March 01, 2021

John Kuyt

403-6611 Southoaks Crescent

Burnaby, V5E 4L5

Dear John:

*Joyeux Anniversaire!*

*Hartelijk gefeliciteerd metje verjaardag!*

*Tavalodet Mobarak!*

*Co latha breith sona dhut!*

*Yom Huledet Same’ach!*

*Buon compleanno!*

*Feliz cumpleanos!*

However you like to say it, John, we wish you a very

***Happy 88th Birthday!***

Sincerely,

March 01, 2021

Cory Glauser

#1 - 4417 10TH Ave W

Vancouver, V6R 2H8

Dear Cory:

Rumor has it that you’re turning 42 today! Congratulations—it couldn’t happen to a nicer guy.

You have a full year, or 365 days, to enjoy your new age. We hope each day is better than the last! Make it a year of “firsts”—in other words, a year you try new things for the first time. You’d be emulating the great “Satchel” Paige, who at age 42 became the first black pitcher in the American League.

Make it a year of milestones … like Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who at age 42 became the oldest NBA player in history.

But most of all, make it a year to remember … so that when other people turn 42, they’ll try to be just like you!

**Happy Birthday!**

Sincerely,

March 02, 2021

Joe Fifonja

306-4955 River Road

Delta, V4K 4V9

Dear Joe:

**Best wishes as you turn 61,**

**We hope your birthday is lots of fun!**

**Now, as you turn one year older,**

**Make sure you also feel one year bolder,**

**So you can check one more item off your bucket list,**

**Filling your year with activities not to be missed.**

Clearly, Joe, we shouldn’t quit our day job to be a poet ... but we hope you appreciate the sentiment, anyway!

*Happy Birthday!*

Sincerely,

March 02, 2021

Karen Tsai

7721 Kinross Street

Vancouver, V5S 3K1

Dear Karen:

*“I’ll try anything once.”*

- Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth

Alice—eldest daughter of former President Teddy Roosevelt—said those words not long after turning 41. Of course, she was referring to the fact that she was about to give birth for the first time, so maybe the *context* of that quote doesn’t apply to everyone. But the sentiment surely does!

As you turn 41, Karen, take a page from the former First Daughter’s book. Try anything! Try everything! Make this a year full of new experiences, new adventures, and new opportunities.

In short, make it the best year ever!

**Happy Birthday!**

Sincerely,

March 02, 2021

Kristine Tsai

7721 Kinross Street

Vancouver, V5S 3K1

Dear Kristine:

*“I’ll try anything once.”*

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As you turn 41, Kristine, take a page from the former First Daughter’s book. Try anything! Try everything! Make this a year full of new experiences, new adventures, and new opportunities.

In short, make it the best year ever!

**Happy Birthday!**

Sincerely,

March 02, 2021

Dylan Gunn

2506 Triumph Street

Vancouver, V5K 1S8

Dear Dylan:

Forty years old! Congratulations on reaching this significant number!

As you may know, many people throughout history have used this time of their life to accomplish amazing things. For example, at age 40:

• John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth.

• William Sturgeon created the first electromagnet.

• Hank Aaron hit his 715th home run!

We know you can accomplish amazing things, too. So Dylan, as you enjoy your special day, plan for the future rather than look to the past. Your best years are before you, and your grandest ambitions lie within your grasp.

We can’t wait to see you achieve them!

Happy Birthday!

Sincerely,

March 02, 2021

Ariel Fraser

4011 Brockton Cres

North Vancouver, V7G 1E5

Dear Ariel:

I believe life is a series of near misses.  
A lot of what we ascribe to luck is not luck at all.  
It’s seizing the day and accepting responsibility for your future.  
It’s seeing what other people don’t see  
and pursuing that vision.

*—Howard Schultz (1952– ), owner of Starbucks® Coffee*

We wish you a very happy 25th birthday! May your life go according to all your plans.

Sincerely,

March 03, 2021

Judy Hall

7822 Garfield Dr

Delta, V4C 7J4

Dear Judy:

As you probably know, there are a *lot* of interesting ways to celebrate birthdays around the world. Too many, in fact, to list in a single letter. So why don’t we just stick with one for now? So without further ado, we present:

**How to celebrate your birthday like a … Brazilian!**

In Brazil, where people speak Portuguese, it’s customary to say “*Parabéns!”* which means “congratulations” or “compliments.” we suppose it’s their way of saying, “Well done for having made it this far!” So let us be the first to say:

*Parabéns! Congratulations on reaching another birthday!*

It’s also customary in Brazil to eat fruit- and vegetable-shaped candies on your birthday. Sounds delicious! (Don’t worry; they still eat birthday cake, too. In fact, it’s a tradition for the birthday girl to give the first slice to her most special friend or relative.) Finally, Brazilians commonly pull on the earlobes of the birthday girl, one tug for each year of their life.

Sixty-five tugs might hurt, so you have my permission to skip this particular tradition.

Not everyone can travel to Brazil for their birthday, Judy, but now you know how to bring Brazil to you. But whether you enjoy globetrotting from the comfort of your home, or if you prefer to do things the old-fashioned way, we hope you have a very happy 65th birthday.

Sincerely,

March 03, 2021

Judy Higginson

PO Box 1050 8843 Hudson Bay Street

Fort Langley, V1M 2S4

Dear Judy:

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Sincerely,

March 03, 2021

Joel McFayden

2479 Stefi Trail

Oakville, L6H 5Y3

Dear Joel:

**Celebrate!**

Saw on the fiddle and blow on the horn  
for another year since you were born.

Nobody’s birthday lasts very long,  
So light the candles and sing the song,

Beat the drum and play the fife  
for another year turned in the circle of life.

***Happy Birthday!***

Sincerely,