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Art Beal Foundation
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Dear Steve & Fran & Jim,

I want to thank you very much for inviting me up for the 92nd anniversary of Art's birthday. It was amazing how many of the local people show up for the event. The day felt really good especially watching Art respond so well to all those people.

I can imagine the pressure on you with this 11th hour fund raiser to protect Art's home. What a wonderful response from the town folks with their donations and loans.

Your plans for the near future are exciting, especially the involvement of the local university and others in manicuring the grounds of Nitt Witt Ridge. The town folks would love to see the ridge blossom with flowers. I am also looking forward to meeting and working with your new board member/fund raiser.

I have been thinking about next years grand event. We talked about doing it at the Madonna Inn. What do you think about a series of things people could sign up for - such as (1) having them resurrect the pink toast breakfast for those who sign up for a breakfast and a tour of the whole inn and/or (2) a grand dinner/tour or (3) simply a tour. Perhaps Mr. Madonna would give the Foundation a break on the meals for this fundraising event. Further (4) do you think Madonna would donate a room for a night at the inn that the Foundation could auction off. If not that how about (5) the Foundation auctioning off a number of rooms - he would get the normal price the Foundation the difference. What do those rooms rent for?

You guys deserve a lot of credit for throwing a wonderful event filled with joy and music, warm and caring people, with an outrageous pink cake - all for an old cantankerous long distant swimmer/magician/artist/champion dish carrier - who has been able to bring out the best in people for the last 60 or so years.

Please let me know if SPACES can be of any help with your long range plans to keep Arts' dream alive.

My best,


Seymour Rosen
Director