

# *The Life of Steve Meisner (2006-2007)*

## **The Next Chapter**

In a desperate attempt to find new words to express my entrance into a new chapter of life I have become somewhat mute. Previously, I thought my life was as much as it probably would ever be. I couldn't expect much more and would be happy with this as I've already been blessed with such a full life. I've presumed the ordinary experiences in life would occur that most folks experience and have always been aware of the wonderful gifts bestowed upon my life. However, I never expected to be at a loss for words to express my feelings as my life, in many aspects, moves to an entirely new chapter. And, in this realization I find myself in a place I've never been before. I have seen others go through the changes of life but it never seemed real to me despite being a natural occurrence. So, with that I'll just say that I hope to find adequate words to express myself in the uncharted map of my new life experiences.

As many of you know, Barb & I have now been in the new Meisner Mansion for just over 1 year and loving every minute of our beautiful surroundings. I am, however, frustrated that I just can't find enough time to get completely out of boxes and organized. I began reassembling my studio and plan to begin work on the next Meisner CD release. I've been working on a new DVD release featuring Verne & Steve Meisner at Frankenmuth Michigan's Summer Music Fest including footage taken over the past several years. I have set the release date for March 1st, 2007 and advance orders are welcome. See the order form for details. Now that I've wrapped up my Dad's estate, I'm looking forward to getting back to the business of music.

Barb, as usual, has been giving 150 percent to her home life and occupation. Where does she get that energy? Despite working many ours away from home she always manages to squeeze everything at home into her schedule. It's hard to keep this good woman down but her obvious love for our family and our many blessings keeps her going and makes the hard work worth while.

You may have noticed that this year's newsletter has gotten a new face lift thanks to my daughter, Whitney. She is currently in her last semester of graphic art design and is receiving high praise from her school & faculty. She'll begin an apprenticeship program this semester and I'm looking forward to seeing her thrive in a real work environment. She and baby Evan, now 6 months, are doing very well. Evan has brought so much joy to our home and is taking very well to grandpa's piano lessons. He gets very excited every time we sit at the keyboard together. What a treasure!

Lindsey is in her second semester at UW Whitewater and is currently planning on a business major. She loves to plan vacations and has added world traveler to her résumé hoping to continue seeing the world as life permits. After her high school graduation last year, we had a super pool party in her honor at our new home with live music by friends & family. It was a terrific day with many guests in attendance at our new home. Lindsey continues to hold down a job while attending school and is very able to keep her GPA at 3.4!

Austin started high school last fall and is shaving. I don't understand why he's shaving; I didn't start shaving until I was at least 16. He, like most 14 year old teenagers, is into video games, computers and skate boards. He reluctantly started marching band this year, but by the end of the marching season, was disappointed that it was over and that the rest of the school years would be spent sitting and playing his sax in concert band. We're going to start working on polka charts at home this year to get him ready for the road. He keeps telling me that he wants to join the band when he's 18, I laughed and said "If you wait until your 18 you'll be too old!" We'll just have to see where this year takes us, kids have so many distractions today; it's too hard to predict where they'll end up.

I'm not sure what life has in store for my music since I seem to be in a place where I feel such a sense of unfinished business. Specifically, I have several projects with my Dad that we never finished and in order to have a real sense of closure I think they all need to be finished. If, in fact, my past is a road map to my future then I'll most likely end up trying to finish them all at once and while I'm caught up in that moment I won't even realize what has been accomplished until I write next years annual letter to you. In any event, I hope to find the words to be more expressive in my music and life as I head into the next chapter. My gratitude to all of you for allowing me to share my life's many gifts with you.

God Bless,



Steve Meisner