

KIM GRIBI: I've been an avid skinny dipper since the 70's most often in my favorite body of water, the Straits of Mackinac. Swimming on the backside of Mackinac Island is my favorite place on earth. Nothing renews my soul like being in that water. Ali and Kevin in Scotland where they were able to successfully track down the elusive Loch Ness Monster. Kids from *My Block-My Hood-My City* a year ago. The kids had never seen a body of water that beautiful. It was so enticing that several had to run down the dunes and jump in.

Barb Berry is standing by Gullfoss Waterfall located in the canyon of the Hvítá river in southwest Iceland in 2019. This was her first trip abroad since having a stroke ten years ago. Iceland is a very handicapped accessible, and Barb traveled there with her daughter. Having traveled extensively internationally before her stroke this was an important trip that gave her the confidence that she could travel again. Sadly, plans for travel this year were thwarted by the pandemic.

Candice Lee and Max Oldbear shared a photo of a great day at Seaside Oregon chasing seagulls and finding sand dollars; And at Canon Beach by the "haystacks."

Mike and Sandra McDonald overlooking Gerainger Fjord in Norway in June 2010, and at Lake St. Mary's in Glacier National Park in September 2012.

Jan Zerbel: Lake Superior is the background for this picture of me with my son Andy and grandson Nick. It has been the background for many important events in my life. The first was my honeymoon in the summer of 1963, which was spent at the Zerbel family camp in Marquette. Years later, in that same camp, we wakened our young sons one magical night to view the Northern Lights dancing over the lake. Many happy Lake Superior memories continue being made to this day.

Judy Meyers - Marini Boat; Lake Granby, Colorado, 2007 and Dauphin Island Alabama

Mary Grover & daughter Jane at the top of Sugar Loaf, above Little Traverse Lake and Good Harbor Bay. She writes: As a kid I summered at my family's cottage on LTL. The cottage was built in 1942 on the shore of a body of water that matters to my whole family.

Mary Van Valin Rescuing a cold-stunned green sea turtle in Joseph Bay along the shore of Cape San Blas in Florida.



Richard Miller: River Liffey, Dublin, Ireland Grandson, Fox Son, Andre in June, 2017; Three **very lucky** generations.

Guy Molnar: For years we were able to vacation at a little Victorian cottage on Lake Michigan in Pierport – maybe 20 miles south of Frankfort, a few miles north of Onkama. Our longtime friend Rob owned it but graciously offered it to us for occasional long weekends or even two-week vacations when the rest of his family wasn't using it. We even had our own keys! It was called "The Villa," a century-old family joke since it began as - literally - a shack, but Rob's great-grandmother Cecille called it her "villa." So eventually it became "Villa Cecile." (We have a photo of Cecille down by the stream that flowed right next to it, sitting by the coldbox where she kept her butter and eggs.) The cottage faced due west and the sunsets were almost always spectacular.

Cathy Harrington & Judy Meyers canoeing with two dogs on Tonawanda lake.

Carol and Ian Ritter and our Kingfisher canoe are so at-home with each other, we move across the lakes & rivers like a single entity. We stand up, eat lunch, haul gear, and wear ourselves out. We moved to Michigan for the lovely pure waters. Our love for the water runs deep. ~

Adrienne Hope: When I lived in Kalamazoo, I commented often on how barren it felt to be away from the Lake. Growing up next to water, I felt like it was ingrained into my soul. Living here in traverse city has been renewing, mostly because of the wonderful waters surrounding us. The photo above is from my birthday adventure. My husband and I took the day off of work and wandered and hiked and beached. It was a beautiful oasis of peace in the middle of the pandemic.

The water I will be contributing to our communal waters is the water that has graced my personal kitchen altar this last year. The water is from my own tap, and represents a safe, stable, welcoming, and warm home.

The picture of **Marsha Bellinger** has West Bay in the background and that's where her house is so that's basically her front yard. Charley Bellinger writes: this water is transformative; it's power in beach shaping has been obsessed from this vantage point for decades by me and mine. Pictured here, two of mom's six great grandchildren taken Sunday.

Amanda Mangiardi: Lake Michigan has always been a part of my life.



Pam Hendrick and Jon Luoma: Anniversary at a favorite seafood shack. Atlantic County, NJ

Michael & Joanie Jackson celebrated Joanie's recent birthday July 1 on the Leland River, our first night dining out in the pandemic and by the water flowing into Lake Michigan...what could be better.

Wozniak Granddaughters on Gull Lake! Such joy!

Price and Jane Watts: We traveled in the Quetico Park for over 50 yrs. We've traveled to many National Parks, but this remains our favorite. There is nothing greater than filling a canoe with 9 days of supplies and sliding into a lake (void of power boats and cottages) which leads to many more lakes. You should note that we don't travel light. So many years have led to comforts such as a Coleman stove which is better for the environment.

There are too many stories to tell such as being caught inside the park when two huge fires broke out.

Ann Swaney sent a picture of their five grandchildren

Betsy Hammerberg's photo was taken on the Isle of Skye, Scotland, and in the background is a strait called The Little Minch. On the day this photo was taken I had reached 12 weeks' gestation of pregnancy and finally allowed myself to feel excited - after three difficult years of trying to get pregnant we were reluctant to celebrate too early, and so this was a very joyful day for us. For the duration of my pregnancy we called the fetus "The Little Minch", and the Minch is now our happy and healthy Elliot.

And another picture of Elliot and Ollie in their favorite water, puddles.

Chris and Rick Walter: April 28, 2019 at one of our favorite hiking places on the Empire Bluff Trail with stunning Lake Michigan near Sleeping Bear Dune and South Bar Lake in the background. We were out and about during our year and a half of vagabond living in various homes and condos while our home was being re-built. This was several days before Rick's heart attack on May 1, 2019. All ended well.

Holly Knibbs and Bob Long seeking solitude and peace at Esch Beach; we sat in silence for several minutes, taking in the warmth of the sun, the beauty of the lake and the gratitude of living in such a beautiful place. Two additional photos of the sunset and the rising moon over East Bay.



Renee: this is my father and husband fishing with me in the Upper Platte River

Andi Kramer: "Here I am, waving from Cleopatra's baths, built by Mark Antony, off the Turkish coast." Look for her in the center of this amazing photo!

The Shumakers: Xander at the Mackinac Straits. Luke at Pictured Rocks and Heather at Tahquamenon Falls.

Mike, Shari, Kinsey and Matthew Hintz shared a recent photo (last week) from our trip to Whitefish Point. First time there for the kids, but Mike and I did our deepest scuba dive together there 16 years ago. We had planned to name our 2nd born after the wreck we dove on if *he* had been a girl... Vienna.

Susan Sherman shared a picture of the creek that runs through their land; it's magical!

Sheri Cope: shared the first photo and first time jersey, my service dog, and I worked together...down by Clinch Park and the bay..Jersey was just a little over a year and didn't become my official service dog until July 13, ...She also was named UU social Justice dog by Rabbi Bahle...

Tom Darnton's photo speaks for itself

Linda Gottschalk: My beloved body of water is the Pacific Ocean, from a pool in Big Sur. Under threat or burned up now.

Leslie and Joe Cook's photo was taken in 2015 on a sunset jazz cruise off the coast of Barcelona. This picture is memorable because it reminds us of wonderful trips from the past and hope for wonderful trips in the future.

Cynthia Brzak sent a photo of The Luncheonettes. Left to right: me (from MI), Maryvelma (from NY), Pam (also from MI) and Mary (from NY). We lived, raised our kids there and worked at UN agencies: HCR, ILO, UN, UNICEF.

We are retired, still calling those gentler Swiss shores home. I live part-time here in TC and there (where my 2 daughters & granddaughter have safe, secure lives).

Don Fraser in his "Happy Place" at the Fraser Cabin on the Rapid River.



Charles Brackett and Ellie Smith on the Black Sea at Constanza Romania, 2015

Deanne Briggs sent a photo of Maya enjoying a Beaver Island sunset

Bob Prentice: Photo taken 9/12/20 in England. My granddaughter Elgin enjoys a water "communion" at 4 months. Mother Caitlin Prentice who grew up in the TC Unitarian Congregation watches as father Francis performs the cleansing "rites".

My son and granddaughter fishing at Lake Hamlin in Ludington and photos from my first baptism

