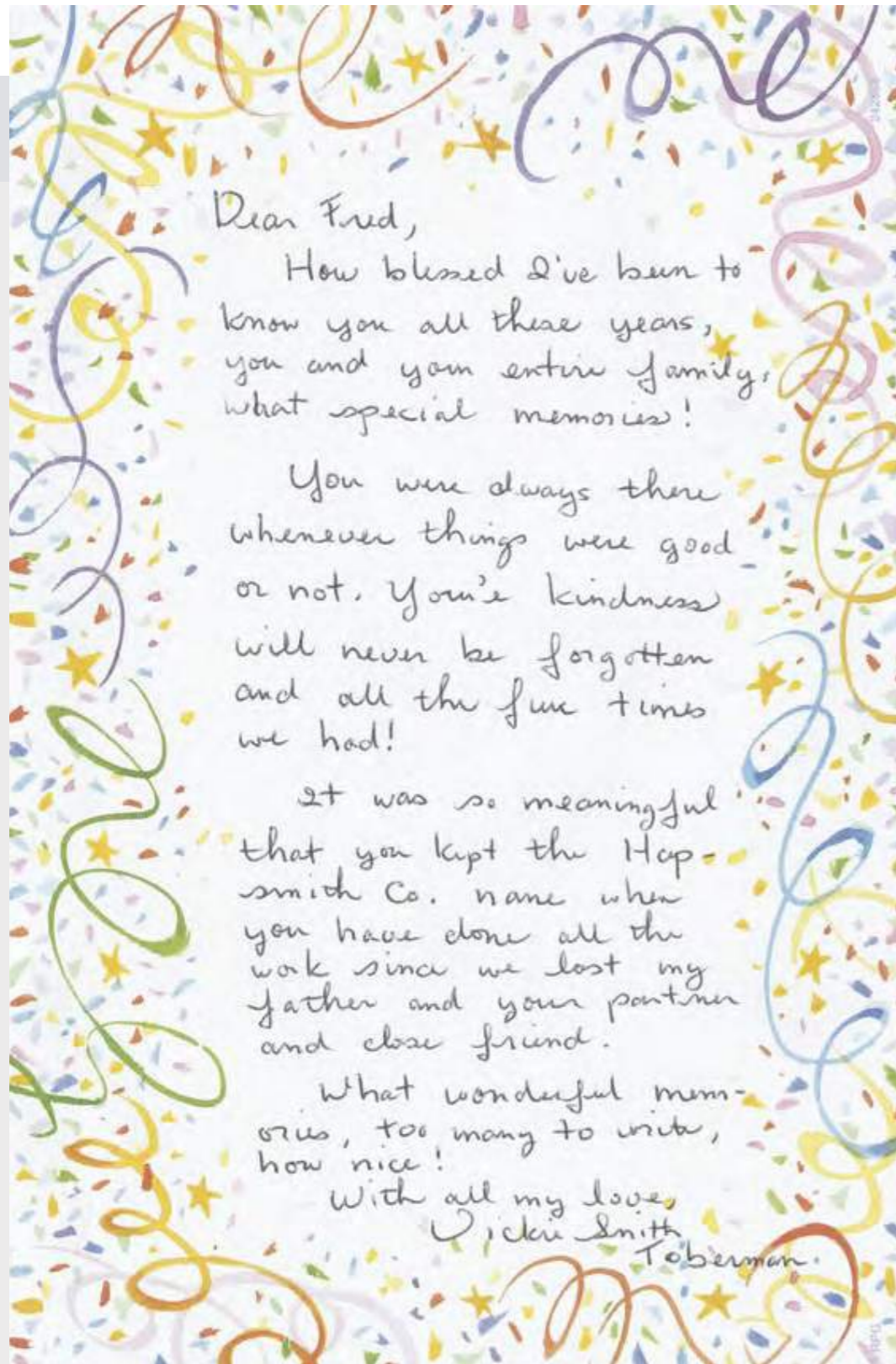
You are not only an honorable partner but also a kind friend and a great example to everyone around you.

My family and I look forward to sharing many more birthdays with you in good health.

Warmest regards,


Simon Rubinstein





Dear Fred,

How blessed I've been to know you all these years, you and your entire family, what special memories!

You were always there whenever things were good or not. Your kindness will never be forgotten and all the fun times we had!

It was so meaningful that you kept the Hap-smith Co. name when you have done all the work since we lost my father and your partner and close friend.

What wonderful memories, too many to write, how nice!

With all my love,
Vickie Smith
Toberman.

FOR FRED
(On The Occasion Of His 90th Birthday)

There was my dad Hap
And my Uncle Ed.
Now just my dad's partner
By the name of Fred.

Still going strong,
90 years young,
His hard-working contributions
Often unsung.

Keeping things flowing
Through all the years,
Constantly allaying
Our financial fears.

Now a new crisis.
Will Fred pull us through?
I just bet he will.
Wouldn't you?

Gratefully,
Terry K. S.
Terry Kingsley-Smith

June 24, 2010

Dear Fred,

I join so many others in wishing you the best on your 90th. It gives me the opportunity, as it does many others, to tell you what a special person you are and what you have meant to me in my life.

Our relationship really started, no doubt because of Mickey and Joe, after my run for the Assembly. You invited me join the 9465 suite, and later 9454 suite, our design award suite thanks to you. I felt like a real lawyer.

You really started me in the profession. Among others, you introduced me to Kurt Mann which, over the years, directly resulted in my representing the majority of the thrift and loan companies in California, becoming general counsel for the trade association, drafting or participating in drafting most California legislation governing thrift and loan companies and subsequently the statutes converting that charter to a commercial bank charter equivalency and FDIC insurance, and serving on various regulatory advisory committees; and later even drafting and participating in federal banking legislation.

None of this would have occurred without you.

We even, for awhile, had Nicholas and Nebenzahl stationery. What an honor.

You gave me the opportunity to invest with you. How lucky was I.

Your community and bar activities were a guiding principal of your citizenship and commitment to the others. Most people do for themselves. Certainly you did; but you also did for others with equal vigor. What a shining example.

Thank you Fred for allowing me into your life, for all you have done, and for being a friend.

And, of course, happy 90th

Love,



Dear Fred,

You have my admiration and great affection. Just when I think I have an understanding of what you have accomplished, I learn something new about you and am inspired all over again.

I hope to celebrate many more birthdays with you, fellow Gemini.

With all my best wishes,

Christianne



Christianne and Daniel Hanych, 2007

Christianne Dearborn

Dear Fred,

It has been a privilege to work for you these past 11 years(!!!). Your wisdom and straightforward approach to challenges has been an invaluable education. Often with few words and leading by example you have taught me an incredible amount. I can't thank you enough for the support and opportunities you have given me.

Happy birthday Fred and many more to come!

With warm wishes,

Eric Gero



Eric, Courtney and Lucas Gero, 2011

Eric Gero



Stanley Sheinbaum, Fred and Senator George McGovern, 1972

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 OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
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May 30, 2010

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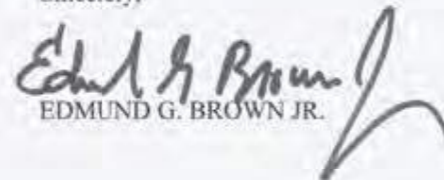
Dear Mr. Nicholas:

Please accept my congratulations on the celebration of your 90th birthday.

I commend you on your numerous professional and personal accomplishments, and the many years of legal services that you have provided to the Los Angeles community. Your dedication, leadership and exemplary work in the legal profession has earned you great respect. You have set a high standard of excellence in which countless people have benefitted from leadership and vision.

On behalf of the Office of the Attorney General, I wish you good health and continued happiness.

Sincerely,


 EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

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ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA
 MAYOR

June 15, 2010

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, it is my pleasure to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mr. Fred Nicholas.

I am pleased to acknowledge the Nicholas family and close friends for this momentous occasion. Mr. Nicholas truly exemplifies a deep passion for the City of Los Angeles. He has helped to cultivate this City's culture through his involvement with the Walt Disney Concert Hall as well as the Museum of Contemporary Art. Not only did Mr. Nicholas serve as the First Chairman of the Walt Disney Concert Hall Committee, but he also developed the Museum of Contemporary Art's building on Grand Avenue and the Geffen Contemporary at the Museum.

In addition to Mr. Nicholas's cultural and architectural contributions, Mr. Nicholas has been a leader in justice through his real estate and pro bono cases. He has helped many individuals through his public interest law firm, Public Counsel, which is the largest pro bono public interest law firm in the world.

I applaud Mr. Nicholas and all of his accomplishments. I extend my best wishes for a memorable birthday celebration.

Very truly yours,



ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA
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Dear Fred Nicholas,

I don't believe that you're really 90. You've always seemed so much younger than I, especially when you host political events at your home. But 90 is a big number and it represents for you a life well spent. I hope in my 90th birthday I could reflect on the kinds of things that you can.

Happy Birthday, Fred!

Best Wishes,

Willie L. Brown, Jr

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

May 30, 2010

TO: Frederick M. Nicholas
Los Angeles, California

Dear Fred:

I am delighted to join with your countless friends in celebrating your 90th birthday and extending best wishes to you for all the future holds. In part, my motivation is to encourage you to continue the activities that have characterized your life and had such a profound impact on the Southern California community.

A review of your involvements and accomplishments can only be described as breathtakingly impressive, and I greatly admire the breadth of your activities from law practice, to public service law, to business, technology, and the arts. You are a person for all seasons who has made and continues to make major contributions.

As a convert from the law myself, I view you as a mentor and model for how to use lawyerly skills to make huge, beneficial changes on society. You are an inspiration!

Fred, 90 seems like a big number when it comes to birthdays, but after thinking about your record of activities and accomplishments, I ask myself how in the world you did it all in such a limited period of time. Thanks to you for your unique commitment to public service and the community.

Sincerely,

BILL BOGAARD
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May 25, 2010
Rancho San Cristobal, Mexico

Mr. Fred Nicholas
Chairman
Hapsmith Company

Dear Fred,

Happy Birthday from Marta and myself! May life continue to be filled with extraordinary love and compassion for fellow man.

Recibe un fuerte abrazo, tus amigos

 
Vicente and Marta Fox



Vicente Fox, President of Mexico and first lady, Marta Fox



President Bill Clinton and Fred, 2010



Lt. Governor Leo McCarthy, Senator Edward M. Kennedy and Fred, 1980
Joan, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky and Fred, March 1981
Senator Walter Mondale and Fred, 1984

Mayor Tom Bradley and Fred, 1981
Fred and Senator John Tunney, 1983

Councilman Joel Wachs and Fred, 1984
Fred, Senator Kennedy and Joan, 1985

Fred and Lt. Governor Leo McCarthy, 1990
Fred, Senator George Mitchell, and Senator Alan Cranston, 1985
Bishop Tutu, Joan, Fred, and Leah Tutu, 1984



Fred, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Lifetime Achievement Award,
September 15, 2008

Inside front cover:
Fred Nicholas' Regiment,
December 7, 1942.

Back inside back cover:
Democratic National Convention,
Miami Beach, 1972

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After an art opening many years ago, I was seated next to you and Joan at a dinner party. We hit it off immediately and have been friends ever since. Seeing you on any occasion gives me great pleasure because I always learn something; I also like that we share many of the same opinions—especially about politics, art, and culture. Designing this book for you has been a privilege. I always thought you were one of the coolest men in town; working on the book has confirmed that. The book has given me the chance to experience your rich and extraordinary life through a visual memoir.

Many thanks Fred; you are indeed forever young.



