

Some of the places we've been marketing our books are Barnes & Noble, Moncus Park, Rodrigue Park in New Iberia, and the public library. We skipped the Louisiana Book festival in Baton Rouge, but hope to attend in 2024 with our trilogy.

John continues as president of the Writers' Guild of Acadiana, and also the newsletter editor. He continues to write on the Troll Series novels, but needs to work on marketing more. Just saying hello to random people shopping is not the best marketing style.

Phyllis was able to resume bringing communion to homebound parishioners.

New Developments

Phyllis has turned her poems into a finished book, "Portraits of Grace." It's available on Amazon. She is well on her way to the second volume of poems.

We discovered two new Spotify Channels you need to know about! (Spotify is a streaming music app.) Kerrie Chatelain has one, and Ricki Comeaux has one. Two musical nieces in the family. John was inspired to create one encompassing his years of songwriting. (P.S., I receive a royalty each time my songs are played.) You can search Spotify for John S Comeaux and find his 4 (or more) songs:



Names of the songs: Forever, Heaven Holds a Place, We Are Free, Peaceful Feelings.

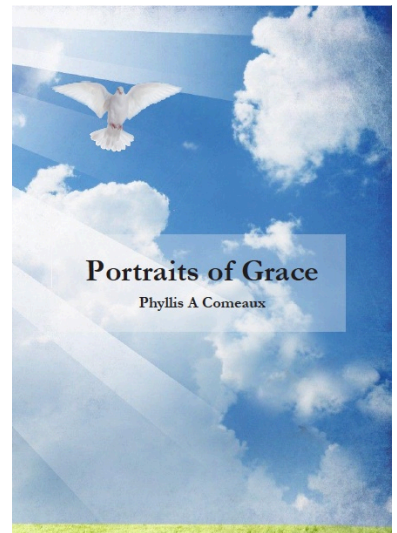
Later on in this newsletter we can share more items about our 5 local grandchildren. We watch the boys on Wednesdays and the girls on Thursdays, and the rest of the week we recover. (jk).

In 2021 we participated in the "Bible in a year" podcast. In 2023 we have finished "Catechism in a year" with Fr. Mike Schmitz. And we plan to take a Caribbean cruise with Fr. Schmitz, Betsy and Eddie, Del and Linda, and about 800 other Catholics on the "Good News Cruise." It will be on the Royal Caribbean ship Adventure of the Seas.

The Comeauxs joined the Scotts for a Galveston weekend. Besides the beach and the pool, we arose early to catch the sunrise over the water. And dining at Gaido's is always a pleasure. The photo depicts Phyllis, Michelle, Zoë, Lily, and Jon.



Author's Alley



Portraits of Grace cover



Lemaire family on Palmer's first day home.



The Lemaires joined us at Cocomeaux for a weekend. Here's a pic of Phyllis, Trevor, Emmitt and Meyer enjoying the new Mini-golf at Toledo Bend Adventure Park. And of course we had s'mores and singing around the campfire that evening.

Our Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations were great fun with the whole family. There were birthday celebrations for Emmitt (5) and Natalie (2).

Some Un-Fun Things

We started off with high hopes to continue Hello Fresh meal delivery service. But two late and damaged shipments in a row caused us to cancel. The holidays were here anyway, so it wasn't that big a deal. In January, we decided to begin again, looking forward to some more great meal. Then the big freeze hit, and our package was delayed by THREE days. Phyllis looked it over and decided it was okay to consume.

We had a pool equipment explosion when a valve stuck and the PVC piping erupted. We were lucky to be home and heard the noise so we could stop the gushing water. Call in the pool repair guys again.

It's always good to make sure the garage door is completely up before exiting. In one case, the door fell off its rail, and our car banged into it. Yikes. Call in the garage door repair guys. We also had the door and the entire exterior given a

fresh coat of paint, so that's actually a good thing. Call in the painters.

We still had rain overflowing the gutters and flooding the backyard kitchen area, even after replacing the rain gutters. Call in a new gutter repair guy. Oh, most of our gutters were hung wrong and so we replaced the entire perimeter. No more flooding.

Gee, what's that water doing on the floor. Yikes, it's a leak from the ceiling, which came from the A/C unit during the hottest days. Call in the ceiling repair guys, the A/C repair guy, and the plumbing repair guy. Okay, the whole mess is fixed up. So why is the A/C blowing hot air? Oh, the compressor went out. Repair/replace compressor? Nope, the feds have determined that we must use the latest compressor fluid, not last year's fluid. Calling the A/C guys again and replace the whole unit.

Time to take a nice vacation. Let's go see Tony in Memphis, then visit Hot Springs National Park in Arkansas. What a lovely place. Let's take a walk on this nice walkway and forest path. Umm, why does my foot itch? My leg itch? Oh dear, it's chiggers. A really bad case on both our legs. Tough to get rid of. Mighty inconvenient and uncomfortable. So that's how we'll remember our vacation in Hot Springs. Ugh.

Some Last Things

The teacher asked the class, "How do you get to heaven?" Little Johnny was the first to raise his hand. "First, you have to be dead."

Here's what Jesus said in Matthew Ch. 25.

'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'

We hope to see each and every one of you again soon in 2024. Love, John & Phyllis