Gerund Phrases

Directions: Identify each gerund phrase in the sentences below. Gerund phrases are covered in *The Only Grammar Book You'll Ever Need*, page 42.

1. Happiness is hugging little children.
2. Giving a large donation to three local charities is what Brad and Ann do every December.
3. When I was with my grandfather, I loved skipping rocks across the river.
4. Cherie said, "Jumping through hoops to please the new boss is not my idea of fun."
5. After we moved, finding the box with our nightclothes was our first big challenge.
6. Thinking about my days off impaired my concentration at work.
7. Kenneth and Alicia enjoyed strolling down the beach at midnight.
8. Updating his webpage topped Alex's to-do list.
9. When I was younger, I liked going to local museums with my friends from school.
10. You can find the latest information by clicking "What's New" on the homepage.

Answer Key: **1.** hugging little children; **2.** Giving a large donation to three local charities; **3.** skipping rocks across the river; **4.** Jumping through hoops to please the new boss; **5.** finding the box with our nightclothes; **6.** Thinking about my days off; **7.** strolling down the beach at midnight; **8.** Updating his webpage; **9.** going to local museums with my friends from school; **10.** clicking "What's New" on the homepage.