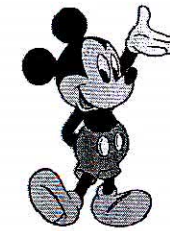


Stroke Scan Plus Pathology Report

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Fr. Jason's Wishful Thinking... The Fourth "Teens for Christ" Disney Trip

There has been a lot of activity the last few weeks... and I want to especially thank everyone who made my tenth anniversary celebration the very special occasion that it was. Meanwhile, our bathrooms at St. Joseph are being renovated, the new covered entryway at St. Stephen was constructed, and our St. Joseph DRE, Barbara (Jinx) Berthelot celebrated 50 years of marriage to her husband Carl. Congratulations, Carl and Jinx, on this special occasion.

The youth group took the Glorious Mystery Machine on its second long journey. We left early Sunday, June 4th for Disney World. We were in very good hands with Mr. David Hoover at the wheel. There were 21 of us total making the trip... chaperones included the "Queen Bee" Selena Guitreau, Anna Aime, Sandra Matherne, Denise Clark, Chad Sanchez, Mathew Dunn, David Hoover, and myself. Our youth members who were eligible and chose to travel with us included: Denae Clark, Justin Cornett, Lexi Guidry, Faith Farris, Blair Henderson, Anne Marie Hutchinson, Mary Hutchinson, Savannah Roddy, Caroline Sanchez, Cle' Sanchez, Tyler Schillings, and Briana Watson. I want to thank our chaperones for their willingness to go (some using a week of their personal vacation from work) so our youth group could have an effortless trip. I also want to thank Sheila Aydeell for making our hotel reservations and taking care of our ticket purchases. I also want to thank Chad Sanchez for assisting me with the scheduling of meals and Fastpasses for our large group. Finally, David Hoover did an excellent job driving the bus and accommodating our errands and needs.

On Sunday, June 4th we left at 4:05 am. I knew that we would have a great group because no one really asked for a restroom until close to Mobile, AL. So we stopped at McDonalds for breakfast. We ate a late lunch at Whataburger in Tallahassee, FL, and we made it to Orlando at 7:45 pm. We decided to eat at Cici's Pizza buffet. After dinner, we went to check-in at the condo complex. Let's just say that the check-in experience was not very pleasant and took over 75 minutes to complete (for 3 condos). Exhausted but excited to be in Orlando, everyone unloaded the bus and we crashed.

On Monday, 6:45 am came early, but everyone was on the bus for 7:30 so we could get to the Magic Kingdom for opening. I want to interject that our group was *always on time and stuck to the master schedule well*, which impressed me greatly. We took the ferry across the lagoon and it was neat to see **Mary Hutchinson's** face gazing at the castle during her first trip to Disney World. We managed to ride or view most of the attractions, including **Mathew Dunn's** least favorite show, the Carousel of Progress, with its song... "There's a great big beautiful tomorrow!..."

When I put together the master schedule for these trips, I always like to throw in some memorable meals, and Monday just so happened to be **Blair Henderson's** 14th birthday. So we took a boat over to the Wilderness Lodge to have dinner at the Whispering Canyon Cafe. Our waiter--"Jee-Bees"--really dressed up the birthday well, by making Blair wear a improvised crown made from a white napkin and straws, then putting a toga around her and a torch in her hand. Then he made her stand on a chair like the Statue of Liberty. Then Blair had to go on a "first date horse ride" with a guy from the next table. I was very proud of Blair for going along with the whole thing and being "stretched" a little. After a wonderful BBQ buffet, we returned to the Magic Kingdom for more rides, some Dole Whip pineapple ice cream, and ending the day with the new fireworks show called "Happily Ever After". Even though we were pretty much delirious at the end of the day, the group voted to do Pirates of the Caribbean after the fireworks, so we did. We made it back to the condo around 11:45 pm. But what a great first day at Disney!

On Tuesday, we went to Epcot and immediately battled a rain shower. Our first ride on the schedule--Test Track--was experiencing problems, so we rode the new Frozen boat ride instead. We ate School Bread in Norway, met Anna and Elsa from Frozen, and went back to the regular schedule. I don't remember anyone having a funny story in Epcot, other than a few brave souls who tried *the Beverly* at Club Cool, sponsored by Coca-Cola. In this soda shop, you can try soft drinks from around the world, including *the Beverly* from Italy. I would describe it as grapefruit juice that quickly sours in your mouth, and makes your face shrivel up and your lips pucker. Otherwise, our day at Epcot was pretty straight-forward with occasional downpours. The group mostly voted to eat Chinese food at lunch, so we did. Tuesday's dinner was scheduled at 'Ohana Restaurant at the Polynesian Resort at 9:30 pm. That sounds late to many of you, but keep in mind that the 'Ohana feast is one of the most popular meals at Disney, and trying to get a group of 21 people a reservation during the summer season was no small accomplishment. Now, I was at one end of the table, looking down towards the other end, where most the girls were sitting. All I can say is that they no problems putting the food down! They had good, healthy appetites that evening! On top of that, **Justin Cornett** and **Tyler Schillings** got all excited about the buffet and ate their money's worth. We didn't make it back to the condo until midnight... and tomorrow would be a long day at Animal Kingdom. But it was a GOOD day indeed!

Dear Rev. Fr. Palermo:

Thank you for your participation in the successful screening event held at your Church on Friday May 19, 2017. Through our combined efforts, we have educated and screened individuals who truly care about taking a proactive role in the self-management of their health care.

During the screening held at your Church, we found the following abnormal results:

- Patients Screened: 39
- Arterial Disease (mild thru severe): 12
- Abnormal Aorta: 0
- Abnormal PAD: 0
- Abnormal Liver: 2
- Abnormal Kidneys: 7
- Abnormal Gallbladder: 1
- Abnormal Thyroid: 12

If any significant disease was located, the patient can take their results that have been mailed to their home address to their personal physician who can then order further diagnostic testing and provide the necessary treatment if needed. They should receive their personal report about three weeks after their screening took place.

This early detection and intervention helps alert people of the risk factors that they wouldn't have previously known even existed. In instances that we've seen over the past 16 years, these screenings have helped save many lives.

We look forward to continuing to provide these valuable health screenings, and if it is of your preference, setting up a future or annually recurring date to come back. We are currently setting next year's events at this time, so please feel free to contact me or our main office if you wish to request any preferred dates that work best with your Church calendar.

If you have any questions about the report or need any assistance, don't hesitate to call me. Thank you once again for helping me coordinate this event and helping us to be "life savers" for the St. Joseph community. I sincerely appreciate it -- and please know that YOU have helped make a difference!

To good health and prevention,

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