



San Luis Obispo

The end of April, my Mom, Robert and I spent wo days in San Luis Obispo **AND** in Morro Bay. Both of these places are Mom's stomping grounds when she was in high school and lived in Morro Bay wherein she bussed to the high school in San Luis Obispo. She wanted to revisit places that hold warm memories for her and to see what changed and what did not.

The three of us had fun checking out Bubblegum Alley in San Luis Obispo (yes that is a wall of chewing gum behind Mom and I). We enjoyed breakfast at the Coffee Pot Restaurant by the waterfront in Morro Bay.

We found a cute, unique place called Doc Burnstein's to enjoy ice cream and also "Kid Whiz," a one-of-a-kind toy store to buy Aubrey birthday presents.

A really special highlight was my Mom's wonderful find at a very awesome secondhand store in Morro Bay called "Treasures—Antique, Vintage & New."

In a display case at the front of the store, there was a figurine of a



Rempel-Diamond puppy. The very same figurine we lost in the 2014 Napa earthquake! Two other Rempel-Diamond figurines, our kitten and bunny, somehow survived the quake. When the quake hit, all three were on a knick knack shelf above the kitchen sink.

In the late 40s, my Mom and my Aunt Irene would often take the bus from Everett to Seattle to shop. Mom bought the bunny, kitten and the **original** puppy at a dime store once located in Seattle. Years later, to my delight, she gave all three of the figurines to me. I have always adored them; they are a part of my childhood. Losing the puppy left an empty spot. The puppy Mom found in Morro Bay filled that spot. The set is now complete again!



Look Who Turned Eleven!

Aubrey celebrated her 11th birthday with friends to enjoy Go-Karting followed by lunch out followed by a scavenger hunt. Aubrey's cake, a lemon one with cream cheese frosting, was one she baked and decorated with a fondant rainbow pouring out of a wishing well along with fondant trees and animals, all in a woody scene.



Rain, Rain, Rain

This last week, we had over 3 inches of rain. No big deal you say? Well, it IS May and this IS California! **AND** more rain is on the way!

Lunch with a Great Grandma

Soon after a visit with Robert and I, Mom met the Pines for lunch on Mother's Day at a VFW Post in Vancouver, Washington. How did this come about? She was attending a VFW Cootie Convention—close enough to connect with Tim, Kathy, Rylan, Aubrey and Sierra!

