

FROM THE WEST COAST TO WASHINGTON

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40 years on? No, tell me that's not true. I do remember reading this wonderful magazine in its various formats when it was published by the **Fosters, Chevy and Ed**—and oh, how they loved their magazine. It was their little baby. They loved going to all the social and

Hollywood events. Chevy with her pretty red hair and Ed always dapper. I recall being on the cover of the magazine along with a group of others. We all had our very own square box. So time really does fly. It seems like yesterday when my dear friend, prominent attorney, great dancer-runner, excellent cook and super wife to gorgeous **Leonard, Ada Sands** took over the magazine and asked me to contribute a column. **CELEBRITY SOCIETY** became another facet of my career. **Ruta Lee**, my TV partner and sister/friend, always loves reading the magazine and, of course, I have always sent copies to friends around the world.

Over the years in my travels back and forth to Washington from Los Angeles, the Clinton years gave way to the **George W. Bush** years, followed by my dear friend, **Hillary Rodham Clinton's** magnificent run for the presidency and now—can it be—yes, it can—Obama has been in the White House over a year. Enough said. Enough for most of us. What a roller-coaster period these years have been with the high, highs of years ago to the current dreadful state of the crumbling economy.

CELEBRITY SOCIETY has been a wonderful chronicle of our times. How does it continue to hang on? Well, somehow



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it does and thank God for its bubbly memories and its present day excitement which helps us escape into a world of glamour, society and the spices of all the other places it transports us to. Congratulations to **Ada** and to **Mimi Makabi** (*editor-in-chief*) for doing such a wonderful job. Let's wish for another "forty years" of success.

My husband, Bobby, and I have been busy as bees. We purchased another home—this one in Palm Beach, Florida—and managed to move in before this past Christmas. It is always an undertaking to get a place ready for occupancy, but our willful endeavors paid off and the place is wonderful.

We were organized enough to celebrate my loving hubby's January birthday in Florida. We had a wonderful gathering at our new abode with friends from up and down the Florida coast as well as special family from California. The house looked beautiful if I do say so myself and among the guests were **Steve and Wendy Kramer**, Bobby's son and our beautiful daughter-in-law, cousin **Enid and Louis Rogow**, newlyweds **Terry and Joe Mendoza**, **Lord Jeffrey Kruger** and **Lady Rene Kruger**, **Donald Trump's** attorney **Paul Rampell**, **Toni Lee**, **Lori** and **Josh Saxe**, as well as my friends, **Vera Swift**, **Marion** and **Nicky Albergo** and **Shari Gallucci**.

We've been back and forth from Florida to California and that is not quite like driving down to Hamburger Hamlet. I managed to make it to the annual meeting of the Women's Leadership Board of Harvard University of which I am now a very proud member just before finishing up with our new home.

How does one measure time? I don't know, folks. It seems to be so fleeting. But for now I am very-bicoastal and getting ready to write my memoirs and play golf. I'm so happy to be celebrating **CELEBRITY SOCIETY'S** 40th birthday. To one and all it's been lovely working with you. ■



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