

50th Anniversary, 1970-2020
Richard Jones
Kate Jones

The Golden Jubilee

1965-2010 – Electrical engineer

1967-1975 – The dancing years

1969-2019 – Traveling the world

1975-1978 – The Iran adventure



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Dick Jones earns Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering, gets job with Deco in Leesburg, VA, later bought by Westinghouse, later bought by Northrop Grumman. A lifetime career with the same employer—how rare is that? To improve social life, Dick signs up for dance lessons at local Virginia studio, then transferred to Washington, DC.

Kate learns graphic art and editing in various jobs, becomes dance teacher as part-time evening job. In 1967, is assigned Dick Jones as student in Arthur Murray dance studio, downtown Washington, DC. Many competitions and trophies follow. Dance—an art and a sport, and the road to romance.



Dick and Kate in dance competitions.
Lower right, medals won.



The Joneses love traveling, around the country and around the world. Over 50 years, here's a brief list:

Jamaica (studio trip) — **Cozumel, Belize** (cruise)

Cross-country USA—Niagara Falls, Yellowstone, Grand Canyon, San Francisco, Mt. Rushmore, Carlsbad Caverns, Death Valley, and more, most states from Maryland to California, Minnesota to Texas. In small cars and large RV's, camping and roughing it. Love the 75 miles legal speed out West.

Around Europe, 1977: Cologne, Berlin, Hamburg, Nurnberg, Munich, Garmisch, Belgium, Netherlands.

Round the globe in 1978: Tehran, New York, Florida, LA, Hawaii, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Macao, Bangkok, Delhi, Tehran, Shiraz.



Caribbean cruise, dock musicians



Parking lot salesman

Kate's presentation on shipboard to Association of Game and Puzzle Collectors convention (lower right).

Car ferry



Travel the USA

Top left: Niagara Falls. Top right: Monument Valley. Lower left: Death Valley, Zabriskie Point. Lower right: tie-dyed hippy Kate.



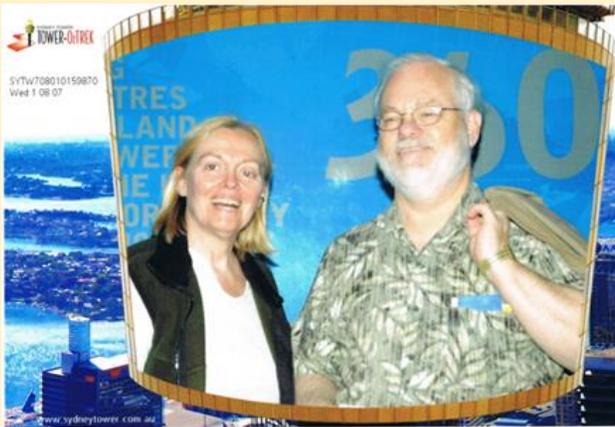


Carlsbad Caverns, top left: main entrance. Lower left: deepest part of cave. Lower right: 75-mile speed limit! Top right; full moon behind Kate's head, visiting Joe Marasco of Stomachion fame.



Around the World...

Australia, Middle East, Hungary, Romania, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Switzerland, Serbia, France, England, The Netherlands, Germany, Austria...

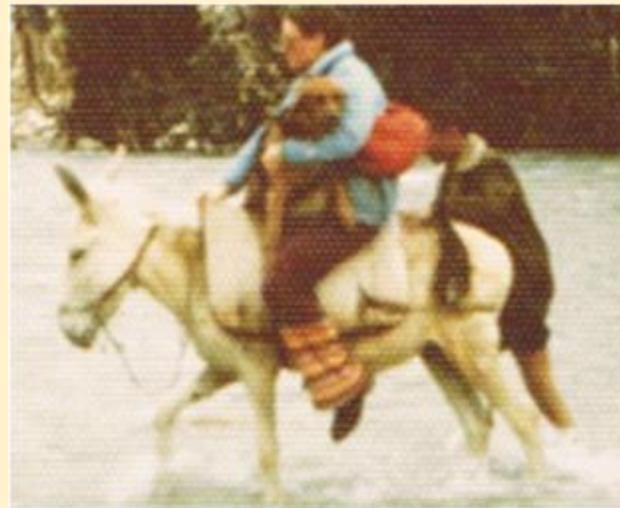


Left top and bottom: Australia's Great Barrier Reef after underwater boat ride. Center: visiting Dan Klarskov in Denmark, creator of Ochominoes. Right: Romania, famous for wood work without nails.



Bavaria, German Alps. Left: Waxenstein, Kate's favorite mountain. Bottom left: hiking in woods. Bottom right: top of Zugspitze, Germany's tallest mountain, birds foraging for tourists' food remnants while Kate looks down at other mountain tops.





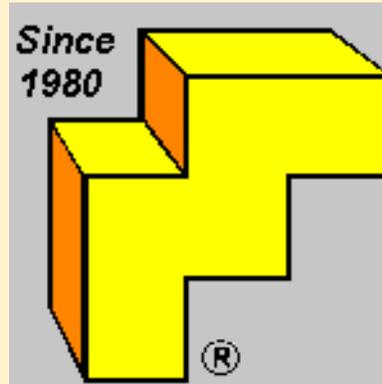
Iran 1975-1978. Top left: Dubai, the right tower with Adrian Fisher's maze design on its entire length; in Dubai Kate bought Arthur C. Clarke's "Imperial Earth", learned about pentominoes. Top center: custom-ordered inlaid Persian pentominoes. Right: Kate and dog cross river on donkey while sightseeing in Iran. Bottom left: the Joneses' high front gate, dog (Cha Cha) and Cha Cha's cat.



Budapest (where Kate was born). Left: meeting Kate's long-lost relatives on father's side. Lower left: Dick at Budapest zoo with rainbow elephant. Lower right: finding family crypt on mother's side in Sulysap.



Budapest, Hungary, 2018



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Lots of action at Ye Olde Gamery arcade. Even the King visits to play the Game of the Goose. Right: front cover of Shakespearean catalog--click for full issue.



The Queen visits.

Gamery crew, Dick Jones, in garb.

King plays Goose



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International Puzzle Parties and other math and puzzle conventions are a great outlet. Right: Jerry Slocum in center, founder of puzzle parties running for 40 years as of 2020.



Top left: IPP with Kadon's big display at IPP. Top right: the Joneses with pentomino inventor Solomon Golomb on right. Happy puzzlers everywhere.





Thank you for sharing this special celebration with us. We hope to see you again sometime in actual reality! Stay well, and solve lots of puzzles—for the joy of thinking. And we hope you will always have lots of love in your lives.

Kate has compared dancing to a four-dimensional puzzle, and puzzles to a kind of mental choreography. Joy, love, life.

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