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Point of View - Front Door

I've been for a while now since 1983, to be exact, and I have seen quite a bit. I remember the first time someone opened me as they moved into the house; it was such a proud moment. It was indeed a memorable moment and my great honor when the groom carried his bride over my threshold. A few years later, they brought home their first baby from the hospital. As I swung open, the father told his new daughter, "Welcome home, baby girl," it was truly a precious moment. My favorite holiday is Halloween. I just love all the children coming up and ringing the doorbell for their candy; seeing the kids in their costumes always makes for an entertaining and exciting night. Besides being there to welcome everyone into the home, I have watched the street. I see the usual, the five AM jogger, the lunchtime walkers, but recently, the neighborhood has been so much more active. I have seen some driveway hangouts and a drive-by birthday parade. Apparently, there is a global pandemic that has changed the way people interact, so I have seen some new things. Maybe that's why my doorknobs are getting disinfected daily now? There are so many more dogs in the neighborhood now, too; I love watching them walk by throughout the day. The front yard is not a fan of the dogs, always complaining about how he feels disrespected. About a year ago, I was gifted with new locks and a door knocker – pretty fancy ones too! I felt so special because the new lockset is keyless. My friend, the garage door, was pretty jealous of my new locks; the last time he had his mechanics upgraded was a while ago. Before my jewelry upgrade, I got a fresh coat of paint and not the dull old white anymore. Still, this beautiful, fun, and bright blue - compared to the other front doors on the street, I am the most beautiful!

I am grateful for the families that have lived in this house and have cared for me over the years. I am so proud to have been their front door, be a part of their life, and provide them with protection from the elements and the safety and security to let them sleep peacefully at night. I love being there for every special moment in their lives, keeping an eye on the street and the other on them inside the house. We have seen some tough times, but those seem to be lost in the happy memories.