



Yup it's been 10 years since we said "I Do" on June 1st, 1996. To celebrate, Jeanel arranged a room with a great view of the Kansas City Plaza that included a private dinner in our room. Of course the T-Bones were in town so while the candles were burning and we enjoyed the view we listened to the game via Gary's laptop. I'm sure the wait staff couldn't believe we weren't listening to romantic music of some kind! We also enjoyed season tickets to the Kansas City Orchestra - Pop's Series. We will top off our ten years with a holiday trip to Cabo San Lucas for several days of relaxation.

**CELEBRATING  
10 YEARS**

**T-Bones.** What's a summer without the T-Bones? This year we again shared our home with a couple of players: David Viane for the third summer and Hank Woodman, both pitchers. We also got word that the first player we hosted in '04, Zach Sutton, and his wife Kristy are proud parents of Evie Kate, born Oct 21st!



The all-star game was here in KC this year and as part of the festivities we saw local greats George Brett, Al Fitzmorris, Willie Wilson, and Amos Otis take to the field. We saw T-Bones pitcher, and friend, Jonathan Krysa almost hit 94-year old Buck O'Neil in the head with a high fast ball! Luckily Buck got a walk with four pitches and not a sore spot on the head. Buck became the oldest player to take an at bat in a professional baseball game that day. Sadly, he passed away just a few months later.



This year the T-Bones used a series of programs Gary developed to produce all of their daily "Game Notes" press releases. Well over a dozen pages of statistics and information were provided to media, teams, and fans with a minimal amount of effort from the team's staff. Eventually this might become a profitable adventure but for now it is just for fun and a delight to be more involved with our favorite baseball team.

**Live Shows.** This year we saw Peter Pan, Cats, The King and I, and Bye Bye Birdie, at the outdoor Theater in the Park across the street from our home. We shared several evenings with the KC Symphony Orchestra as they played host to Jim Brickman, Amy Grant, and the Three Phantoms. At our church we were joined by Oleta Adams ("Get Here", a theme song during Desert Storm) as she shared her stories of hope and inspiration. While in Branson with brother Jerry, Jeanel saw Tom Mullica, a Red Skelton impersonator, and Spirit, an acrobatic circus group. With friends Bonnie Lillich and Barb Coleman we saw (yes, we) Menopause, the Musical. At the New Theatre we saw Good Night Gracie and Two Can Play. While in Las Vegas we saw comedian Rita Rudner. The year was topped off with a New York On-Broadway performance of Phantom of the Opera.



**Day Jobs.** Our day jobs were very hectic at times this year. Although we stayed where we started, our companies changed all around us. Jeanel initially joined Sprint and opted to spin off with the local division and support them as they formed a new company, Embarq. She continues as an organizational development consultant to the network executives. Last year SBC bought AT&T, where Gary works, but kept the AT&T name. He continues to develop internal web applications and act as a team mentor in a variety of areas.

**Friends.** Jeanel was able to get together with good friends Barb and Cynthia in April spending a weekend checking out their old KC stomping grounds. Given their busy schedules they don't get together as often as they'd like so they make the most of it when they do. Both evenings turned into the wee hours of the morning as stories were remembered & shared.

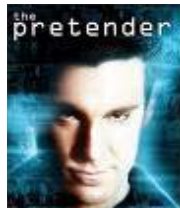


#### **Road Trips: Las Vegas / New York.**

Our yearly Las Vegas adventure was different in that we rented a car and spent a lot of time off the strip. We stayed on the strip but visited the "local" casinos and hotels and had a blast with friends Patty & Jerry Jackson. We shared Thanksgiving with Aunt Betty and her family. While in New York we saw ground zero, Battery Park, Rockefeller Center (the Christmas tree was up and surrounded by scaffolding as they put the lights on for the upcoming ceremony), and St. Patrick's Cathedral. A required stop was Rupert G's (the deli featured on David Letterman) to again enjoy his food and say "hello" after he had sent Jeanel a nice 50th birthday greeting a few years ago. For business, Jeanel also made a couple of trips to North Carolina.



**Our Favorites.** We've stuck with *Lost* and *Grey's Anatomy* for shows we don't miss much. We discovered several BBC shows from the past that we're watching now thanks to DVD. Highly recommended is *Ballykissangel*. If you read about it on the web, do NOT read past the first few episode guides. There are some good plot twists over the seasons and they are better served as a surprise. *The Pretender*, an NBC show from the late 90's, has all four seasons on DVD now. We don't really need the DVD's—Jeanel can quote dialogue from any of the shows. Gary will also watch *Battlestar Galactica* or most any NHL game. Game shows we enjoy watching—*Lingo*, *Match Game* (yes from the 70's), and *Deal or No Deal*.



**Gary's Side Activities.** Besides volunteering with the T-Bones, Gary continues to maintain our church's website and helps out on a handful of other sites. He has a couple of other ideas he's slowly working on but the "day job" keeps getting in the way of his evening and weekend activities. He continues as a director of our credit union as well.

**Jason & Amanda.** Jason has been sharing time with Amanda who just finished her degree in Psychology at Avila. She's quite an athlete playing for the Avila Soccer Team. They joined us this summer for a couple of T-Bones games.



**Ronald McDonald House** is one of our favorite charities. We're gearing up to once again prepare and serve the families a dinner with good friends Patty & Jerry Jackson and Marie & Woody Acosta.



In the hearts of those who believe ...  
it's Christmas every day of the year

We sincerely hope that the holiday season finds you  
and your family safe and happy.  
May God continue to bless,

**Garage Sale.** We finally got rid of a basement full of stuff on a perfect spring weekend. We sold a lot and donated even more. We also managed to rid ourselves of 4 bookshelves' worth of books and magazines!!!

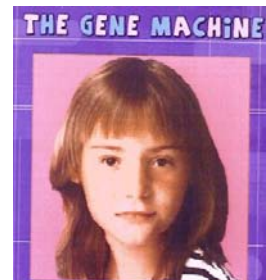
**Jeanel's Shoulder.** Unfortunately Jeanel's shoulders continue to present issues which resulted in a second procedure to break loose the "frozen shoulder" condition. Her doctor said she's never had to do more than two procedures for a patient. In Jeanel's case she might do three before it's all is done. Jeanel spends a half hour most days exercising both shoulders, hoping to avoid another round with the doctor. Where's the WD-40 when you need it?



**Speed Stacking.** Your kids might know about speed stacking. If not, Google it—it's not a video game and it could entertain everyone for quite a while.

Gary's best time for the "cycle" is 18 seconds. The world record is under 8! Can you (or your kids) beat him?

**Morphing.** We had our pictures taken by one of those machines that then morphs the two images together into one picture. Here's how we look put together!



Gary & Jeanel