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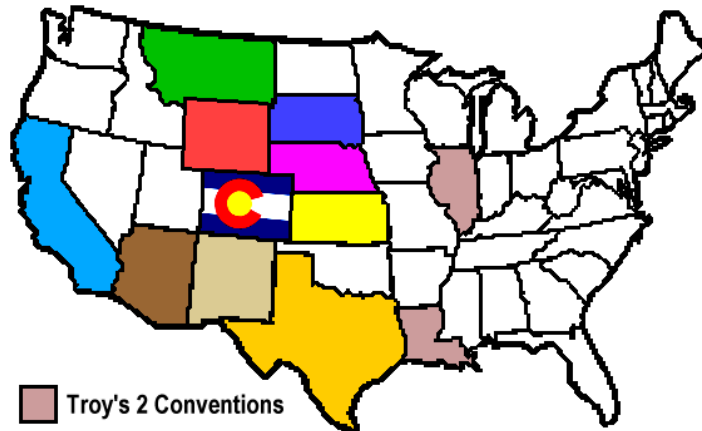
## House Editorial

The Twelve Days of Christmas are now upon us, so it is again time to record a few Betteinger highlights from Anno Domini 2017. We wish a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a Joyous Twelfth Night to all. May God bless you and yours in A.D. 2018!

*Troy, Judy, Peter, Marian, Ben, + Helen*

## 2017 Road Trips

Our family of 6 made it to 12 different states this year.



- Troy's 2 Conventions
- Peet & Troy to Camp Laramie Peak to see the Eclipse
- Ben's convention & mission trip after Hurricane Harvey
- Troy & Dick take Peet to St. George Trek @ Philmont
- Family to Bucklin for Barbara Cook's funeral
- Family Trip to Glacier Natl Park (minus Helen)
- Dick & Marian take Joe & Abby (James' kids) to Disneyland
- Peet goes to Scout Camp @ Medicine Mountain in Custer
- Peet & Troy to Grand Island MBU/ Ben & Marian to Coldplay
- Helen, Ben & Marian go to see Fr. Daniel Cruz ordained  
Dick, Troy, Dan, James & Rick visit Rockies Spring Training

## 2017 • THE YEAR IN PICTURES

2017 brought the Betteingers many moments of joy and more than a few event that we won't see again. Here are pictures of our top dozen news stories of this past year:



1. In August, Troy and Peet see the Totality of the Eclipse at Camp Laramie Peak in Wyoming. Peet captured this image.



2. Ben kidnaps Marian for a Coldplay concert (in Omaha).



L-R: Pete Winslow, Ray LaFrance, Chuck Sherman, Corrie Alvarez, Mark Kilgore, Peet

3. Peet makes to Eagle Scout. His Eagle Board of Review (above) was on Groundhog Day, and his Court of Honor was in June.



4. Family vacation trip to Glacier National Park included a night in a treehouse outside of Bozeman Montana.



5. In July, Peet represents the Archdiocese of Denver on the 25<sup>th</sup> annual St. George Trek at Philmont Scout Ranch. He walks 85 miles with a crew of 10 Catholic guys from 8 states, and attends Catholic Mass on top of Mt. Baldy (the adult adviser is a priest).



(L-R) Troy, Judy, Joanne Tanaka and Juli Cross

6. Judy's South High class celebrates their 40<sup>th</sup> High School reunion.



7. Ben and Marian join Celina and Jillian Hinkel at a concert by The Fray at Red Rocks.



Troy joins fellow Denver South High Alumnus and current New Orleans resident Mark Lucker during his trip to the Big Easy in June.

8. Troy traveled to two professional events: the SHRM Convention in New Orleans and Workday Rising Convention in Chicago.



9. The Brothers Bettinger take their father Dick Bettinger to Rockies Spring Training at Salt River Field in Arizona.



10. Marian places second in piano competition. Her teacher, Peter Friesen, is proud of her, as are her parents.



11. The Bettinger Sisters do their imitation of the Schuyler Sisters (from the musical Hamilton) at the 2017 Colorado Renaissance Festival in Larkspur.



12. Marian serves as the female docent on Abby and Joe's trip with Granddaddy to Disneyland over spring break.

### Family Status (as of 12/31/17)

- **JUDY** works part-time at Home Depot, promoted to Head Cashier in August. Sacristan for daily Mass on Monday, and for Thursday funerals. Hosts ENDOW on Wednesdays. Headmistress of the Bettinger Home School Academy for Wayward Children. Has not yet murdered a student.
- **TROY** is still with the Office of Human Resources for Denver. Survived OHR's Workday software launch on 1/3/2017. Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 311. At HT, teaches Baptism Prep classes with Judy, and Wednesday Confirmation class for 11-12 year-olds.
- **HELEN** lives in Longmont, works for a security company. Directs the 11:00AM Choir at Holy Trinity and sings at St. Augustine. Takes good care of dog Toby (Part Chihuahua, part Dachshund). Did an excellent job cooking Thanksgiving Dinner for us all.
- **BEN** is a sophomore in Aviation Program at Metro State. Transitioned from home school to home dorm. On the night freight team at Home Depot. Teaches HS confirmation class on Sunday. Plans to attend FOCUS SLS18 in Chicago in 2018.
- **MARIAN** is a senior in HS. Promoted to Team Lead at Chick-fil-A. Planned the 2017 home school prom held at our house. Serves as a Young Apostle for Sunday confirmation class at HT. In 2018, plans to attend Camp Wojtyla then visit New Zealand.
- **PETER** (aka Peet) is a sophomore at the Bettinger Academy. Always tries to work the angles on Geometry. Acts as MC server at Mass. Earned Eagle Rank, has two palms. Fascinated by welding. Plans to attend National Order of the Arrow Conference in 2018.
- **RICHARD** (Troy's Dad, aka Dick) worked the season at Wellshire Golf Course in Denver. Served as an election judge for Denver. Still sings in the St. Vincent's choir.



2017 Thanksgiving Dinner with Granddaddy

### In Memory of Barbara Jean Nease Cook



Born August 6, 1930, Bucklin, Kansas  
Died September 26, 2017, Westminster, Colorado

After a fifteen-year battle with Alzheimer's disease, Judy's mother Barbara passed away in September.

Barbara was the sixth of eight children born to Helen and Shelley Nease in Bucklin, Kansas, where Shelley ran the grain elevator. Barbara earned her degree in Music Education from Wichita State University, and her Master's Degree in Music at Washington University. She was the first woman to play in the Augsburg Germany orchestra, and enjoyed playing the flute in the St. Louis Philharmonic.

In 1972, Barbara, Forrest and Judy moved to Denver. Barbara worked for the Denver chapter of Young Audiences, Inc. for several years before returning to teaching in the Denver Public Schools. She taught middle and high school music, including guitar, choir, band, and orchestra. After retiring from DPS, Barbara was able to enjoy the things she loved the most: spending time with her grandchildren, playing her beloved 1890 Steinway piano, and traveling to England, New Zealand, Costa Rica, and many places in the U.S.

Judy and Forrest were blessed to get support from many relatives, especially their cousins on the Nease side, both at the internment in Bucklin and at the memorial service in Denver.



At the internment in Bucklin (L-R): Forrest Cook, Susan Dunn, Suz Nease Bartlett, Connie Nease, Dan Nease, Mike Nease, Judy, Ben, Pete, Helen, Troy, Jim Nease (Barbara's brother), Marian



At dinner at Saigon Basil after the memorial service: (L-R) Sydney Lammens, Susan Dunn, Ben, Helen, Forrest Cook, Michael Chamness, Troy, Anne Coen Chamness, Marian, Neal Coen, Judy, Vanessa Lammens Coen, Cameron Lewis.

### Other Memorable Events of 2017



• Celebrating the ordination of Father Daniel Cruz in Phoenix



• Celebrating the ordination of Father Peter Wojda in Denver



• Peet receives the Bettinger Bowl from league commissioner Ben after winning the 2016 family fantasy football championship.



• Guests at this year's Home School Prom in our backyard.



• Hike to Royal Arch in the Flatirons above Boulder in June.



• Marian, Peet and the HT Youth Group at the 2017 Steubenville of the Rockies conference.

### Partying with Friends



(L-R) Fr. Eric Vigil, Ben, Troy, then Deacon Daniel Cruz, Fr. John Paul Leyba, Helen, Judy, Marian, Peet



Judy, Troy, UWP D80 buddy Jodi Gills Gahlau, Jodi's son Josh Gahlau



Ben, Lola Calderon, Jillian Hinkel, Marian, Celina Hinkel