

Busy Knights

Places to Go
People to See
Things to Do



The 2019 Knight Family Calendar

More than seventy of you answered the challenge to tell us about places to go, people to see and things to do. The response made this “Busy Knights” edition a fun and encouraging project for me, and it tells me our big Knight family still takes pleasure in the calendars, even in this 28th year.

We added a feature for 2019 that makes it easier to find a birthday by placing birth months in brackets on the family tree. I hope you like it.

Wishing each of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Denny

Cooper Curtis

I would like to visit New York City. There's something about the vibrant Times Square, or the chaotic subways, or the iconic Statue of Liberty, that really excites me, and I feel like every American needs to visit it someday. I would like to meet Scott Frost. I'm a Nebraska football fanatic and meeting the man who might bring the program back would be awesome. I would like to go jet-skiing. I've done it once before, but there is nothing more exhilarating than speeding across the water with the wind blowing by you.

Gary Goodnough

I would like to go to Alaska to fish because it's just so amazing there and my wife doesn't let me fish enough. My Grandpa Christman has passed away, but if it were possible, I would like to see him and thank him for being such a big influence in my life. Anytime, anywhere I would like to go deep sea fishing because I'm a true fisherman and because my wife doesn't let me fish enough!

Gavin MacMillan

The Moon is the place I'd like to go, because I'd feel like a super hero, and being able to defy gravity and float around. So, I would like to meet Neal Armstrong. I would ask him, why did you risk your life going to the moon? His footprint may stay there for a million years.

Gene Goodnough

I've always wanted to go on a cruise just to see what it's like. I would like to be able to visit with my two brothers who have passed away because I miss them. I've always wanted to learn how to play my favorite instrument which is a guitar.

Sheki Mora

Naming a person I would like to see: This is a tough one to narrow down to just one person! Hmmm I think I'll pick a fun one...I'd say Chrissy Teigen. She seems like a fairly "normal person" for being famous. She is hilarious, and I'd love to have her cook up something delicious from one of her cookbooks for me. Plus, she like bulldogs which makes her OK in my book!

I'd like to one day be able to take my WHOLE family on a vacation (parents, sibling, kids & grandkids). Maybe a cruise or a resort so that we can enjoy being together and not have to worry about cooking or cleaning.

Editor's Note: Please see Zyaire May's entry with his parents' on the May facing page.

Kyle Scherer

First, let's start by going to Ireland, where I would meet the Knights throughout history. A giant family reunion where stories of the decades would be passed around about who we are as a people. Everyone within the Knight bloodline would attend and for days it would be a direct way to find what the Knights started as and what we have done since then. Every accomplishment, passion and profession would be discussed over meals typically eaten from throughout the times. People's favorite pastimes are set up throughout the venue and people would bunk with people with similar ages and personalities. A party of many generations colliding and fun times shared with family.

Leilani Wolf

I would like to visit Mount Playmore (a playscape) located in Round Rock, Texas. I would like to play with her friends Leah, Naomi, and Halle, eat pizza and run around all day.

Anna Goodnough Johanson

I would like to visit Australia and swim in the Great Barrier Reef! I think it would be fun to see all the different tropical fish and corals. I would like to see President Russell M. Nelson. I believe he is God's living prophet on the earth today and I would love to be able to shake his hand and tell him I love him and sustain him. I would like to one day start my own business! I have always wanted to do this and think it would be a fun challenge for me as well as a great creative outlet.

Austin Johanson

I would like to go to Australia because everyone wants to go there right? I would like to meet my grandpa Johanson. He died when I was five so I really don't have any memories of him. I would like to go skydiving because I have no idea if I have it in me to do it, so I want to prove myself wrong.

Becky Knight

Places to Go: Travel is one of my favorite hobbies and I take every opportunity I can to explore the world. While there are many places on this planet I have not seen, I am certain I am not the only one who will respond that the one place I would most like to go is "space." I'm not exactly sure what to call this destination, as remaining on Earth qualifies as being in "space." I have no desire to go to "outer space" as the journey would lose its appeal after a few weeks, if not sooner. I wouldn't even go as far as the moon. Perhaps as far as the Thermosphere. It sounds warm, if nothing else. For starters, I would love the experience of being launched in a rocket. I've never taken a thrill ride I didn't love, and I hope someday certain of my children will forgive me for the "fraidy-cat" taunts leveled at them while visiting amusement parks. I don't allow my children to freely employ the overused adjective "awesome," but I think a rocket launch qualifies as such. Most importantly, I would be humbled by the opportunity to view our beautiful and bountiful Earth from a distance, and as a whole. From space Earth has no boundary lines. One can see that the things we share in our world are far more valuable than the things that divide us. We are one people who have been given stewardship of an extraordinary planet. Viewing Earth from space no doubt changes one's perspective. How astonishing it must be to set eyes on planet Earth and fully realize it is Home.

People to See: I'm certain my response will again be unoriginal, but who in this family didn't immediately think of Grandma/Mom/Gigi when posed this question of whom you would most like to see? But as Grandma's time on this planet has passed, I look for her in the living. I am extremely fortunate to be related to 5

extraordinary women who each have a whole lot of Grandma in them. Cousin Barb is the first of the granddaughters, the one we all look up to. Barb elevates the fun of every gathering and has a knack for making even mundane happenings special. She always has a great idea for an adventure and organizes it like no other than Grandma. Cousin Christi has Grandma's beautiful golden glow, which comes from her kind and caring heart. When Grandma died I didn't want to see her lying in her casket because I didn't want to see that the glow had gone away. I need look no further than to Christi to see that light, that generosity of spirit, that love. Cousin Jill has Grandma's quiet humility while being very accomplished. Her intelligence is obvious yet she is not beyond being silly and finding joy in simple pleasures. She has Grandma's easy-going nature but doesn't get swept up in the crowd. She is her own person and stands for her values with conviction. Cousin Joleen is fearless and confident. There is nothing Joleen cannot do if she wants to do it. She is extraordinary in the kitchen and her fund of knowledge is a direct line to Grandma. And like Barb she brings the fun to the party! Cousin Timi is the fifth of my girl cousins who is directly descended from Grandma. I was 10 years old when Timi was born, and I may have seen her only a few times in our lives, so I can't say that I know her personally at all. But I would know that all of the best of Timi came from Grandma and if she ever came to a gathering of Knight Girls she would fit right in.

Things to Do: I would like to complete a picture puzzle of an African elephant, which I started last year.

Jim Knight

I would like my next big trip to be to Guadalajara. Joleen and I may try to make it in the next few years, we've a place to stay and a lot goes on there. Family and friends would be my choice of people to see. Just seeing new sights would be great.

Danny and Kelly MacMillan

Where would we like to travel? The question is hard as we would like to see many of the sights of this world, but we picked the Great Barrier Reef in Australia, to scuba dive because, this 18-million-year-old wonder could soon be gone. We would like to meet one child that needs a sponsor and assist them to make their lives better.

Vince MacMillan

I would like to be here, right now, this morning. To see the sun rise over the LaPlata Mountains out our kitchen window as the coffee brews. To hug my wife and smell her hair before she goes off to work. And to wake my son, to feel the warmth of his sleeping head before his eyes open, before his day begins. And I would like this morning to last forever.

Dawn Goodnough

I would love to visit Greece because it has the feeling of elegant simplicity. I've always loved Dolly Parton because her music has brought me peace since my early childhood. It would be fun to go sailing because I would feel free.

Editor's Note: Kenna Knight's contribution is with Kevin's on the December facing page.

Melissa Durfee

I would love to go to San Diego and relax on the beach with Tyler. I would love to see my family. Seeing them means more to me than anything in the world! I would love to be a certified make-up artist to help people feel beautiful on their special days.

Tyler Durfee

I would love to go to the Sea of Tranquility on the moon. I've heard the view is great! I always love to see Melissa – my days are always best when I see her. And I would like to hike the Grand Canyon, from rim to rim, for the adventure.

JoBeth and John Raabe

After they hit the lottery and win a mil or two, JoBeth and John would like to go to Frankfurt, Germany, John's ancestral home, but first, go to New York City the first week of December when the department store windows are decorated, and the Christmas tree is up in Rockefeller Plaza.

John would like to go back in time and meet his grandmother on his mom's side, and JoBeth would go back and have time with her maternal grandfather and paternal grandmother. JoBeth would like to go back in time and go through school beginning in 1st grade – "Maybe I'd come out smart and be able to spell!" John would like to facet a gemstone.

Miles Pantos

I want to visit Southeast Asia because I really like the mountains and scenery. I want to meet President Obama, because he's a really cool guy. I want to stay in a really fancy hotel.

Lyndon Pantos

I want to visit the Burgenstock Resort at the border of Lake Lucerne in Switzerland. Look it up, it looks like heaven. I want to meet Jim Carey, because he is really funny and he has attention deficit like me. I want to go to a rap concert or go get a Bugati.

Maureen MacMillan

My bucket list will include New England in the fall and Washington DC after the current administration is gone. I would like to make a trip to Sheffield, England, and spend time with Mac's cousin Jill and her family. Spending time with my kids, grandkids, siblings, nieces and nephews is the highlight of my life and I will be perfectly content if this is the extent of my travels and visiting for the rest of my life!

Glenn Goodnough

I would like to visit Barcelona. I would want to meet Enoch. Something I'd love to do is go with Alycia on the state road trip, only I'd like to do it in an RV.

Cameron Clay

I would love to visit Dublin, Ireland on June 16th (of any year) for Bloomsday, an eccentric holiday celebrating the life of writer, James Joyce. More specifically, Bloomsday commemorates Thursday June 16, 1904-- the day depicted in the Joyce's novel, Ulysses. The day is named after the central character, Leopold Bloom. The novel follows Bloom from 8:00 am through to the early hours of the next morning. In Dublin, fellow Joyceans from across the globe gather, dressed in traditional Edwardian attire. Celebrations come in the form of readings, performances and visiting the places and establishments referenced in the book in sequential order. On the 17th of June (in the evening), I would love to see as many Knight family members as possible. What better way to get in touch with our Irish Catholic roots than to make a pilgrimage to the Emerald Isle?

Editor's Note: Kelly MacMillan's entry is with Dan's on the March facing page, and Peter Ruzicka's entry is with the May page where the space was available.

Noah Goodnough

I want to go to Hawaii because the scenery is beautiful. I would like to meet Walter Payton because he's an amazing man and amazing football player! Snowboarding in Alaska would be a blast.

Janvi Sehja

I want to go to California to visit my Aunt Abbie and Uncle Jimmy who are not so much older than I am. I would like to go to the beach, find tiny little seashells, build tunnels and maybe bury my sister in the sand (but only part way, of course.)

Ben Goodnough

I'm excited to go to Hawaii in January because I always wanted to go there because it's hot and beautiful. Someday I would like to meet Chris Hemsworth, an actor, because someday I too would like to become an actor. Swimming with sharks would be loads of fun because I really like sea mammals.

Jehnie Cutts

A few years ago, I was contacted by someone with my mother's maiden name, McGinn. He was Aunghus McGinn and he turned out to be a descendant of my great-grandfather's brother who chose to stay in Ireland rather than immigrate to the states. Through this connection I have discovered much about my heritage and lineage. I would love to go to Ireland to meet my family of McGinns, see the sights and maybe go on a Game of Thrones tour.

Editor's Note: John Raabe's contribution is included with JoBeth's on the March facing page

Breann Lujan-Halcon, Derek May and new baby Zyaire

We would like to visit every major league baseball park in America. It has been a bucket list item we would like to do together. Eating hotdogs and watching baseball from San Diego all the way to New York!

Jordan MacMillan

My place to go is Paris, because it's a beautiful city and I'd like to see the Eiffel Tower. My person to meet is Rob Gronkowski, and my thing to do is get a college scholarship to play football.

Peter Ruzicka (Note: Peter's birthday is in April)

Go to Uranus, See the Uranians, Live what is a regular life there.

I guess that people do not know much about Uranus. Which is a big mistake! Due to the direct neutron flow, gamma ray impact and target specific radiation emitted from Earth towards Uranus, a corresponding pressure of the contributing black holes modified of the global mankind electro-magnetic signal which is being received and applied on Uranus. So in another words - Uranus is a mirror of Earth, with just a few minor differences. Here is an incomplete list of some facts about the life on Uranus, about Uranians, their culture, life style, habits, etc...

(1) All Uranians have the same first name - "Ura". So e.g. in this family everybody is known as Ura Knight. (2) There are no countries on Uranus. Just districts, areas and places. Some of them have familiar names - e.g. UraFra (similar to France), UraGan (similar to Ghana), or UraUru (similar to Uruguay). These areas are pretty similar to each other. But there is one place known for exceptionally high consumption of moon-shine-liquids. It's Uralre area. (3) Uranians have only one sex. Something between male and female. So that's why on Uranus there is no sign of feminism, chauvinism, machismo, sexism, and any other form of gender related hysteria. And no regular migraines! (4) Sports are very popular over there, especially ura-cycling and ura-football. There are no strict rules or restrictions in ura-cycling. With consumption of unlimited dose of noble gases from Uranus high density atmosphere, Ura Armstrong is the common winner of the most famous race - Tour de Uranus. In football league there is only one team, always winning. You may consider this boring but trust me, it is pretty exciting to watch how Ura Elway is throwing touchdown on every play. Well, hold on, this might be a slight conflict for my next example of football excitement, when Ura Miller is

sacking the quarterback on every play. Hmm, I am still working on this part then... (5) On Uranus there is only one race and one ethnicity. All Uranians are orange. This fact significantly simplifies the lives of certain individuals. For example: Ura Luther King doesn't need to be dreaming and he can get a good night sleep instead. Ura Hitler doesn't need to think about how to conquer the rest of the planet. Because the rest of the planet looks exactly the same as UraGer. Ura Mandela doesn't need to initiate any civil war - orange simply don't fight orange. (6) As explained above, Uranus is a mirror of Earth. So some things of Uranus culture might look familiar but flipped. For example - Uranians work during the night and sleep/party during the day. In May they celebrate Thanksreceiving. Once in a while their building structures and cars are experiencing significant hail improvement. Uranus teachers donate a lot of money to the people of Neptune and Pluto, and also they support poor Uranian groups like e.g. athletes, actors, etc... 7) Music is a big part of the Uranus culture. The most popular musicians are Uran Uran. And Ura Bono and his U3, of course. (8) If you are a politician on Uranus, your life is not very easy. With only one race on this planet, orange, you can't play neither pro-race nor anti-race card. Same applies to the sexual orientation card, nationalism card, etc... So now when you can't get elected just because you are playing one of these cards mentioned above, you are being forced to do something that politicians rarely do. You have to work for the ones who are paying you. What a social harmony! (9) Uranus needs no environmentalists. There is just one organization called Orange Piece which is making sure that Uranus atmosphere is kept clean with a lot of Helium, radioactive fumes, and yummy toxic materials.

Anamaria Knight (by Daniel writing on her behalf)

I would like to go to California with my family. I would go there to relax, eat, get clean diapers and have fun.

Nick MacMillan

The place I'd most like to be, Fort Benton, Montana. With boat in tow, navigational charts, all the gear I needed, and all the time and money to begin a voyage down the Mighty Mo. A 21st century Lewis and Clark expedition, so to speak.

The person I'd like to see is my Dad. The reason why, he has all the navigational charts of not only the Missouri River, but the Mississippi River as well. He's been planning this thing for many years. My Dad was a history buff, and the history of the Missouri River, fascinated him. America's longest river is rich in history, both good and bad. His passion for that River and all its glory, was infectious. Wiki the Missouri River, you'll be fascinated too. In fact, everybody reading this should. So, if time travel were possible, I would be somewhere in Montana, floating down the Missouri River with my Pops, and whoever else wanted to go. We'd be headed to St Louis, Missouri some 2000 miles away, with all the time we needed, and not a care in the world! This was my Dad's dream. My hope, he's living that dream wherever he happens to be.

Judson, Maureen and Edith Finley

We would like to go to Iceland to cross country ski and soak in a hot spring, under Aurora Borealis. Edith would need a warm winter bunting. Judson has always thought it would be great to share a home brew with Barack Obama. Maureen would have tea with Virginia Woolf. They think Edith would like a bedtime story from David Bowie, maybe the opening passage from 'The Hobbit.'

Christopher Knight

I would like to go to a very large forest, or a national park, and go camping. I would do this to relax for a while. I would like to see my friend James there and go hunting and fishing while we are there, to get some food and have fun.

Ava Collins

I would like to go to Dads house or Disneyland, I would like to meet Ariana Grande, and I would like to ride a unicorn.

Jasmin Wolf

I would love to go to Alaska because it snows there and I want to go skiing. Alaska is awesome because it is still half wild. One person I would love to meet is Jesus, I would love to just go back to the time that He existed. I want to see His works, deeds, and miracles. I would follow Him everywhere and be His disciple.

Jesse MacMillan

Somewhere I'd like to visit is a city or town in Australia, I'm unsure of an exact area but the wildlife sparks my interest. If it was possible, I would have liked to have seen Prince perform in concert. I'd like to remain happy and bring joy to others around me.

Dylan Scherer

I would like to one day visit Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. I would like to go because it is considered one of the most beautiful places on the Earth and a trip to Africa is sure to guarantee great memories and wonderful sights.

Although one of them is deceased, I would be interested in meeting the astronauts of the Apollo 11 mission. I find it fascinating that Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin at one point were the only people to look at the entire Earth with their own eyes. In my life, I would love to go to the Challenger Deep in the Mariana Trench, the deepest point in the Earth's Ocean. I want to go because I would like to be one of the few that have seen the bottom of the ocean and explore the many mysteries that it contains. I believe I am so interested in this because more people have been into Space than have descended to the deeps of the Oceans, and nearly every dive comes up with a new discovery.

Alena Ruzicka

I would like to go to The Wizarding World of Harry Potter in Orlando, Florida. I've been waiting for my letter from Hogwarts for years and now I think it's time to just show up at their front door! I would like to see Stefani Germanotta aka Lady Gaga. She is an inspiration to me. I love her music, her charity work, and what she stands for: love, kindness, compassion, and acceptance. When I'm having a bad day and am feeling sad I listen to Lady Gaga and it gives me the courage to hold my head up!

I would like to marry my fiance, Jake Kvidera. Why? Because I think he's pretty darn neat. I am very grateful to have him in my life.

Daniel Knight

I would like to go to Wyoming, to check it out. I would like to see Timothy and Luke, because they're friends. I would like to relax and have fun.

Antonio Mora

I would like to go to the Bahamas because there would be good seafood there and it would be cool because they are islands and I could go to the beach. I would have said I want to see the Steelers, but my dad just took me to a game last weekend and I was finally able to see them. I would like to skydive because it seems really cool.

Alycia Goodnough

I would love to go on the longest road trip ever with Glenn and I would love to visit every state in the United States, see each of the sites that the state was famous for and of course try each state's signature foods. I would love to meet many of my great, great grandparents who had such a role in shaping my faith and influencing my life in so many ways. I would love to thank them for all that they did to bless my life today. I would love to find a way to heal our country and frankly the world. So, I'll have to start in my own little corner and do what I can by being kind.

Angelina Mora

I would like to go travel around Europe since it's a place with lots of history and would be a great experience to have in life. I would like to meet Emma Thompson because she is an amazing human rights activist and didn't settle for just being an actress. One thing I would like to do is to rescue dogs from shelters and possibly foster ones who don't have homes. Dogs are really important to me to helping them is a priority of mine.

Joseph Wolf

I would like to visit outer space, land on the moon, and see Jesus.

Christi Clay

The place I would go would be Lapland, Finland. I am so curious to see both the northern lights and the midnight sun. I understand the sky is like a glorious sunset and sunrise at the same time! I would stay in a glass igloo and of course take my husband, Gunther, for both snuggling to stay warm and for my personal GPS. We would take a wild snow mobile ride during the day and a leisurely reindeer safari at night.

Jaiden Collins

I would like to go to Dads house or to Cody Go Karts. I would like to meet Pikachu. I would like to race a car.

Editor's Note: Maureen Boyle's contribution is included with Judson & Edith's on June facing page.

Two companion retrospectives from the 2011 calendar ...

We hadn't told Mom about the plans for her 90th birthday celebration in Colorado until Becky's beautiful hand-crafted invitation came for her in the mail – something new and exciting to plan for.

Maureen MacMillan

I drove Grandma and Mom from Las Vegas to Denver for the celebration of her 90th birthday in Denver. Purposely, I chose to take an out-of-the-way route through the Four Corners area and Southwestern Colorado, because I wanted to mine Grandma's memories and incredible knowledge of the areas. Every town, road and river we came to brought another story. I loved every minute of it, and I kept her in the front seat the whole trip. Mom stayed in the back seat, enjoying the dialog.

Vince MacMillan

A retrospective from the 1992 Knight Family Calendar, the inaugural edition, is this fun verse written by our grand family matriarch, Geraldine (Jerri) Knight:

Malapropos

I have never been known

To be in the right place,
It's no matter wherever I'm at.

Like a square little peg
Won't go in a round hole,
Though I've tried it both this way and that.

In a ball game I find
I'm back there on the bench
When I really should be up to bat.
It's distressing to be
The only one standing
When everyone in the crowd has sat.

I've puzzled and pondered
The whys and the wherefores.
My program won't come out quite pat.
Do you think it could be
That my square little head
Doesn't fit in my little round hat?

Geraldine Knight

Jewelie Sehjal

I would like to go with my dance group to India, one of my ancestral homes, to see and meet the people who make up my heritage and that of many of the other members of my group. I would like to show them how the wonderful Indian dance traditions we inherited are carried out in America through our group in Colorado. I would like to see the Ganges River and the Taj Mahal.

Thomas Knight

I would like to have traveled with Anthony Bourdain while he was with us, to be immersed with him in the food and cultures of all corners of the Earth. I would also like to go to Japan, the homeland of my maternal ancestors, to try the food, see the cherry trees and gaze at Mount Fuji.

More retrospectives ...

I would travel to Japan. The first thing I would do is find the nearest taiko group and see how my abilities would stack up to theirs.

Thomas Knight, 1999

I would travel back to Ireland and visit all of the places that Jerry and I didn't get to see last summer. I would go to Killarney and ride the jaunting car again, and I would also spend some time in Tralee.

Rosie Knight, 1999

Maybe I'll stay in the good old USA and go fishing with Uncle Jim out at Soda Green Lake.

Joseph Wolf, 1999

Tierra del Fuego ("The Land of Fire" at the extreme end of South America.) Climb a mountain and stare at the stars in the unfamiliar Southern sky for the first time, as if I were on a new planet.

Vince MacMillan, 1999

Dennis Knight

When Elon Musk gets his time machine on the market, I will order mine by overnight delivery on Alexa. I will climb aboard to go back in time and visit the grandparents. I will meet and get to know Grandfather William and Grandmother Catherine Knight for the first time and then enjoy a happy reunion with Grandpa Byrd and Grandma Ida Payton. I might share a wee drop with the Knights, and a spot of coffee with the Paytons. There will be plenty to talk about.

Johnny Collins

I would like to go back to 1854 because I like that simpler lifestyle. I would like to meet my relatives who were alive back then. What I would like to do is be a great football coach.

Grant Goodnough

I would like to go to Chicago and watch the Bears play in their stadium. Stan Lee is a person I would have liked to talk to because he's so creative. I haven't played the piano for two years and I would like to start playing again.

Kathi Goodnough

Nuremburg Germany was the place of my daughter's birth. My desire is to revisit this beautiful city with Christi and travel down some of those same streets that we experienced when she was in my arms. I would like to meet the Obamas and tell them thank you for serving in the White House with inspiring dignity. Ireland is a country that I know that I'm destined to see because of my good ole Irish roots.

Retrospective from 2010 Calendar:

I Don't Know Whose Nose Was Bigger, Pinocchio's or Grandma's *Cameron Clay*

This last October 2009 we decided to drive to Las Vegas for fall break, get Grandma Kathi and take her to Disneyland with us. "I don't know about this, guys!" said grandma who was quite frankly scared out of her wits. My mom, Ian, Grandma, and I were at Disneyland and about to ride Space Mountain. Everyone was excited but Grandma, who had her doubts, but being the giant kid that she is, she didn't want to be left out. We waited in line for about 45 minutes when it was finally our turn.

Space Mountain is an indoor rollercoaster that goes tremendously fast in the dark. As soon as we loaded the rollercoaster, I could feel the excitement that Grandma was lacking. Whoosh! I was screaming and laughing and having the best of time. The rollercoaster slowed down a bit and I tried to talk to Grandma to see if she was okay but it sped up and instead of making any noise, I drooled, praying it wouldn't land on Grandma. Soon the ride was over and the lights were back on.

When we departed the lightning fast rollercoaster Grandma was dizzy and her hair was windswept. She didn't say a word for the next five minutes and she looked quite stunned until finally she started cracking up. "My earlobes were dragging on the track!" she said through laughs. "Grandma, you know you didn't make a single noise the entire time?" I questioned, "I thought you may have fallen out or something!" To this grandma replied, "I did! I mean we were on our sides the entire ride!"

The rest of that day in Disneyland and many times since, we couldn't help but almost pee our pants from laughter whenever we thought of Grandma riding Space Mountain.

Jerry Knight

I would like to go back to Churchill, Manitoba where I worked on a job about 25 years ago. It was my favorite job, because of the townspeople. It is a very harsh environment and the people who stay through the winter have to be resilient, self-reliant, and as Mac might have said, "Tougher than woodpeckers' lips". It is also a very tight-knit community with people looking out for each other. I would like to visit some of the people I knew, such as Brian Ladoon, a trapper who had his string of sled dogs tethered about 5 miles out of town.

Rosie Knight

I would like to go to Washington D.C. and Philadelphia to spend more time and see some of the sights that I missed in previous visits. I would also like to explore the countryside of Virginia. As for people, I would like to go back in time and visit with some of the founding fathers to find out what they would think of our country now; what they would have changed to prevent some of our current problems; and what they would recommend now to fix them.

Denise Munro

I would like to go to Scotland, where my husband's ancestors are from, I would like to see my childhood friend from Ohio and spend the day with her, and I would like to travel to Israel and walk where Jesus walked.

Rowan Curtis

I would like to go to Paris because i think it is a beautiful city and I want to experience the culture and food there. I would like to meet Billie Eilish because she is an amazing singer and close to my age, so it would be interesting to see what she is like. I would like to travel around the world and visit a bunch of new places at some point. I like traveling and exploring as much as possible.

Broden MacMillan

I would like to travel to Heaven to visit with my Grandpa Mac. I would want to know what his child hood was like surviving World War II. I really would like the chance to know him because, I didn't know him much, and I miss him really much. I would also want to know if dad ever acted up and got in trouble.

Liz Quinn

If I had the opportunity to go anywhere and do anything with someone, I would rent a large guest house in Maine for a few months in the summer. That way all of my friends and family could come and visit. We would enjoy the ocean, eat delicious food, and enjoy the summer relaxing with each other.

Mary Knight

The place I would like to go is Ireland. I would like to absorb the culture, and I need to meet the people. Also, my grandparents were from Ireland, so I've been blessed with stories about it. The people I would like to see are in a book my grandmother put addresses in.

Mick and I have traveled to many places in America and my senses have been thoroughly delighted. While travelling I see things I never thought about. I hear things like music in Nashville, subway cars in Boston, fog horns in San Francisco. I love to taste food from all over, and my nose has been delighted by food, foliage and different hotel rooms.

Grace Carl

I want to visit Scotland because I have an ancestor castle there, as well as other parts of Europe. I would like to meet a friend I met online that is musically talented. She is an amazing singer with an amazing soul. I would like to start my own little sustainable farm full of fruits and veggies!

Maria Wolf

This may sound cliché, but I would really like to visit Heaven. We are currently pregnant with our 6th child and I am sad to think that my father, Tomas Garza, did not get to meet our fifth, Jeremiah, and won't be seeing our 6th. Some say that he is in heaven now, looking down on us, but I am not sure if those that have passed are "sleeping" until the awakening or return of Jesus, but I would like to know if my dad has seen his grandchildren. I would also like to visit with him and play cards with him. Hear some of his jokes and eat some of his delicious food. I miss him very much.

Mick Knight

In 1971, while embarked aboard the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt on a cruise of the Mediterranean Sea, I visited the port city of Barcelona, Spain on two occasions. I found Barcelona to be a remarkable place for a variety of reasons. It was a very clean city with every shop sweeping the sidewalks at least twice each day and no dirty cars were on the streets. The most remarkable thing was the friendliness and honesty of the people. As a sailor travelling in foreign ports, those were not attributes I had come to expect.

I would enjoy returning to Barcelona to see the advancements that have taken place. Spain was under the dictatorship of Francisco Franco in 1971. I am interested to see how the culture and people of Barcelona have changed over these many years. Is it still as wonderful as I remember?

Daisy Wolf

I would like to go to the LaQuinta in Cedar Park with my Josslyn and Grand-mother, Neenee (Denise Munro). I would like to go swimming with them in their indoor heated pool.

Joleen Knight

A place I would like to go is Lake Loveland for a family reunion! I would love to see all of you, it has been too long! We could all see Grandma and Grandpa through each of us. My Dad's very good friend Dan has a home in Guadalajara and he has always wanted us to visit. I would love to take a trip to Mexico with my Dad!

A retrospective from the 2007 calendar ...

Mary Kay Kemp

My trip back will be to the first half of the 19th century, 1800 to 1850, in the times of the American Southwest Indians and Pueblo Indians. I am interested in the Pueblo Indians - the Hopi Indians. I like their adobe homes and dances like the rain dance, corn dance, dance of admission into adulthood, dance of thanksgiving.

They lived in a warmer climate. They were corn and cotton farmers, basket weavers and pottery makers. They had permanent homes and their own culture. The adults carefully taught their children farming (which was difficult in such dry country) as well as their beliefs, dances, skills of basketry and pottery making. They were skilled warriors if the need arose but were peace loving.

I would bring with me a cast iron stove (maybe a pot belly type) for cooking and warmth. I would bring back a better appreciation of their culture and one of those terrific woven baskets – the deep kind that can be used for storage.

Dave Pantos

I want to visit Bhutan because it is a mysterious hidden kingdom with several rare birds. I want to meet Terri Gross because I've been listening to her forever. I want to skydive. Because, wow.

Jill MacMillan

Places to Go: My inclination is to repeat my “who would I like to spoil” response from last year because it involves travel (and I still haven’t visited any of the places I spoke of), but for the sake of variety, I won’t. Let’s see, I would like to go to Montreal. Why? Because it’s a large and diverse city (my favorite things), they speak French (but you never hear of their “rudeness” to Americans like you do of those in France), I’ve never been to Canada (sadly true), AND because it’s really not that far away (which makes it’s achievable for one on a tight budget with limited vacation days).

People to See: I would like to meet Toni Morrison, author of one of my favorite books, *The Bluest Eye*. I read that book early in my college career and it had a huge impact on me, so much so, that to this day whenever I think of it, I feel transported back to age 19, reliving the emotional storm it caused. Several years after reading *The Bluest Eye*, I saw Ms. Morrison interviewed by Bill Moyers on PBS. She was absolutely lovely and reminded me so much of Grandma Knight - the gentleness, kindness, curiosity, and playfulness, and I guess, even her mannerisms. She had quite a different childhood and life trajectory from Grandma, so it may seem odd I feel that way. But this is why I’d like to meet her: because in addition to being a decades long admirer of her work, I really want to see if, in person, she would still remind me of Grandma.

Things to Do: This last part, I’ll keep short. I would like to run The Cooper River 10K in Charleston, SC with my sweetie, Dave. This race has been on my “to do” list for nearly a decade and Dave is a great running partner, so I’m hoping it becomes a reality in the not-too-distant future!

Ian Clay

If I could go anywhere, I would go to London and Paris. I would take my fiancé and soon to be Wife, Morgan with me to take in the sights and help me eat all the bread. I would take her because she always makes me smile and knows how to make a good day great. There is so much to do and see in these cities and I know Morgan and I would have plenty to do to keep us entertained. I would want to do a tour through London on one of those double decker busses and have a picnic on the lawn of the Eiffel Tower. *p.s. This is our tentative plan for our honeymoon this summer. I am very excited!*

Kevin and Kenna Knight

We ended up choosing the same place: We would like to go to the Holy Land someday. While there, we'd hope to spend time with locals and especially people whose families have lived there for generations — and after visiting the must-see locations, it would be great to spend unhurried time off the beaten path, with no strict itinerary, exploring little-known sites that few tourists visit.”

Emmett MacMillan

I would like to go to Scotland to see the MacMillan castle. I would like to see my friend Joseph, so we can play Minecraft Story Mode together. There are a lot of things I want to do, and I can't decide.

*Castle Sween built by Alexander MacMillan and the oldest stone castle in Scotland.
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