

December 20, 2016

Happy 90th Birthday, Jim!

*May the memories, stories, laughter and
love captured inside this box remind you
how special you are to each of us.*

*With Love,
Your Family and Friends*

Dear Jim,

I am so lucky you are my husband. Thank you for the joy and happiness you've brought me. You have left footprints on my heart and I will never be the same. You've made me, our family and our world better. I love you today, tomorrow and always.

All my love, all my life,

Carol



Dear Dad,

It is hard to believe that I just celebrated 65 years of life and you are now celebrating 90. I could never have imagined this life that I have been so lucky to have, all because of you (and mom, of course)! As a young girl, I watched you as you worked so hard to build a business, from my vantage point under the counter at Hamburger Handout, to working with you at Collins Foods, Sizzler and now standing side-by-side with you, working to strengthen our community, supporting invaluable nonprofits, the Y, the Boys & Girls Club, and more, to give life opportunities, as our family has been so fortunate to have, to wonderful young people and their families. I am so grateful and appreciative of your wisdom, confidence and trust in me, and most of all, I am so thankful for your unending love. I love you so much!

Xo,

Cathy



Happy Birthday Jim!

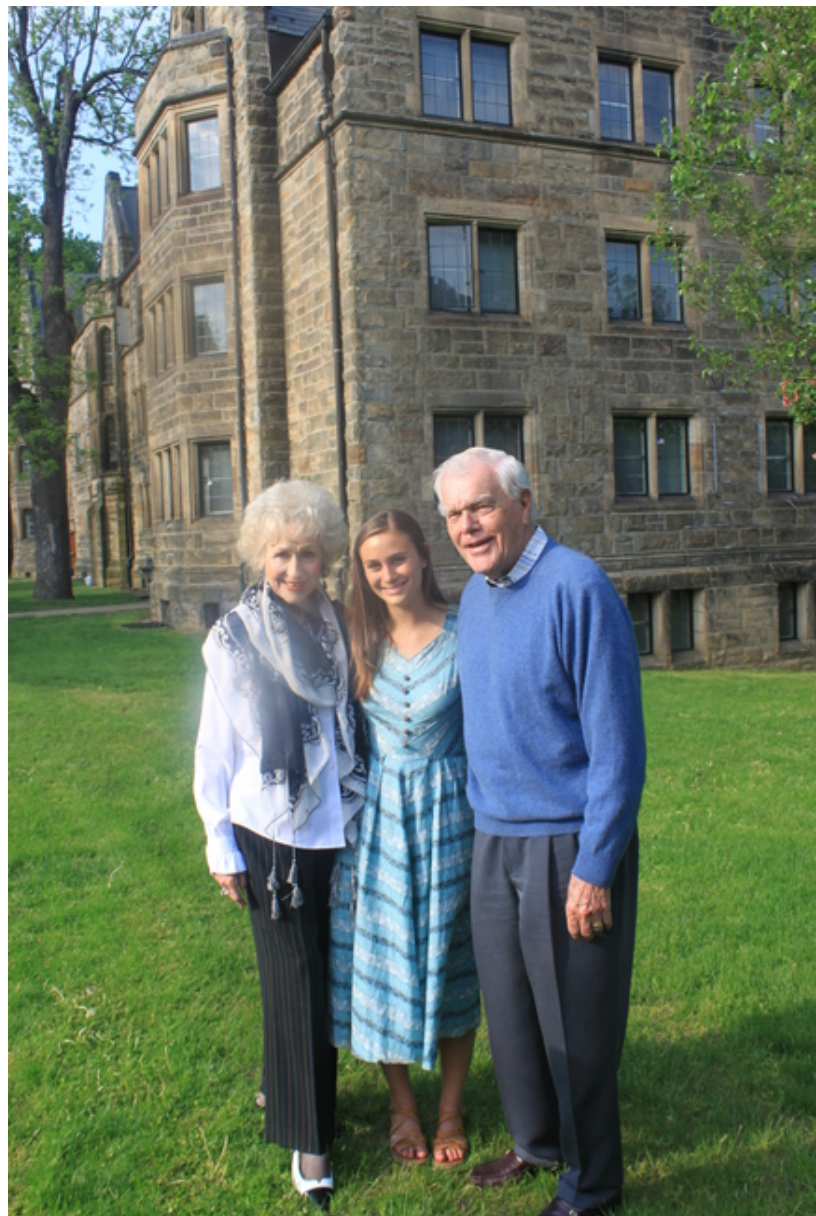
You've reached another milestone, and we're proud and thrilled to celebrate ninety amazing years with you. Here's to many more great achievements to come!

With love and joy to you on this special day,
Ed, Cathy, and Natalie

Dear Papa,

Happy 90th Birthday to the most wonderful grandfather!! I am so blessed to have you in my life. Thank you for believing in me and supporting all of my academic endeavors. It meant so much that you could be there for every birthday, graduation and performance. I was so touched that you and Momo flew to Ohio to watch me receive my diploma. Your Westside YMCA legacy is something I am so incredibly proud of and grateful to have experienced myself. I have learned through your example how very important it is to invest in the future and in youth. There are too many memories to count, but each one holds a special place in my heart. Thank you for showing me the world! I love you and can't wait to continue celebrating your epic life!!!!

~ Natalie



Dear Dad,

Thank you for everything you do.

Happy 90th Birthday.

*Love,
Kelly*

Dear Popo,

First I'd like to congratulate you on getting to 90. Wow!! What a great accomplishment and I am really thankful for your life. How you have been such a great grandfather to me and a great person as well. You truly are someone who has worked hard for a long time and I admire that very much and I like how generous and caring you have been to my family and I. I know that there are still more years to come for you. God Bless You and Happy 90th!!

Sincerely,
Branden

P. S. I'm absolutely positive you will make it to 100! :)

Dear Popo,

I feel very blessed to wish you a happy birthday and I love you very much! You always in my mind and in my heart and I am always thinking about you. I am happy for the good example you have been for Branden it really means a lot I admire how much you love life even though it is more quiet but it very strong. Just by remembering the first day I met you brings me so much joy!! Thank you!!! I want you to know that we love you very much. Happy Birthday!

Love,

Paty

TO MY DAD . . .

DAD, I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU HAVE BEEN THE BEST DAD ANYONE COULD EVER HOPE FOR!! YOU HAVE BEEN THERE FOR ME AND LOVED ME SO MUCH. YOUR LIGHT WILL GUIDE ME FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE. I THANK YOU DAD FOR BEING YOU. I LOVE YOU.

LOVE YOUR SON,
MICHAEL JAMES COLLINS

Dear Dad,

First of all, Happy 90th Birthday! How can I express how much I love and admire you? You have made me and everyone around you a better person. Everything you do, you do it with the purest intention to do good and to help others. This has made such a huge impact on me. I have so many good memories I wanted to share with you a few of my favorites.

One of my fondest memories is you saying to the family "Who wants to go to Venice Pavilion to serve turkey dinners?". Off we would go on xmas day to serve the homeless a wonderful meal. I always left feeling so good and happy that we were helping people and you made it a fun family affair too!

I remember starting to run at age 11 or 12 just so I could be with you more. I missed you and wanted to spend more time with you. I realized that I could have you all to myself if I got up at 5:30 am with you and we did! We ran San Vicente together for the next 6 years - including lots of 10K's, long runs, UCLA track workouts, Ocean avenue and running camps!

Another wonderful memory I have is you and I learning how to play backgammon together. We then went on to learn many more games. You and I would play games when you came home from work and I got home from school. I loved spending that time together. We laughed and giggled but we both wanted to win.

Dad, you were such a busy CEO and you had so many obligations but you always made me feel important. You never ever missed anything

that I was doing - a sports game, a play, a try-out, a Marlborough father daughter picnic, father-daughter dance, or birthday. You always make me feel special. Thank you for that!

You have given the whole family the foundation for a beautiful life. Family, friends, giving back, never giving up on your dreams, always putting God first, and family and friends and neighbors and most importantly - you always gave God the credit. You always said "God Blessed you!" And he did!

Thank you for being the best husband to mom! You really are the husband that every girl hopes to find and the husband every boy hopes to become. Thank you for that example. Thank you for making her so happy all her life. What a gift to your family!

Thank you for being you! You are the rock of our family and the one we can count on to come to with any question or problem. You are our "go-to" guy. You always have the time to listen and to help us find the answer. Even if it's late, you might say "Can I sleep on it?". And you do..... but you always have a great idea in the morning.

Thank you Dad. There are no words to say how much and how deeply I love and admire you. None! All I can say is you have been the greatest Dad a girl could ever hope to have. You are my hero, my rock, my best friend. And I thank God that you are my dad!!

I Love you Dad!

Lissa



Dear Papa,

Happy Birthday to you! I'm not sure how to begin to put into words how important you are to me, so I'll just begin by saying that you are important to me. You are important to me in more ways than you might even know. I am luckier than most to have a house, a college degree, a business and all the things in between to paint the picture of a pretty much perfect life. All of which I have been able to attain, in large part, because of your generosity and support. However, despite feeling so grateful for the opportunity to have all these things, what I am most thankful for is the opportunity to know you. Because by knowing you, I have learned that houses and degrees and fame and fortune are not the substance of life. They do not make us happy and they do not make those around us happy either. Character, self-discipline, determination, attitude, compassion and empathy - these are the things that matter most.

You have never taught me these lessons by sitting me down and lecturing me on the meaning of life. You haven't needed to because it's just who you are. I've been

watching you my whole life. I see how you are kind and respectful to people and like to make everyone laugh. I see how you are always humble despite your achievements and good fortune. I see how important your family is to you and how you always make them a priority. I see how you are positive and grateful for this precious time we have on earth. I see how you give to your community and those less fortunate than you and how dedicated you are to helping others. Thank you for showing me these things. Thank you for giving me an example to follow and for teaching me that we have the power to create a life full of love and meaning. I hope one day my children and my grandchildren will learn from me because I have lived a life inspired by you. I hope they will also try to be kind, try to be giving and always have a good joke.

I love you Papa!

Mel



Dear Jim,

Congratulations on your 90th Birthday! I hope it is a special one surrounded by friends and family. Thank you for welcoming me into the family and being such a huge support to Melanie and myself. The manner in which you have been able to build your business, raise a family, while being so active philanthropically and socially shows amazing character and stamina! You are a true inspiration and role model for us all.

Tom



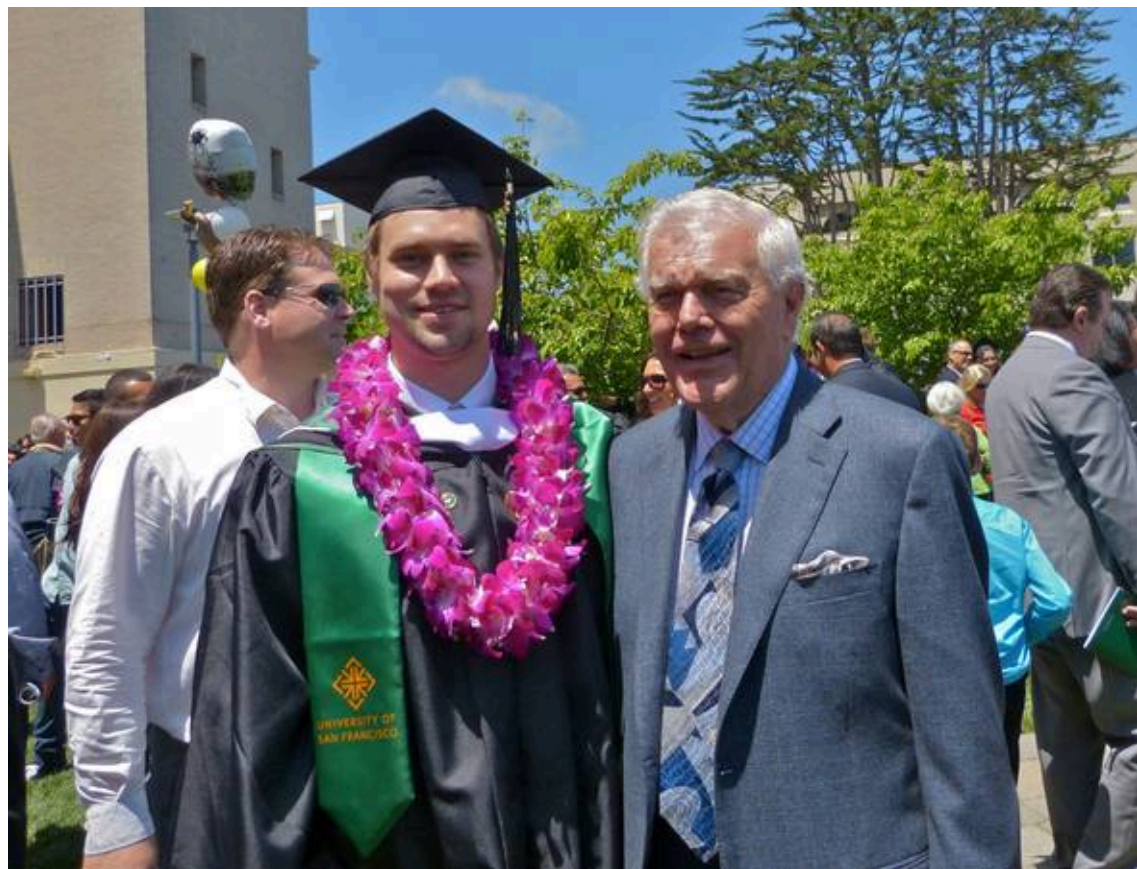
Papa,

Congratulations on this momentous achievement. I can't begin to tell you how much of an impact you have made on me in my life. I am very grateful for all the lessons and you have taught me.

Most of my favorite memories involve you and me at UCLA sporting events. When I was younger, you used to take me to John Wooden's chair at Pauley Pavilion and introduce me to the legendary basketball coach. You would tell him that I was your grandson and I was a huge Bruins fan. This is a memory that I cherish. I still have a personally signed Pyramid of Success hanging in my room that you gifted to me. It reads, "To Alex, with best wishes. - John Wooden". A very special gift that I appreciate to this day.

Yours and Momo's selflessness and ability to lead by example have always inspired me. When I am faced with a difficult decision, I always ask myself, "how would Papa approach this problem?" Your character and values have helped me to always make the right decision - even if it is a difficult one. I love you so much Papa. I look forward to many more years of UCLA events and spending quality time with you and the family.

Love,
Alex



Dear Papa,

I can't believe how quickly time has flown by! Just 3 years ago I was enrolled at UCLA where I had the opportunity to see you and Momo almost every day of the week. What I miss most about those days was my access to you, your stories, and your relationship with Momo. You've been able to lead such a model life up to this point, a life that we all seek to take pieces from and recreate in our own image. I think your strongest characteristic has to be your integrity. Your marriage as well as your business relationships are all so strong because the people you engage with place the ultimate trust in you. When you say something, you mean it, and you stick by your words with action. These are qualities that I try and emulate every day because I also aim to be a trustworthy friend, brother, husband, and business associate to those around me.

Anyways, I can't thank you enough for the influence you've had on my life thus far. I consider myself lucky to have spent so much time with you and I look forward spending many more years learning from you at your side. Happy 90th Birthday Papa! I love you so much! And here's to many more!

Best,
Trevor



Dear Jim,

I am so fortunate to work for you. For the past six and a half years, you have treated me with respect, kindness and compassion. I admire your achievements in business and philanthropy and, most importantly, the dignified manner in which you live your life and treat everyone around you. You have taught me the art of being humble and staying positive regardless of the situation. I have learned so much from you and I appreciate all that you have done for me. Here's to, at least, another six and half years!

Warmest wishes on your 90th Birthday!

Mona

Jim,

Congratulations on your 90th Birthday! Andrea joins me in wishing you, Carol, and your entire family our very best wishes on this wonderful occasion. Throughout my 20 plus year relationship with you during my head coaching tenure, and the 20 years that followed it, I can candidly say that I met very few if any men that I admired, respected, or wanted to be more like than you. Your love for your university, your commitment to athletics, and your never ending generosity were a living example for me and something I will never forget. No one has ever given more and asked for less than Jim Collins. I thank you on this your 90th Birthday for the standard that you set and the example that you lived. I am honored to call you my friend! You are simply the best!! Happy Birthday and may God bless you and all your loved ones on this great occasion.

Terry

Dear Jim,

What an honor to know you and to be able to recognize you on your 90th Birthday. Valorie and I have so much respect for you and your family. You have accomplished so much in your lifetime yet have remained grounded and humble in the process. Your history of helping others and supporting so many worthwhile causes is a shining example for us all.

*Sending our love and respect,
Bobby and Valorie*

Dear Jim,

How blessed we are to have you as a friend for these many years. Thinking of you fills us with a myriad of wonderful memories. From the first days of our early friendship when we had begun to work together as UCLA Alumni we realized that you are a most remarkable person. You were always at the meetings, always available for the staff and for consultation, and, you always accomplished just a little bit more than everyone else. The time that we have spent with you over these years has been a real joy!

Working with you and being with you at the academic events, the business meetings and the social events were great, however, the best times, the times we will always cherish the most, were the many ups and downs we shared with you over the years at the football and basketball games! Even time spent of the practice field sitting in the bleachers was fun and our many trips with the teams for away games create special

memories of their own. You put together the very, very best Rose Bowl Box ever. What warm thoughts we have of those wonderful years spent rooting for UCLA, with people we loved being with, brings to our hearts. Along with Hoyt Pardee we were able to keep Terry Donahue at UCLA. How great did that turn out to be!

You and Carol have given of yourselves to UCLA and many other charities both in personal time, effort and emotion as well of your wealth. Through all of these magnificent accomplishments you have always downplayed yourselves. What outstanding people the two of you are! We are indeed blessed to call you a special friend and you hold a very special warm place in our hearts. Happy, Happy, Happy Birthday!

*Sent with love,
Paul and Gloria Griffin*

H a p p y
B i r t h d a y
J i m



You (and Carol) provide
the best example of a life well-lived!

That twinkle in your eye
always brightens any room you enter.

We wish you 90 more!!

Joyce and Fred

DEAR JIM,

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR 90TH! I AM SO PROUD TO BE YOUR FRIEND FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS. YOUR LEADERSHIP AND PHILANTHROPY HAVE BEEN AN INSPIRATION TO ME AND MY FAMILY.

OUR PARTNERSHIP IN THE WESTSIDE YMCA IS AND HAS BEEN ONE OF THE GREAT PLEASURES IN LIFE.

ALL THE BEST,
RON KATZ

Dearest Jim,

We're not sure you can imagine the influence you've had in shaping our adult lives. Aside from our parents, you have been our most important mentor. You've shown us what it looks like to live a life filled with purpose and meaning and love. You are humble, gentle and kind; your actions and words are the same; you are beyond generous with your time and treasure; you keep Carol and your children and grandchildren at the center of your world. We love you so much and will always be grateful for the tremendous support you've given us over all of these years, for getting to do great work together, and for having you with us to share in many of the most important milestones in our lives (like our wedding!). Happy 90th! Looking forward to celebrating so much more with you!

Love,
Dana and Todd Katz

Dear Jim,

Am sending this short remembrance of our early relationship; I want you to know I've never honored one so worthy and iconic. In the mid '60s my family (Pop, Uncle, & self) were operating at the time 2-3 full service coffee shops in South East LA County (Huntington Park/So.Gate/Lynwood); At the time we featured \$1. chicken in a basket, clover roll, fries, plaid napkin & long stem ice cream; And we called it "finger-licken-chicken". In time received note from an attorney to cease using this moniker of finger-licken-chicken as it was proprietary to Collins KFC operations; My knowledge of Collins was as a major patron of our school, UCLA, and a reputation almost sainted; I called him, introducing myself, and described the scenario of finger-licken-chicken. After thinking for a moment he told us to continue using this for the 3 restaurants and no one would bother us!! Unbelievable giving & helping; And this was just a start of my following his career & success; We've become good pals, Carol Collins & Family are all just as nice; To me, Jim Collins will always be the face of Hospitality and I will never turn down a request for help, hoping to emulate my mentor & good friend, Jim Collins. Our Worlds are definitely better places with him in it.

Sincerely,

Jeff King, King's Seafood Co.

Jim,

My family and I want to wish you a happy and
healthy 90th Birthday.

We are confident that the next 90 years will be as
wonderful as the first 90!

All the best,
Brandon, Keren, Molly, & Georgie Koretz

Dear Jim,

From the first day we became friends, I have admired your business success and commitment as a dedicated community leader. My respect for you was one of the reasons why I was excited when invited to join the Board of the YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles. I am proud to have been able to follow you as a leader of this great organization.

Of course, your leadership did not stop at the Y. You have contributed so much of your time and resources to so many worthwhile organizations and causes. What has impressed me over the years is that you accomplished so much without seeking personal recognition. Beth and I always have enjoyed our friendship with you and Carol. We wish you a joyous 90th!

Bob Lowe

Happy birthday, Jim!

To a man of highest standards, a blessing to all he touches, here is my wish for many, many happy returns. (You have a few years to catch up with Henry Tseng.) Jim, I thought you might enjoy a look at a few Rotary photos. I've collected them here: <https://goo.gl/photos/8hpxTQJE8UfSLZx89>. I took nearly all of these from the club's Flickr pages (all are accessible from the club's website). I've picked one to share here. Some of these are better than others, obviously, but hopefully they will all bring back some fond memories. You'll find in the collection an article by Hap Gilman, who I believe was club president when you joined back on February 26, 1953. That was from the club's 25th anniversary book. From the club's 50th anniversary book you will find your own article discussing your year as president (1962-1963). You will also find a few club photos, one with you as a yearling! I look forward to seeing you every Thursday - and Sundays too - for many years to come. Once again, Happy Birthday Jim.

- Ron



Jim,

You have been an inspiration to me in so many ways. Your selfless help and advice when I worked in the Athletic Department was invaluable. Your generosity to both the University and the Athletic Department was unparalleled and quite frankly allowed us to reach our potential and great achievements. And, you never, never asked for anything in return.

If there is any person I can think of that has emulated many of our beloved Coach Wooden's great virtues, it is you. You have been a role model for me and I will continue to give back as I have learned from you. It is truly a rewarding and fulfilling feeling. As I drive through Los Angeles, I see your philanthropy throughout the city. You have touched the lives of so many individuals through your generosity and example. I feel so privileged to have known you and your great family. Happy Birthday and many, many more.

With deep appreciation,
Angelo Mazzone

Jim,

On this occasion celebrating your ninetieth birthday, we began recalling all of the ways our lives have intersected over the years. There have been quite a few of these encounters, such as:

- * Long time Rotary Members**
- * Sunday Scramblers dinner partners**
- * Swing Club golfers**
- * Summer Olympics travelers**
- * San Vicente joggers**
- * Rose bowl box mates**
- * All things Bruin**
- * Barcelona Olympics - 1992**

We have enjoyed these encounters and hope you have too. We send you our best regards on your birthday along with a great big Bruin 90-clap:

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clap- MISTER – JAMES – A. – COLLINS – RAH –
RAH – RAH”**

Roslyn and Don Nelson



Like so many of Jim's admirers, Chris and I first met Jim while he was "telling his amazing business story" at a YPO function. I next heard him while I was attending UCLA's Executive Management's program and again he was the guest speaker.

Though Chris and I would see Jim and Carol from time to time, including YPO and CEO events, we really became close when Jim surprised me by agreeing to serve as our first independent director of the newly formed AECOM. At the time, we had 3300 staff, with revenues of about \$300 million, and a much leveraged balance sheet. We had just initiated a management-employee buyback from Ashland. I told Jim, "I've heard your story---you are an engineer, and one of the few that have built a multi-billion dollar publicly traded business---we need to you to guide us to the same levels of success for our employee-owned business".

Little did we know he would do just that, providing AECOM the guidance and wisdom in his typical "low key", gracious, and modest manner. Today, AECOM has 95,000 employees and it is the largest business in Los Angeles, and with revenues of \$19 billion

it is the largest engineering & construction company in the world. Jim made our employees very happy too as we created more than \$1 billion of value for them.

More importantly, along the way, Carol and Jim became very close friends, enjoying our times together at CEO and YMCA events, LACC Christmas parties, our board retreats in exotic places, UCLA football games, lunches, and our fun bridge games at home. Today we even share our trainer...hard to get any closer than that!

One of our favorite ventures was to the Kentucky Derby, as Ashland would put on a CEO type weekend party each year for their executives, board members and clients. For Chris and me, it was special opportunity to be able to “show off” Carol and Jim. For “General Jim” I’m sure it was a double treat to also be celebrating in Colonel Sanders’ backyard. As with every party they attend, Jim and Carol were everyone’s’ favorites. My “buttons were popping with pride”!

- Richard

Jim,

It is remarkable to contemplate your 90th birthday on December 20th of this year. Time truly passes quickly. Our lives have intersected in so many ways...and, I am deeply grateful. Westwood Methodist Church, Westwood Village Rotary, Bel Air Bay Club, Los Angeles Country Club and The Swing Club. In addition, we share _kai_ through Beta Theta Pi...you at Miami of Ohio/UCLA and I at Illinois. You have been and continue to be a role model for me beginning over 35 years ago. When faced with complicated decisions I often ask... "what would Jim Collins do?" And, I know you have positively impacted so many others and their lives with your example and generous spirit.

Included with this message is a photo taken on Thursday, October 2, 1997. You, George, Walt and I received the 2nd Place, Low Net Award in the South Course Opening Tournament held on that day. As you can see...we were four very happy fellows. Although our golf was less than perfect...the friendship and fellowship were outstanding!

Debby and our entire family (Rachel, Brett, Leo, Ben, Stacy and Jacob) wish you a wonderful birthday!

With love, gratitude and profound admiration,
Steve



DEAR JIM,

IT HAS TRULY BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE ON SEVERAL BOARDS WITH YOU AS WELL AS CALLING YOU MY FRIEND. MY FATHER WAS IN THE RESTAURANT BUSINESS IN THE 1950'S AND 1960'S. HE WOULD BE VERY PROUD TO KNOW YOU ARE MY FRIEND AND MENTOR. BEST OF LUCK AND GOOD HEALTHY ON YOUR 90TH BIRTHDAY.

BEST WISHES,
BOB SPIVAK

To the truest Bruin ever at this wonderful
milestone moment.....

We celebrate your decades of partnership and
friendship and wish you joy, love and laughter on
behalf of your entire UCLA family.

With our very best wishes Jim, on your 90th birthday,
Gene & Carol

Dear Jim,

You have gathered a lifetime of fun, surprise, and generosity to others. I am delighted we have shared many memories with you at UCLA Anderson. Your dedication to UCLA Anderson is felt daily by our students, faculty and staff through your naming of the Collins Center, the endowed Jim Collins Chair and your long standing leadership on the BOV. We honor you for inspiring us, propelling us forward and for leading a life of significance and impact. Happy birthday, and to many more!

Warmly,
Judy

JIM,

90 IS THE NEW “SUPER-NORMAL” AND YOU ARE
UCLA’S ULTIMATE SUPERMAN!

WISHING YOU THE HAPPIEST OF BIRTHDAYS, OODLES
OF LOVE & ALWAYS AND FOREVER....
BIG BRUIN HUGS!!

CHEERS,
RHEA & ADAM



November 21, 2016

Dear Jim,

I remember meeting a fella turning 90, but he was not as youthful as you. Those 90 years have been good to you, but they've been surpassed by the 90 years you've given to others. Collins College of Hospitality Management, the "Y" in so many areas and our mutual endeavor UCLA. Those represent but a few of your involvements and I single them out because over the years I too have been involved, if not in concert, at least financially.

Our mutual endeavor the UCLA Campaigns were shared with great success. Again I say "thank you" because you charted the pathway which gave me the courage to follow in your foot steps.

Although our friendship came along when we both were about to turn gray around the temples it is a friendship that I cherish. Thank goodness there are no rules governing friendship. It is truly an emotion that comes from the heart. Yours must be exceedingly large to accommodate all of the friends you have gathered along the way.

Before I finish I'm supposed to wish you a "Happy Birthday". For me birthdays are just a date on the calendar, with nothing final as long as you keep putting one foot in front of the other.

Fortunately the road ahead for both of us is long as is our friendship. Couldn't ask for anything more.

Bob

Happy 90th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JIM!!! I've known you for almost twelve years now. This same time those years ago, the good Lord worked a miracle of bringing Doris and me together for our first date. Then, four months later, our wedding. Life with Doris has been wonderful, and part of the delight is getting to know you and Carol.

There are so many things about you that I admire and affirm, but most important of all is observing the joy you have in giving to the many causes you support. I will never forget your heart-felt expression when you received that distinguished award from your beloved University, UCLA. You said you enjoyed making money, but even more, you enjoyed giving it away. Your legacy of generosity is truly remarkable. The Lord has pressed His heart next your heart and you emulate His joyful giving Spirit. I see the impact of your contributions in so many strategic places. Soon, the YMCA building will be finished and your name will be part of name of the building. And I think of all the other buildings, causes, and benevolent organizations you have supported so graciously.

May the Lord whisper in your soul, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

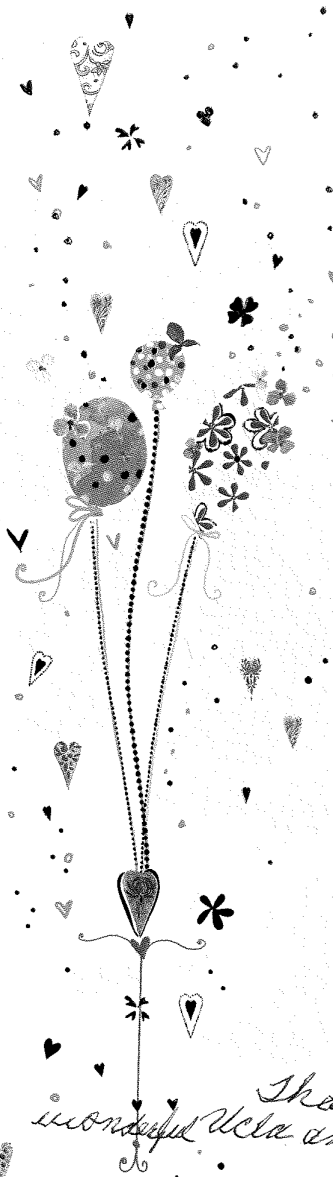
-Lloyd John Ogilvie

Ninety years old???

Not possible that all those years (and memories) have passed by so quickly...my memories of you, Jim, going back at least seventy of those years....when Carol first fell in love with you and thus brought you into our lives. Fun, shared birthday parties for our children and, of course, "Hamburger Handout" (Not sure that's the correct name). Then that fun time working with both of you when you bought your first house in the desert. Thank you, Jim, for buying that expensive tree, thus opening the door for Carol to buy whatever she wanted for the desert house. What a wonderful husband you have been to Carol and dear friend to me...even taking me to The Billy Graham Crusade where I first noticed Lloyd up on the big screen!! I could go on and on but it all adds up to being grateful to have you as a friend all these past years.

Love you, dear friend,

Doris



Hope your whole day is filled
with sweet little moments
that make you feel special.

And hope this
is one of those moments!

Hugs + Kisses,
Liz Vulich

Thank you for all those
wonderful UCLA and Olympic memories

Dear Jim,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! I remember the first time I met you – it was 1963. I was 9 years old and my Gra-Y Club (the Cobras) was playing Kelly's club in basketball in the old University Hi School gymnasium on Westgate Ave – my Dad was our Coach. Although Kelly's team won the game I played pretty well and you took time to congratulate me afterwards. Of course after the Y opened years later in 1971 I became a fixture with Cathy and the rest is history. But I can't thank you enough for your leadership and generosity in making the dream of a new big Y come true for us Westside Y kids. So much of what I am today was shaped by the experiences and opportunities given to me in that Y. And you have been active every step of the way – leading with warmth and enthusiasm and passion.

Fast forward to the late 90's during a Metro Y Board retreat in Ojai – I was an Operations SVP at the time. Somehow a discussion unfolded with Directors

about staff compensation and the appropriate level of transparency communicated to staff. One of the Director's suggested that in business sometimes you just don't tell the truth to staff. The Board was grappling over the issue and finally and gently but so firmly you said that you had always been totally truthful to customers and colleagues and that had always served you well. The room was silent but everyone knew you had just reminded us of what it means "to be your best". Today it reminds me of one of my favorite John Wooden quotes; "No written word nor spoken plea, can teach our youth what they should be. Nor all the books on all the shelves, it's what the teachers are themselves." So thanks for always being true to your beliefs and never forgetting your roots. And happy 90th birthday to a man I admire, trust, and love – who was just as successful in raising a family as growing a business. So proud to call you friend – you and Carol, Cathy, Kelly, Michael, and Lissa are family to me. Have a wonderful celebration!

Sincerely,
Alan

Jim:

Congratulations on reaching Ninety!!

Words I associate with you:

***Hamburger chef, marathon runner, friend, philanthropist,
Rotarian, Service above Self, Entrepreneur, Colonel Sanders,
Sizzler, Young Mens Christian Association, Board member,
Builder, Boys and Girls Clubs, Sponsor, UCLA graduate,
Contributer, “Man of the Year”, Philanthropist, Do-er, Husband,
Father, Grandfather, Friend, Activist,
“Sore Knees”, Giver, and always available.***

So pleased to call you my friend.

–Don

Dear Jim,

Congratulations on your 90th! Wishing you Many Many Happy Returns! May you enjoy Good Health and Happiness as your journey towards the centenarian milestone.

“Age is an issue of mind over matter.
If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.”

- Mark Twain

Best Regards,
Henry
(By Linda Hsia)

Dear Jim,

I want to express my gratitude for all you have given to me and our Y. You are a role model for me and so many of our Y leaders. Our Y Board is admired, and it's all because of you! Your acts of kindness and generosity have been a great support and are sincerely appreciated.

I knew the Westside Y was a special Y the minute I met you in 1994. One of my favorite memories is when you hand delivered a welcome plant to me on my first day on the job. One of many times your thoughtfulness has made me smile. Please know that your impact on me and the Y is immeasurable. I am so very proud to be the Executive Director of the Collins & Katz Family Y! The Best Y ever! Happy Birthday Wishes on your very special 90th.

With Love and Gratitude,

Ann Samson

When I first stepped onto the campus of Cal Poly Pomona, one of the most memorable things that occurred was meeting you. I had been in higher education for what seems to be all of my adult life but I had never met someone who was so passionate about a program and, more importantly, the students that it served. You truly dedicated your time, talent and treasure to establish the Collins College as one of the preeminent Hospitality Colleges in the country where it remains today. You raised and donated money for buildings, faculty and scholarships and even sustained the College until we were able to enter it into the University's budget. As busy as you were, I can remember going with you to meet with prospective students and their families and listening to you talk about what a great profession they could have in the hospitality industry. You followed up by being a great mentor, a great Bruin, a great board member, a great confidant, a great supporter, a great colleague and a great friend, but mostly you are just a great human being. You are who I most want to emulate in my own life. "I want to be just like Jim!"

This photo is very special to me because of the fond memories that Betty and I have of spending time with you and Carol. Happy 45th anniversary of your 45th birthday and I look forward to celebrating the 50th!

- Michael



To my Good Friend Jim,

Happy 90th Birthday! I often think fondly of my time with you. I recall the first time we met when you came to visit in Las Vegas and we shared a pizza at Metro. Your humbleness, kindness, and thoughtfulness are unmatched and an inspiration to me – every day. You have certainly made me a better person – to my family, friends, colleagues, and students. You continue to be an iconic leader in hospitality, but your impact on education and young people’s lives transcends our industry. I look forward to spending time with you Carol in the near future.

Andy Feinstein



“Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness”

2Corinthians 9:10

Words cannot express my sincere gratitude for your commitment to supply the seed in which we, The Collins College of Hospitality Management have created a harvest for thousands of students and future leaders in the industry. You will never know the many lives you have changed through your gift of education. On behalf of our students, happy birthday Sir and may you continue to be blessed with a harvest of good health and happiness!

Gina Johnson, Director of Major Gifts
Cal Poly Pomona & The Collins College of Hospitality Management



December 20, 2016

Dear Jim,

Happy 90th Birthday to a great uncle and friend! Many thanks for giving me my first legal job, for being such a champion supporter for such wonderful and good causes and, finally, for being so fair and honorable in helping carry out Poppy's and Gammy's wishes for all of their grandchildren.

*Lots of Love and Aloha,
Bill*



Dear Uncle Jim!

I'm so happy to be sending all of my very best birthday wishes to you along with an old photo from my archives. This was Thanksgiving Day 1967 at 721 Fairview Avenue. Those were very happy times!!!

*Love and blessings without number,
Claudia*



*Left to right:
Claudia (15), Cathy (16), Christy (10), Michael (8), Kelly (11), Lissa (6)*

Jim,

How fortunate I was to get you as my brother-in-law. You were always so nice, and we raised our kids side by side. I have such wonderful memories of you, Carol, and your children for which I am so thankful.

**ALOHA and HUGS,
LuAnne**

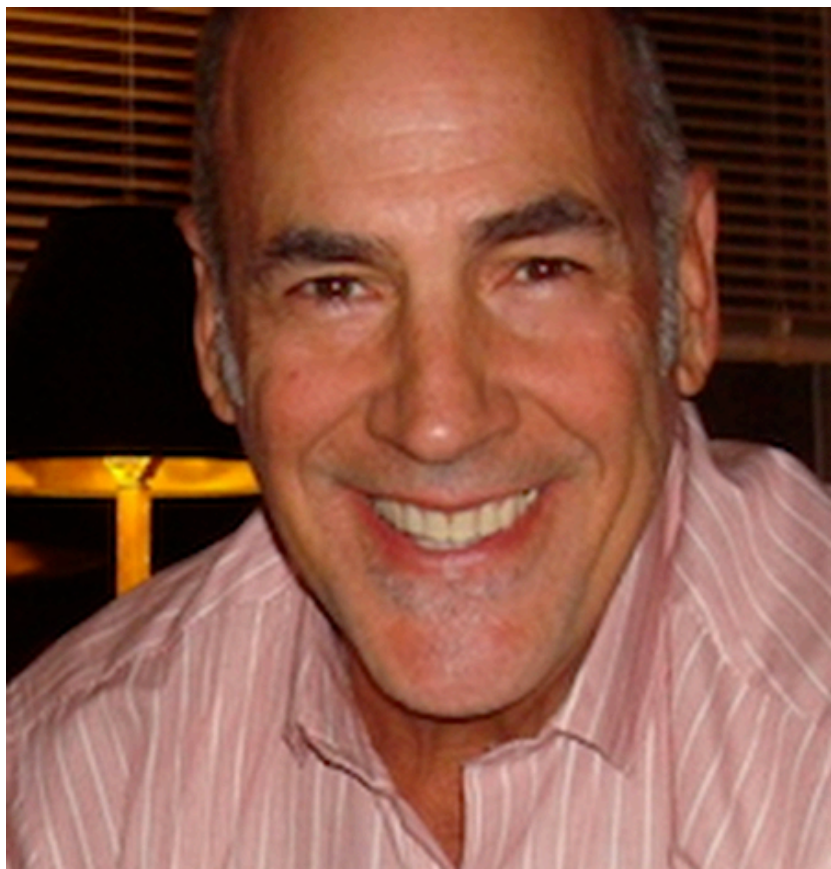


Hey Mr. Jim,

It's JD wishing you the best birthday ever! Just wanted to let you know what an honor and privilege it has been getting to know you over the past two years. I will always cherish your amazing life stories, the many laughs we've shared and getting to know UCLA and the Bruins like I've could never have imagined.

Your integrity, your outlook on life and your love of family and friends will always be the Jim Collins I have come to know and remember...
GO BRUINS!

James



Jim,

I can't believe you are 90! This will be the 50th year I was either with you, sent a card or gave you an unforgettable present. Maybe it was your 55th that we had a stripper jump out of a cake! She still asks about you.

Over the past 50 years you have done so so much for me it's impossible to cover all you have done . . . hiring me away from Arthur Andersen, giving me the ownership in two KFC stores before we went public, giving me a chance to run Collins Food Service, and a chance to be President for 15 years - the list goes on!

Hope you have a Fantastic Birthday!

Dick Bermingham

Happy birthday greetings from all your friends in Collins foods ltd in Australia. The thousands of employees who have worked for the company are forever grateful for the opportunities you created. It's hard to image that we have grown from that first KFC in Kedron in 1969 to over 200 KFC restaurants today in Australia and on December 1 we close on 11 new KFC units in Germany. Sizzler continues to expand in Asia. The people first culture you created is embedded in a DNA and is legacy that will live on.

On a personal note, I started working for you in 1979. It has been a great and rewarding career. You have taught me a great deal. Thanks again and happy birthday. I look forward to celebrating your 100 with you.

Regards,

Kevin and Laura Perkins

Jim,

Having the honor to get to know you through the Sizzler restaurant group has been one of the most special opportunities of my career. You embody the ideals that all of us strive for in your generosity, kindness, and caring while at the same time being able to be a professional businessman. It is not an easy combination to achieve. I have loved hearing the stories that you have shared with us and having worked with John Y. Brown Jr. and being able to tie together the stories he told of the old KFC days with your stories of experiences that you had with him was incredibly meaningful to me.

You are truly one of our Industries Iconic Leaders and you have shown the way for many of us who have longed to follow in your footsteps of Integrity, Honesty, and a Spirit that thrives to be the very Best. May God truly Bless you, Carol, and your Family on this momentous Birthday Celebration and may He continue to watch over you in the Years to come.

With Deep Appreciation,
Kerry Kramp, CEO, Sizzler USA, Inc.

The opening of our Carson Sizzler which we are partners with Kevin and Dennis Scott in and your daughter, the Mayor of Carson, Robert Clark and Forbes Collins (both 30+ year employees of Sizzler)!!



Dear Jim,

Many Happy Returns to a man I have admired from the day I first heard you tell your story! I enjoy trying to share your stories with my young family and trust the memories will carry on for many generations to follow, not just to hear but to be inspired and live the dream!

Best Wishes,

Dwight George

(Collins Foods Limited - Australia)

Dear Jim,

I just wanted to pass on my best wishes for your 90th Birthday. Thanks for your pioneering efforts in the industry and for all of Philanthropic efforts which have made the world a better place. Today Collins Foods Limited completed the acquisition of 11 KFC's in Germany. It's an exciting day here and your legacy lives on. Kevin tells me that this is not the first time that Collins Foods has operated restaurants there so I guess we should say that it's good to be back. I imagine and hope that your wonderful family is treating you today for your birthday. I do hope it's a very special family time of celebration. I wish you good health and many more years of happiness.

I know it's not possible for you to travel down to Australia any more. I am remembering all the fun times at the Collins Foods conference, particularly with our good friend Ross Brown aka "Brownie". One of my favorite features of those events were you telling the story of your journey and the Collins Foods story to our entire team. My son now works in KFC at our Grovely restaurant. It has taught him so many things, many of which will be lessons to last a lifetime. Last year I celebrated 20 years with the Company. Collins Foods has provided for my family all those years and I thank God for that. When I think about these things and remember that all these opportunities would also not have happened if you and the Colonel had not taken a risk all those years ago it just makes me say again and from my whole family, THANKS JIM! and again HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kind regards,
David Nash aka "Nashie"

Jim,

**Just wanted to wish you a very Happy Birthday. I hope
you have a wonderful day filled with family, friends,
great food and some birthday cake!**

**All the best,
Forbes**

Dear Jim,

Wishing you the happiest of birthdays. It just seems like yesterday that you were on the 5th floor of the Jefferson office. How time flies!

I have been with for Sizzler 33 years now and want to thank you for affording me the opportunity to work for the company you built. You have touched many lives both in and outside of Sizzler. I'm a better man for knowing you and wish you only the best, wanting nothing more than to continue your legacy at Sizzler. Many thanks.

Happy Birthday!!!

Robert Clark

DEAR JIM,

**WISHING YOU ALL THE BEST ON YOUR BIRTHDAY
MILESTONE. YOU HAVE BEEN AN INSPIRATION TO
US AND WONDERFUL FRIEND.**

**FONDLY,
SHARON & CHRIS BRADFORD**

Happy 90th Birthday my dear friend Jim!

I can't thank you enough for all you have done for me over the years. I am so blessed to have had the chance to meet you back in the 90's. You have been a true inspiration and a reason I have had success a wonderful career in Boys & Girls Club work. I am so delighted to be able to wish you a fantastic 90th Birthday and wish you many many more blessed years. You have been a gem for the folks in Los Angeles and the thousands of kids that have been touched because of your kind heart, generosity and the love for sharing.

Thank you also for sharing your daughter Cathy with me. Because of you... we have had an 18-year friendship that I am so lucky and cherish in the Dzubak home. Cathy has been the greatest gift you have shared with us. Again, Thank you Jim!

Happy Birthday Jim and wishing you all the very best!

Lots of Love my friend!

JR Dzubak

and the gang....Grace, Nolan & Elle

Mr. Jim Collins,

Happy 90th Birthday Sir!
Much respect to you!

- Paul PK Kim -

CONGRATULATIONS AND
A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JIM!

BEST,

TERRY TEGNAZIAN

WESTWOOD VILLAGE ROTARY CLUB

The world is a better place because of you and your faithful, generous and wide-reaching interests in making life better for so many people! Besides, you tell a great story.

We wish you a most happy and celebratory Birthday!

Bob and Judy Wessling

Happy Birthday Jim!!

In 1978 at Jim Downie house you said run the S.M. marathon!! I did and 21 marathons later and many 10ks. because of YOU!!!! HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

Bill Pierce

Dearest Jim,

You are a very special person in my eyes. A man of accomplishment, a man that has placed his mark in this world. Many come and many go and are just a foot note. On the other hand, you have been a remarkable man to your family first, friends which Rotary is one and your charitable contribution, and all your employees. You have touched many lives in a positive way, and on your 90th birthday I wanted to congratulate you for accomplishing another milestone and wish you the most wonderful birthday of all.

Paul Aslan

*Happy 90th Jim -
I promise - I thought you were 50!*

Always enjoyed you at Rotary.

*Best,
Sherry Dewane*

December 20, 2016

Happy goth, Jim.

You are now an official member of the “OFC” Club.
Congratulations and welcome!

Terry R.

Happy Birthday, so much to be proud of, Congratulations!

I will always treasure the memories of our time at the Sydney Olympics, great memories! My very best wishes for your next decade.

With respect and friendship,
Sally

Happy Happy 90th Jim!

Eleven years ago I met you when my office burned down. You were so kind and offered me a space in your office and I have been there ever since becoming part of the Greater Collins Family. Couldn't have picked a better man and family to be around! So honored to have met you and geez I hope I can make it to the grand age of 90 and counting!

Love to you and your family,
Jim Solomon