

Holiday greetings from the Fiduccia family! As we often try to do, we wanted to give you an update on the 2022's highlights in our world...

RYAN continues his teenage journey with commendable maturity. He has continued to pursue his interest in graphic design, editing and creating various types of artwork. He even made a custom Knight Rider / Transformers crossover box from scratch, which you will see below. He has traveled with Joe to various events, even running KITT's booth at times and taking on more of a leadership role.

- He is now in 9th grade. He decided to try in-person school again, but remains on the fence whether or not he wants to continue that. He has found that his interests in education and overall maturity are well past most of his peers. So he is attempting to focus his efforts on bettering himself and his talents. He worked with the concession stands again this year, and really stepped up his game. The employees there commended him for how much he had learned and how helpful he was. It was a great boost for Ryan since he struggled a bit to find his way the year prior.
- A milestone moment for Ryan has to be our visit to Joe's childhood home in Bloomfield, NJ. The owners of the home agreed to allow us all to visit and walk through the house. Ryan has taken a major interest in Joe's childhood and his Italian side. So this opportunity meant the world to him, and us. We frequently travel back to Bloomfield and across NJ. In many ways, Ryan says it feels like home. Even though he has never lived there.

ANIA and JOE

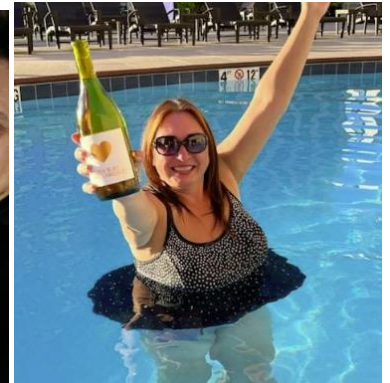
- Ania continues her wine consulting business and partnership with ONEHOPE Wine out of Napa Valley. She has been working extremely hard month after month. She continues to rise above the rest and set new goals for herself and her team, while earning a respectable income that helps support our family. Ania has also started a brand new networking chapter in the Lehigh Valley (Polkadots). In less than 2 months, her chapter has grown to 30+ members. She has managed to create some major buzz and excitement in the region, and we are super proud of her for doing so.
- After being grounded for almost 2 years from the pandemic, Joe had a much better year getting Optimus Prime out there. The furthest he traveled in Optimus was Amarillo Texas for a comic con. He took Optimus to many other states for all types of event, but also focused a lot of his efforts on bully awareness presentations at elementary and intermediate schools. His social media accounts have skyrocketed this year, reaching over 450,000 organic followers across the board. And as we type this, he is preparing to cross into Canada with Optimus for the first time in almost 3.5 years. Needless to say, he is very excited.

As a whole, the three of us continue to grieve for the loss of our Nana. Judy was the closest family member we had. She was a major part of our world. So her loss continues to hit us hard. It's been just over two years since she passed on. But one good thing is that we finally got her grave headstone after 1.5 years of waiting. Joe spent the entire first half of 2022 renovating her home before making the decision to try tenancy. It is awkward seeing someone else living in her home. But we know she is very proud of us for trying to move forward.

As a family we did enjoy some short trips together. We spent Thanksgiving in Hilton Head (a favorite destination of Nana's). We also visited Ocean City Maryland, Las Vegas, and the Grand Canyon. We even enjoyed a few adventures together in Optimus throughout the Carolinas and Chicago for a Transformers-themed convention. All in all, this year was WAY better than 2021.

I guess that's our 2022 story in a nutshell. We appreciate the support many of you have shown, and value the close friendships many of you offer us. The best is yet to come for ALL of us in 2023!

From our family to yours, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. - Ania, Joe, and Ryan Fiduccia



Visiting and walking through Joe's old childhood home with Ryan for the first time



Joe and Ryan Trick-Or-Treating in Joe's childhood neighborhood



Visiting the Grand Canyon



Freemont St, Las Vegas