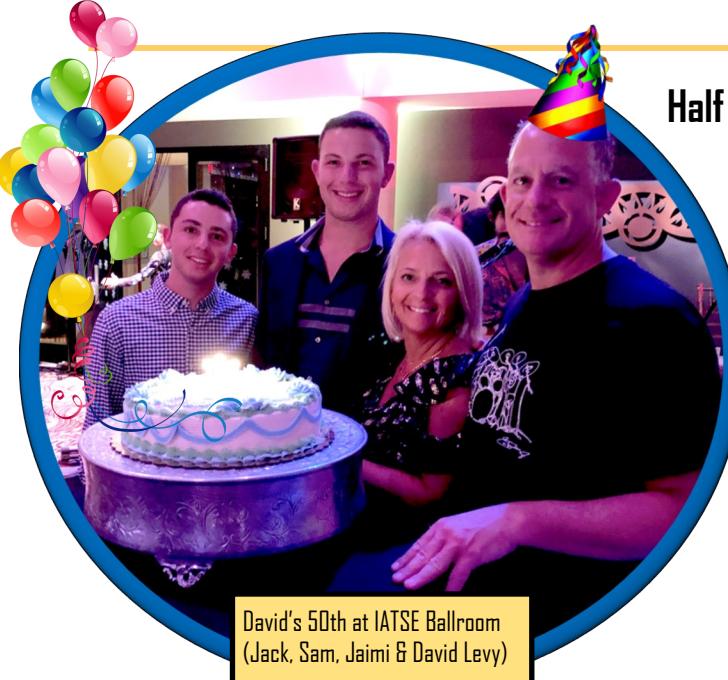




The Levy Light



Half of Something by David Levy

On January 10, 1968, I arrived into this world. Not that I remember, but it was not an easy arrival. Like a plane landing in the storm, it had turbulence. My mom, Fran Levy, didn't do well with my delivery. I was early, and I weighed 4 lbs. 11 oz.. At the time of my delivery, my mom was also diagnosed with Lupus, an autoimmune disease.

Here I am, 50 years later, 5'10", and weighing more than five pounds. After much discussion, Jaimi and I decided on a celebration. I didn't want

just a dinner, and definitely NOT a surprise party, so we decided on a party, and why not have my band play. We found a catering hall in South Philly, the IATSE Ballroom, thanks to an office associate, Donna McPeake. It is a union hall, and the union is the entertainment union. The food was all chef-made, and the room was a perfect spot for family, friends and office associates to gather—we were a crowd of about 90. My musical friends and I put together a band that goes by the name of Behind the Blue Door. Featuring myself on drums, Dr. Robert Chalfin—guitar and vocals, Dr. Elon Kaplan—guitar and vocals, Ken Frebovitz—keyboard and vocals and Ed Siger—bass guitar, we played nine songs;

Bruce Springsteen	Badlands
Tom Petty	Refugee
Warren Zevon	Lawyers, Guns and Money
Billy Joel	Captain Jack
James Gang	Funk 49 (David drum solo)
Pink Floyd	Comfortably Numb
Bruce Springsteen	Born To Run
Neil Young	Rockin' in the Free World
Encore with Victor Levy: The Monkees	I'm a Believer



The band hopes to play a gig soon where our friends can see us live. Lookout for the invite!



*"Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so
much" - Helen Keller*

Special points of interest:

Our travels

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An Unexpected Tour in South East Asia by Josh Goldberg, Controller



Last month, I embarked on my first trip to South East Asia. On my ten-day journey, I visited cities such as Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Ipoh & Penang. Before I left on this vacation, I promised myself that I would like to expand my boundaries by eating food that I don't normally eat back at home, take hikes beyond my physical limits and explore the different aspects of what Asia had to offer.

On my trip, I visited caves and temples throughout Singapore and Kuala Lumpur, but nothing like what I am about to explain. From a google recommendation, Gua Tempurung Cave had a 4.3/5-star rating and was considered a not to miss spot in the small city of Ipoh, Malaysia. From my hotel, I took a 20-minute Uber ride to the cave on the outskirts of Ipoh. Once I arrived, there was a ticket counter where you were able to purchase one of a variety of tour packages, giving you the ability to explore different parts of the cave on a "guided tour."

Once we got inside the cave, it seemed to be an easy "guided tour" viewing the stalactites and stalagmites. We were told to put on helmets as we approached the first phase of the tour.

Our tour group walked through the cave observing the natural wonders and learning about its history. We walked up and down a few flights of stairs that didn't seem to bother me. Once we reached the second phase of the tour, the stairs started to become narrower, and the lights dimmed. We weren't given much instruction other than to hold onto the hand rails and to watch out for wet and slippery spots. After about 2000 steps later, the steps and hand rails stopped. I thought this was the end of the tour, and we could turn around and exit. Boy, was I wrong. This was where the true adventure began. We stepped inside the cave, with no light other than our tour guides head lamp and a few hand-held flashlights that were offered for sale in addition to the tour package. From here, we climbed rocks, slid our bodies though small openings in the rocks, maneuvered ourselves under rocks on our chest with our arms and legs, like done in boot camp, etc.

While this was an experience I will never forget, it is highly unlikely that I will take another "guided tour" through a cave again.



Josh in Gua Tempurung Cave in Ipoh, Malaysia

Leon Fun Fact:

Leon is celebrating his 30th anniversary with his sexy, beautiful and reliable 1988 Mercedes-Benz 560SEC this year. He says they have gone 324,000 miles together. When asked if he is ready to trade in for a younger model, Leon replied: "No, I'm still in love."



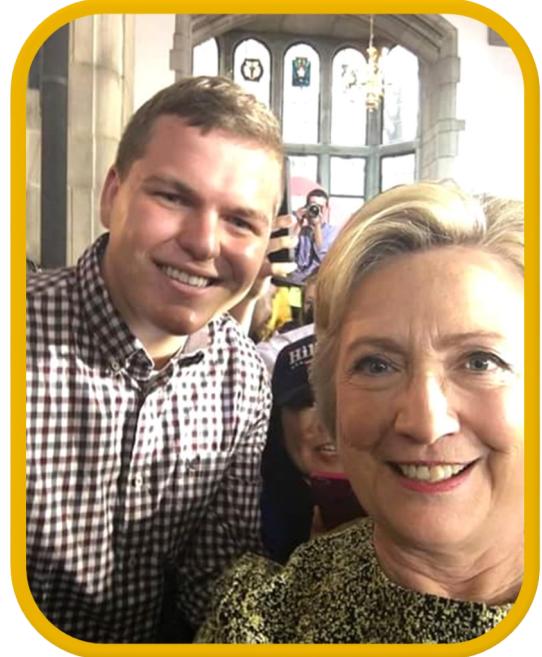


A Look Back at College by Kevin Malone, Intern

I am approaching my college graduation with an equal amount of sadness and excitement as I prepare to transition from college to my career.

My Temple experience went beyond the classroom, providing me with opportunities that significantly nurtured my personal and professional development and had some cool celebrity sightings. For two summers I served as an orientation leader and facilitated programming for the Temple Class of 2019 and 2020. In this role I got to personally get to know over 300 incoming students. Also, I was blessed with the opportunity of working with 68 other orientation leaders. I'm still very close with many of them and know that they will be my best friends for years to come. I also was able to serve the University as a Resident Assistant and member of Student Government, both of which gave me unique exposure to the optics of Temple and equipped me with both hard and soft skills that I will carry with me into my future jobs and volunteer experiences. Temple also enabled me to serve the North Philadelphia community in the Big Brother Big Sister program. I mentored and tutored a low income 6th grade student. In addition to all those activities, I gained valuable work experience at both J.P. Morgan Chase and Leon Levy & Associates and met some excellent co-workers and mentors. During my time at Temple I also had the chance to hear from prominent speakers Barack Obama, Bernie Sanders, Kevin O'Leary and Hillary Clinton.

I'd be remiss not to mention the love I developed for The City of Philadelphia. Whether it was through fancy restaurant outings with my girlfriend, running The Broad Street Run/Rocky Stairs, participating in the Super Bowl festivities or seeing Bruce Springsteen at Citizens Bank Park, this town injected my life with activity and excitement that I'll always be grateful for.



Kevin with Hillary Clinton after she gave a speech on Temple's campus in October 2016



As of now I don't have a full-time job. I'm not sure what industry I'll be working in or what city I'll be living in. I'm not graduating with any distinguished Latin Honors or giving the keynote address at commencement, but the uncertainty and that lack of recognition are okay! I'm leaving school with tons of new knowledge and skills, a network of incredible friends and professionals, and a wealth of memories that will last a lifetime. All thanks to Temple University and The City of Philadelphia.

Quote of the Quarter:

“It always seems impossible until it’s done.”
-Nelson Mandela

Eagles Fever

I have seen, repeatedly, in the news, that the happiest day of many people's lives was seeing the Eagles win the Super Bowl. I must admit that it is up there for me as being one of happiest days of my life, and I wouldn't mind having another happiest day next year. - Leon Levy



Eagles Parade 2/8/18

Front Row: Keith, Little Keith & Jill Sadowski
Back Row: Judith Trojnar, Paula & Joe Gill

We watched the Super Bowl at my son's house, and left before it was over to be home in time for the ending and before everyone else was on the road. We made it home in time to see the ending—so exciting. I was jumping and screaming and texting everyone. It was a beautiful feeling to finally win the Super Bowl. Thank you to our Eagles!! - Betty Samarco

Having grown up in Utica, New York, I can't say I've been an Eagles fan all my life. But I did embrace and root for the Philadelphia teams since moving to the area 40 years ago. I watched the nail-biter of the Super Bowl LII with the TV volume off and pacing during the last quarter. The "Philly Special" was extra-special for me. Although the much-deserved accolades have been for Nick Foles as the receiver of the TD catch, my cheering was for the passer, Trey Burton. I lived in Venice, FL for a few years and watched Trey play as the star quarterback for Venice High School. It was exciting to watch a small-town boy make it big in one of the most memorable plays in Super Bowl history. - Judith Trojnar

On the day of the parade, I planned everything perfectly. Everyone was worried about how to get into town so I decided to go with the counter intuitive plan. I left Cherry Hill just as the parade was starting by the stadiums and was able to zip in with no problem, park in my usual lot, and walk down with Suzanne to Broad Street to see the Eagles pass by in buses. The parade was awesome and such an exciting day in our town. - Victor Levy



Joe, Judith, Paula, Emily, Jill & her son, Keith, in the office before going to the Eagles Parade of Champions, 2/8/18



Victor at the parade

I was home with my family and close friends watching the Eagles make history. After every touchdown / field goal the kids did a lap around the house making as much noise as they could in celebration. Before the next play each of the kids would find their self-assigned seats for good luck. No one dared to steal someone else's seat, which if you have kids you know doesn't happen, because everyone had to do their part to win. Players had to play, coaches had to coach, fans had to be fanatical. The LII Super Bowl will be remembered by me and my family as the best Philadelphia sports memory in its history. - Michael Clatterbuck

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We the staff of Levy & Associates believe:

- **Clients Matter Most**
- **Teamwork is Essential**
- **Ongoing Knowledge Drives Success**
- **In Proactive Actions**
- **In Responding Urgently**
- **Accuracy is Critical**

Quarterly Update:

Upcoming Birthdays

April 23—Joe Robostello
May 6—Leon Levy, Emily Werner - May 21—Judi O'Brien
June 3—Victor Levy - June 30—Don Allen

Milestones

Company Anniversary: Lisa DiStefano—30 Years & Charlene Gaydosh—20 Years