

Holiday greetings from the Fiduccia family! As we often try to do, we wanted to give you an update on the 2021's highlights in our world...

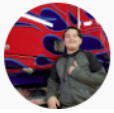
- **RYAN** is becoming such an inspiring young man. For starters, he is officially a published author. He developed and finished his first comic book, completely photographed, designed, and edited by him alone. He has sold dozens of copies online, and is already thinking about when to start his next one. Please let us know if you'd like to purchase one and support his journey! For him to hear about someone else being interested in his work would mean the world to him, and to us.
- Ryan is now in 8th grade. Our district is having some serious problems with bullying in the schools. Fights break out regularly in the building, and combined with the ongoing pandemic, we made the decision as a family to enroll him in a 100% virtual / home school program. Ania especially is extremely hands on in helping him through the daily virtual work, while re-learning things from 30 years ago to help him understand it all. As a result she will likely be graduating from 8th grade alongside him lol. Never did we envision this approach to his learning. But Ryan has adjusted quite well, maintaining high grades, and a positive mindset. We are mega proud of him.
- One of his proudest moments is the YouTube journey he is on. In one year, Ryan has gained almost 1,000 YouTube subscribers strictly on his own. He has produced some incredible content. Most notably, his videos include abandoned resort explorations, a return trip to Bloomfield for side-by-side photo comparisons from 30 years ago, and a Knight Rider recreation video...one that Ryan fully produced and directed on his own, using our KITT and Joe as David Hasselhoff! Here are some links to the videos should you like to see his work:
 - **Bloomfield NJ Then Vs. Now** - www.youtube.com/watch?v=hE_s5GHC3O8&t=22s
 - **Knight Rider Intro Remake 2021** - www.youtube.com/watch?v=b1SOClipGNM&t=7s
- **ANIA's** wine consulting business and partnership with ONEHOPE Wine out of Napa Valley, CA has become almost a full-time gig for her. Month after month, Ania crushes her sales goals and has almost doubled her team of impact makers, which includes people from around the country. She dedicates most of her time towards finding ways to support local and national non-profits, while sharing a true passion for wine that excites everyone around her. Often times she'll do LIVE videos with Joe on Facebook to educate her audience in a unique and fun way (mainly because Joe does not like wine at all, so it becomes a test of 'what will Joe do next to make it taste better to him' lol). Her hard work is finally beginning to pay off, and has really helped our family stay afloat in 2021. This year for example, she earned a VIP experience with OneHope which took her to Napa Valley for an entire week, all because of her dedicated efforts!
- **JOE**, primarily working in the world of 'entertainment' with Optimus Prime, continues to be impacted by this ongoing pandemic quite a bit. Event are still being cancelled, and those who choose to run a show do so with no added space or budget to bring in an attraction like Optimus. But he's been working very hard trying to get out there. He did make over a dozen public appearances at various events around the country for some incredible causes. But more notably created some amazing VIP experiences for a few young children (e.g. Make-A-Wish). Joe has also been staying relatively active with the school communities, visiting elementary and intermediate schools in the northeast with Optimus and delivering an impactful presentation outdoors that motivates students to rise up against bullies alongside Team Prime. So far, he has visited over 17,000 school students.

Among all of this, the three of us continue to grieve for the loss of our Nana. Judy was the closest family member we had. She lived only 10 minutes from us, and we would spend every week with her, several days week. She was a major part of our world. So her loss has really hit us hard. It's been just over one year since she passed on, and while things are 'easier', we still struggle without her.

Joe still has much to do with her remaining estate, and has taken on the burden of maintaining her home all year long in the process. In October he finally returned to finish the bathroom project that he started just before she passed. We designed a headstone for her that we hope to have installed by Springtime. And we end our meals each night with a 'favorite memory about Nana'. Thanksgiving was probably the most difficult part for us. She passed a day prior in 2020. And Thanksgiving was ALWAYS her special holiday. As a family, we were somewhat lost on what to do this year. So we took a small family getaway for the first time ever during a holiday to Hilton Head, South Carolina. Which was a place she often visited when Joe was a young boy. Afterwards, some amazing friends opened their home to us in Georgia. So we made the voyage there to spend Thanksgiving with them before one final family adventure with Optimus in South Carolina.

I guess that's our 2021 story in a nutshell. We appreciate the support many of you have shown, and value the close friendships many of you offer us. Cheers to a brighter future ahead in 2022!

All the best from our family to yours. - Ania, Joe, and Ryan Fiduccia



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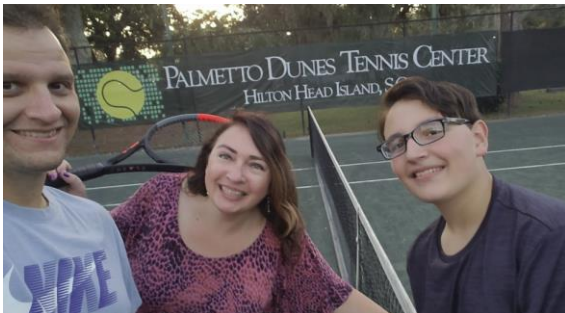
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Knight Rider Intro Remake



On top of everything mentioned above, Ryan started his first real job this year at a local concession stand during Halloween season. Both him and Joe worked there throughout most of October into early November →→→



First time we've ever gone somewhere on a holiday. We visited Hilton Head for the first time ever. A place mom would frequent for tennis when Joe was a child.



The Johnsons have become very close to our family. Joe met them through Optimus in 2018. They opened their door to welcome us in for Thanksgiving. We also spent a lot of time with them throughout the year.



Family trip to Maine earlier this year.



To celebrate what would have been Judy's birthday, we went to Bloomfield. Walked through Brookdale park to a favorite ice cream place. It was the same thing she'd often do with Joe when he was young