

Neither of us imagined that this place would serve as the destination for so many of our getaways. Until, that is, we stepped onto Main Street that very first time almost five decades ago. We were hooked.

My hubby and I were kids when we each visited for the very first time. Back then we were a couple only in God's divine plan, with many years still ahead before we would actually meet, but already we had something in common. We, as most of you know, are Disney fans. Our kids were practically born there and have grown up Disney. Lauren even worked as a cast member at the Magic Kingdom during her Disney College Program internship.

Where am I going with this? Well, tomorrow Walt Disney World turns 50. Although our countless visits have not been challenge-free (crowds, lines, weather elements, cost, etc.), I don't recall ever saying "Ugh, we shouldn't have come this time."

To date, our collection of pictures, videos, autograph books, and Disney memorabilia is extensive. But the memories, oh especially the memories, those are priceless and etched in our minds, as they say, with timeless magic. And for that, today and always, our pack is thankful.

For you Disney fans, here's some of our favorite WDW script. Can you guess the ride?

- "Please stand clear of the doors. Por favor manténgase alejado de las puertas."
- "This here's the wildest ride in the wilderness!"
- "My siestas are getting shorter and shorter."
- "We wants the redhead! We wants the redhead!"
- "Paging Mr. Morrow—Mr. Tom Morrow. Please contact Mr. Johnson in the control tower to confirm your flight to the moon."
- "Your attention please! The Walt Disney World Railroad now boarding for a scenic trip around the Magic Kingdom! All abooooard!"
- "There's a great big, beautiful tomorrow shining at the end of every day."

- And consider this dismaying observation: This chamber has no windows and no doors, which offers you this chilling challenge: to find a way out! Of course, there's always my way…."

-Walt Disney World Monorail
-Big Thunder Mountain Railroad
-Enchanted Tiki Room
-Pirates of the Caribbean
-Tomorrowland People Mover
-Walt Disney World Railroad
-Carousel of Progress
-The Haunted Mansion

What place has served as one of your favorite getaway destination through the years? And what are you thankful for today?

Until next Thursday's post…si Dios quiere.

Jose (Ray) in front of the Cinderella Castle.

Me with the old cigar shop iconic Chief.















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