**BIRTHDAY SPEECH/POEM**

**FOR**

**MATTHEW BROWAR**

**(Please confirm you and your wife will take turns reading stanzas... there’s one part in particular that I noted for what your wife is to say.... but it’s pretty obvious. Thanks... Helene)**

Some things are special

Like birthdays and friends

But how to honor them?

It all depends

On how good they are

At golf balls they hit...

And how much we like them and

Do we give a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_???? (**If you don’t want to rhyme with “hit,” you can say ...”And do we care? And just go off the rhyme scheme or you can say... “Do we give two bits?”**)

So we sat down and thought

And then thought some more.....

Something to honor them...

But not from a store....

Something rare and precious

And very unique...

Oh wait this birthday...

They’re pushing **antique**...

So we tried to imagine a great song to sing

But singers we’re not

And no to the bling

And no to the Gucci

And no Cartier chimes.... then we thought...

**AHA**!!!! We **GOT** IT!!!

As long as it rhymes...

With golf and giving and friends far and near

For Cindy and Larry are two of a kind

And when you say Bloch

Only good comes to mind...

Well, I’m no Sonny

And I’m no Cher (**your wife says this**)

But Cindy and Larry,

You **ARE** quite a pair...

So we wracked our brains

Until our heads hurt....

and came up with this poem

Hey, it beats putting in dirt...

There are no other couples

Quite like the Bloch’s

She’s just adorable...

He’s quite the fox...

And provenance is important,

Believe us... we know...

Just verify with the others....

They’re all CEO’s...

These two constantly travel...

Roch... Manhattan... LA

We almost had to chip them

To find them today...

But we had a clue

On just where to look...

If one can be found

The other is close

Togetherness is key

They can’t over dose

On loving and laughing and playing their sports

They banter, they’re witty,

They zing with retorts

But golf... on the course

Sometimes marriage is strained...

when Larry’s chagrined by

Cindy’s pace of the day...

she maintains her cool and

Just responds.... aaaaaaayyyyyyyyyyaaaaaaaaa.

Now, Larry? He’s different

With his keen eye on the ball

He’s focused... doesn’t realize

It’s just a long stall...

But even foibles and stalling

And small talk that pends

We who know and love them

Wish the “party” never ends

The Bloch’s are a rarity...

Their spirits transcend

Their generosity, their goodness

To all they extend...

From finance to banking to student support,

These two Bloch’s give back

It’s clear **THEY** are the **SPORTS**

They commit... they inspire

They teach us what’s good

They lead with their conscience

As we all should...

So we want to pay tribute

To TWO SIXTY-FIVES

To happiness... to health... to being alive

To have friends like you

Is your gift to us...

And to birthdays and laughing and loving it all

To Cindy and Larry,

Live it up!!! Have a ball!!!

Happy **DOUBLE 65**!!! We love you!!! Thank you all!!