

## Friday February 11, 2011

We invited our British friends to come for appetizers prior to the formal dinner so we went "shopping" at the buffet and put together some plates of food. The dinner in the dining room included fancy appetizers and yummy soups. Maureen had fish and Mike enjoyed his rare steak.

After the wonderful meal we all returned to our "party room" and played Balderdash. Maureen and Anne's team won!



## Saturday February 12, 2011

Following another fabulous breakfast at Sabatinini's, which included smoked salmon and cream cheese for Maureen, Mike rehearsed with the Princess Pop

Chorus and Maureen attended a hula class.



Maureen watched some Russian Dancers perform in the Piazza and then checked out the boat making contest.



Mike relaxing with a library book.



Another sunset off the aft deck which is just outside our Penthouse.



For dinner our waiters served us thick and juicy prime rib and lovely roast lamb with lima beans and a wonderful mint sauce.

Maureen brought her reading glasses that have built in lights. Harry got a kick out of reading his menu with them, and Howard had a laugh watching Harry.

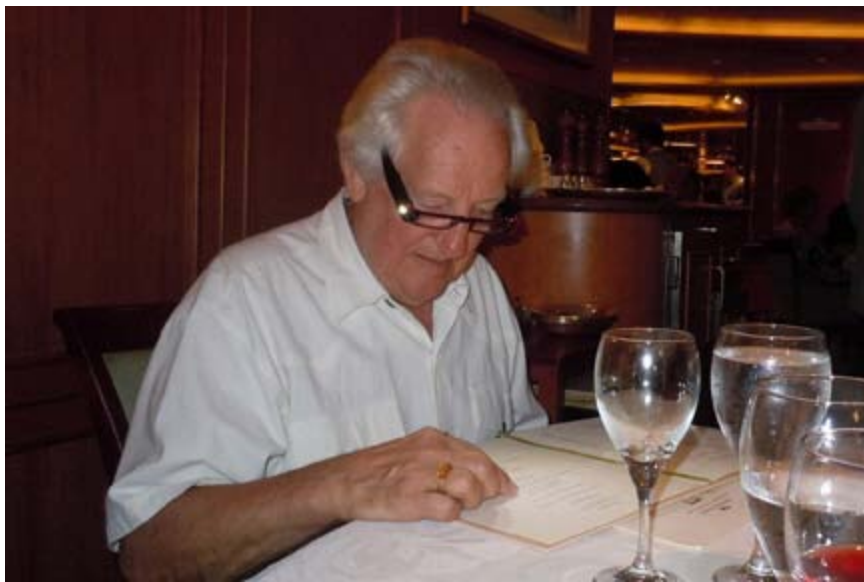


After dinner Shawn O`Shea, a Canadian,

entertained us with his musical impressions.



Then we stopped at the piano bar for a martini.





The evening was rounded out with a nightcap at the Skywalker`s Lounge.



## Sunday February 13, 2011

It was quite windy on our deck, so we had our breakfast in the stateroom.

Maureen attended a food demonstration given by the head chef and the head waiter. This was followed by a galley tour. All the gleaming stainless steel was very impressive and the chefs had outdone themselves making sculptures and fancy cakes.







Maureen bought a copy of the Princess Cruise Cookbook and had it signed.



In the afternoon Mike and his Chorus friends gave a spirited concert in the Piazza. It included rollicking music and choreography that was sometimes comical. Not bad considering they only had four half-hour rehearsals!



There was a record breaking crowd in attendance and they finished to thunderous applause.

That evening our British tablemates decided to skip the Italian Dinner in the dining room, so we sat with some Americans

. Our waiters were dressed in Mediterranean outfits



Mr. Albuquerque cooked up a special penne pasta appetizer.



Mike liked it so much that he had more for his entrée.

Maureen really enjoyed her spicy shrimp.



## Monday February 14, 2011

Happy St. Valentine's Day!

At 4 pm we walked up to Skywalker's where we enjoyed fancy hors d'oeuvres and Mojitos and chatted with Elaine and Bob.

Then we dressed up for the last formal night and relaxed in our stateroom for a

while.





We had an invitation to the Captains party, so we stopped at the Vines where we had Tapas and wine while waiting for the party to begin.



Karen, Howard, Anne and Harry came by and we all watched the captain as he gave his speech.





On the way to the dining room Maureen stopped to admire the Valentines cake.



The appetizers included asparagus and seafood.



Howard was not too impressed with the red caviar





Anne thought hers was marvellous!



Dinner included lobster and giant scampi.

For dessert the lights were turned down and all the waiters and chefs brought in  
the Baked Alaska.



Mike sweet talked the waiter into an extra large piece.



The Princess Theatre debuted a new musical and dance show aptly named the British Invasion. Playing to a full house the acting, costumes, music and choreography were excellent.

On the way back to our room we met a couple who were staying in the "Grand Suite". They invited us up to see it and of course we said yes!

At 1500 square feet it is monstrous. They entertain guests from their wine tasting group, so felt quite justified in the added expense and floor space. It certainly made our Penthouse look rather small.

## Tuesday February 15, 2011

Last day of the cruise.

Mike slept in a bit while Maureen started packing up.

After lunch the Princess pulled into Ensenada Mexico. As the ship is not registered in the US, regulations require a stop at a foreign port while cruising to American ports.

We hopped off the ship for about an hour and discovered that the shopping district is overrun with street vendors trying to make a fast buck. The whole place was rather depressing, so we bought 2 bottles of coke and headed back to the comfort of our room.

Maureen finished up the packing and then we entertained Ann and Perry, a couple we met from Sonora California. They are fostering a dog who is in the K9 program. "Miss Nora" recently had a litter of 9 puppies and they wanted to show off their pictures. We discovered many similarities between our foster programs and it reminded us about how much we missed our own puppies.