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# DECEMBER Creative Carpet & Flooring HOME ADVISOR™

Hi Everyone,

Fall has arrived!!! The colors are amazing! The humidity is gone! I'm not fond of it getting darker sooner, though, but I do love the season changes - that's a fact. I love the Midwest.

I'd be remiss if I didn't mention that December 12th is my wife's birthday. I have been with this lady since I was 15 years old, and I love her more today than when we first began. That doesn't happen very often! Alex's birthday is a week later on the 19th! She works in the back offices that keep everything running smoothly. Alex is Dawn Giganti's awesome daughter who my sons terrorize like a real sister!!! She's in the "click" now. It sure is cool to see how many of our staff members are either family or friends prior to coming here. We are truly one big happy family!

We are all trying to keep up with the incredible support we have had in the new Highland, Indiana location, too. We don't want to let anything "slip" here in Mokena! Everyone is wearing a lot of hats for a season, while all our new friends and coworkers are getting comfortable working in our system. Man... "system" - that's a word! I started out crawling on the floor installing over 33 years ago! The only system I had was to wake up, get ready, drive to a store, get loaded with material and drive to the job site. Then, it was my next goal to do a world-class installation. Then, FINALLY, get home to see my wonderfully awesome bride, Tammy, and my then-baby-boy, Markie. Markie's not so much a baby anymore. He surely is, along with my wife and my other sons, so much more of the backbone of the company.

Please accept my thank you once again for being loyal friends to us. I'm continually reminded every time I see the completed newsletter. I see all the repeat friends, referrals by current friends, drive-bys, and all the monthly trivia contest entries! I'm simply always amazed at the support we have been given. We still have people coming back since we opened back in 1990! That is still amazing to me.

The Lord continues to amaze me too! A GIGANTIC HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST ON DECEMBER 25TH!!!

Thank you,

Mark Bouquet Sr.



## Month at a Glance:

**12<sup>th</sup> Tammy Bouquet's Birthday** - To the master behind the minds of Creative Carpet & Flooring, have a wonderful birthday, Tammy... you deserve it!

**18<sup>th</sup> Bake Cookies Day** - GREAT NEWS! Creative Carpet Quality Control (CCQC) is now available in Highland, Indiana as well as Mokena, Illinois. Anything to help accommodate our customers & their baking!!!

**19<sup>th</sup> Alexis Giganti's Birthday** - Tormented by her adoptive Bouquet brothers, it's all out of love. Happy birthday, Alex... even though you are lame ☺

**21<sup>st</sup> First day of WINTER** - shortest day of the year.

**24<sup>th</sup> Hannakah** - Is it spelled Chanukah, Hanukkah, or Hannukah?

**25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day** - Have a birthday cake for dessert for your Christmas dinner & sing Happy Birthday to Jesus!

**31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve** - Did you make a New Year's resolution?

## 2016 DECEMBER

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December is Write a Friend Month - Take the time this month to sit down with a pen and paper and write a friend a letter. A real, honest to goodness letter! Getting a letter from a friend in the mail can be uplifting! You could even receive a letter in return! HOLIDAY CHALLENGE - Send one letter each week to a friend. Christmas cards don't count!

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### ATTENTION!

## BARB BACHLEDA

You are this month's

### Mystery Winner!

We have a **\$10.00 gift certificate** to Starbucks reserved just for you! Come by our store to claim your prize!

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**NOTE:** Must be picked up by 12/31/2016

## DID YOU KNOW...

Here at Creative Carpet & Flooring, we want to treat your friends like royalty! Not just your friends, but your neighbors, co-workers and relatives too.

**For every person you refer who becomes a client, we will send you out to dinner ON US!**

We worked hard to earn your trust, and we take that trust seriously. We'll provide anyone you send to us with outstanding service and treat them like royalty. We promise that if you refer someone to Creative Carpet & Flooring, we will do everything in our power to make sure you look like a hero for referring us!

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## Mega Trivia Contest!

**Congratulations to last month's winner:**

**Pat  
Ricker**

**Stop in at Creative Carpet & Flooring  
to claim your prize by  
December 31, 2016!**

*[Answer to last month's quiz: (C) Kennedy, is correct! Shortly after noon on November 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated as he rode in a motorcade through Dealey Plaza in downtown Dallas, Texas.]*

**Who else wants to WIN A \$50 GIFT CARD  
towards dinner at TGI Fridays, Olive  
Garden, Red Lobster or Aurelio's Pizza?**

*This month's Mega Trivia question:*

On December 21, 1620, who landed in Plymouth?

- A** - Christopher Columbus
- B** - The first horses in the British colonies
- C** - The Spanish Conquistadors
- D** - The Pilgrims
- E** - The Quakers

To enter, go to [www.creativecarpetinc.com](http://www.creativecarpetinc.com), click on "Monthly News - Home Advisor Monthly Newsletter" and take your best guess. Your chances of winning are better than you think! Winner will be announced in the following month's newsletter. Entry deadline, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016!

## The First Christmas Tree

As with many traditions, time changes and modifies them, and the Christmas tree is no different. These trees get found across cultures and religions.

Pagans used the branches to decorate during the winter solstice. Romans used trees to decorate temples during the mid-winter Saturnalia festival. The tree was traced to Vikings and Saxons who worshiped it during winter rites.

The first decorated Christmas tree used during Christmas and New Year celebrations originated in the Baltics during the Renaissance period, and two of those nations debate over which had it first.

Riga, Latvia claims first decorated tree rites from 1510 and commemorated it on the 500th anniversary with a tree sculpted of metallic mirrors.

In picturesque Tallinn, Estonia the Brotherhood of Black Heads guild placed a Christmas tree in the Town Hall Square in 1441, and the city claims this was the first public Christmas Tree on display in Europe.

Similar to pagan traditions of using evergreen tree branches as part of winter solstice celebrations, the decorated tree that the Black Heads carried into the town square was part of mid-winter season celebrations.



## MEET OUR NEW FRIENDS & CLIENTS...

Doris Becchiono	Keith & Karen Graham	Starr Ooms	Russell
Joanne Beckmann	Lynn Hathaway	Larry Patient	Tomjanovich
Joanna Benignetti	Chriss Jansky	William & Ilene Patterson	Valerie Valente
Greg and Sue Bennett	Dorothy & Dave Jendraszkiwicz	Sam Ponce	Brian VanBaren
Chris Bodie	Rosalyn Johnson	Colleen Reda	Michael VanBuskirk
Debbie Bolde	Cindy Jonker	Bert & Susan Reed	Ron Verburg
Joyce & Ed Buckley	Kathy King	Rosemary Regnier	Ronald Vlasaty Jr
Susan Burke	Jake & Mary LaDuke	Janice Rhodes	Chris Wagner
William & Alvina Deboer	Carrie Lentz	Rita Rosana	Julie Wessel
Craig & Stacy Drake	Brenda Luchene	Misty & Bill Scheuneman	Rich & Sandy Widlowski
Brooke Drzewiecki	Paul Eagan	Chad & Sarah Schipper	Adam & Jenny Wilson
Larry & Diana Echols	Thomas Marini	Gerald Schoppen	Janice Wulf
Lorraine Evenhouse	Scott Filler	Julie & Steve Smit	Joseph & Cheryl Yokovich
Merilou Gerlich	Patricia McCullough	Andy & Robin Stephens	
	Tim Murphy	Joan Sullivan	
	Dan Nicholson	Jennifer Swaw	

## Thank You For The Kind Words!

"My wife, Colleen, and I wanted to let you know how pleased we are with the carpeting we recently purchased. Even with all the samples you let Colleen bring home to look at, we still were not sure how it would look. You assured us it would look good, and you were right. The colors upstairs and down look great. Our family and friends have commented on the rich quality and texture. We have been handing out your business cards to them. We also wanted to make mention of your installers, Saul and his helper. From the time they arrived in the morning until they left five hours later, they never stopped working. When they finished, Saul insisted Colleen walk through each room to inspect the carpeting until she was satisfied. He said he could not sleep at night if he thought she was not happy with his work. Thank you again for great carpeting at a great price, and a quick process – ordering, delivery, and installation. We are customers for life. Thank you." - Edward from Lockport, IL

## WELCOME BACK TO OUR RETURNING CLIENTS...

Doug & Jill Adams	Harold Liberman
Jerry Barnas	William & Marcella Mark
Karen Beringer	Walter & Sue Murphy
Marcia Cullen	Keith & Joyce Nelson
Mary Ann & Mark DeVries	Brian Parker
Kathy & Tom Dickason	Bev Slager
Joanne & Ken Hillblom	Jim Sollami
Art Hunt	Kathy Willey
Cindy & Bruce Knight	Rachel & Joel Williams
Max & Jamie Konzelman	Michele Young
Nancy & Scott Kurber	Robert Zank

## Tips for Choosing

# THE BEST GIFT

One of the best tips to giving appreciated gifts is to **make a mindset adjustment.**

Many people focus on the physical gift they are going to buy rather than the actual recipient, or a gift gets chosen based on price, convenience, obligation, or *just because* with no consideration to likes/dislikes, hobbies, preferences, etc.

How often have you opened a gift and wondered, "*What on earth was \_\_\_\_ thinking when he/she chose this gift for me?*"

Whether realized or not, each gift communicates a message to the receiver, and that has nothing to do with the value of a price tag.

**What message do you want to relay?**



Here are some tips to the best gift and gift-giving outcome possible...

- \* **Pay attention to conversations** in person and on social media. By listening and watching every day, you can discover things your loved one is passionate about, really wants or would love to have.
- \* **Ask their friends** for suggestions and expressed wants.
- \* **Note their interests, needs, likes, and dislikes.** What are they reading? What are their hobbies? What are their favorite activities? Etc.
- \* **Give an experience** like a live show, spa day or entertainment outing.



## WINTER DRIVING TIPS FROM THE MOKENA POLICE DEPARTMENT

The winter is upon us, and with that, winter traffic crashes occur. Traffic crashes are caused by driver's mistakes, not the weather. Here are some suggestions for driving during winter conditions.

- ☒ Have your vehicle inspected before driving in bad weather conditions. The brakes, fluids, tires and battery are all critical to your vehicle being able to drive in a safe manner.
- ☒ Clear the windshield, side and rear windows of ice and snow.
- ☒ Warm up your vehicles engine for a few minutes before travel to prevent stalling.
- ☒ When snowy conditions occur, drive with the low beams on to make your vehicle visible.
- ☒ If your vehicle begins to skid, take your foot off the gas, take your foot off the brake, and turn your steering wheel in the direction of the skid.
- ☒ When driving during icy conditions, be careful traveling over bridges, underpasses or shady spots. These spots tend to freeze quicker than the rest of the roadway.
- ☒ In case your vehicle should happen to break down, make sure you have a warm blanket, extra gloves, hat, scarf and other items of clothing to keep you warm. Also be sure to carry extra vehicle fluids such as anti-freeze, brake fluid, transmission fluid, windshield solvent and a good set of jumper cables.
- ☒ Finally, allow yourself extra time to get to your destination, check the weather forecast before you leave, and most importantly if you are caught in sleet or snow and feel uncomfortable driving, get off of the road.





# Keep Your Eyes on the Goal

It's hard to believe we are in the final month of 2016! What plans and intentions did you set at the start of the year? Each year we decide what we hope to accomplish. However, situations obstruct our lives and

distractions invade our thoughts. We get thrown off course, detoured, never return to the goal.

Now is the ideal time to reflect on what did and didn't work, then make goals for 2017 with a difference – a battle plan. After all, it is a battle to live and stay focused on a goal when life is so demanding! It steals priority, especially when a goal is in the future instead of the here-and-now.

One tip to help you keep focus is to make a decision about how life, people and situations will impact your thoughts, mood and actions.

Everything in life has distraction potential if we let it. Take action where you have control and decide that disappointments, stresses, and low points “will not suck my joy.” These choices may be the daily (even hourly) determined decision that allow you to keep progressing toward your goals.

New habits and thought patterns take time to become permanent. Distraction happens in seconds, but it takes 21 days of consistent action to make a habit. Decide ahead of time how you allow life and its situations to impact you - how you allow your mindset to get shifted (or not). Your deliberate choice will permit you to control where your focus goes instead of life spinning you off course.

We all have the potential and ability to learn and do what is needed to reach our goals – whatever each of us decide they are. Your battle plan on how to control mindset detours and deal with the impacts of daily life will help you surpass those goals.

*We wish you and your family a Happy New Year, and let's conquer our goals in 2017.*

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Angelo Braxton	Connie Gurgone	Carla Peterson
Sandra & George Brown	Keller Williams Realty	Dorothy Pustelnikas
Lynn Carmody	Jeanette Larson	Barbara & Eugene
Jimmy Clausing	Jim Lurgio	Satrun
Coyle Construction Company	Jill Martin	Dave & Carrie Stapleton
Leo & Virginia Doyle	Sean & Melissa Mattheuis	Debbie Trepina
Tom & Gail Durocher	John & Priscilla	Village Of South Holland
Frankfort Township	McDonnell	Mike Waldrige
Lynn Gorlick	Mokena Methodist Church	Janice Wulf
Tom & Connie Grabowski	Mary & Jon Nebor	

### December Community Events:

<b>FRI 12/2</b> <b>Annual Village of Homer Glen Tree Lighting Ceremony</b> 14240 W 151st St, Homer Glen IL 6:30pm Contact (708) 301-0632 Cost: FREE <a href="http://ow.ly/FQQN306sE6b">http://ow.ly/FQQN306sE6b</a>	<b>FRI 12/9 - SAT 12/10</b> <b>Holiday House Decorating Contest</b> Sponsored by the Mokena Park District 10925 W La Porte Rd, Mokena IL Deadline to register is MON 12/5 Contact (708) 390-2401 Cost: FREE <a href="http://ow.ly/6ghz306sBLK">http://ow.ly/6ghz306sBLK</a>	<b>SAT 12/17</b> <b>Lunch with the Grinch</b> Lincolnway Special Recreation Center 1900 Heather Glen Dr, New Lenox IL 11:00am - 2:00pm Cost: \$7 per person <a href="http://lwsra.org/grinch/">http://lwsra.org/grinch/</a>
<b>Now through FRI 12/23</b> <b>Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree &amp; Wreath Sale</b> St. Thomas More Church 8501 Calumet Ave, Munster IN 4-8p M-F, 9a-8p Sat & 9a-6p Sun Contact (219) 836-8610 <a href="http://ow.ly/lky0306sLai">http://ow.ly/lky0306sLai</a>	<b>12/2-11</b> <b>A Christmas Carol: Live Radio Play</b> Crown Point Community Theatre 1125 Merrillville Rd, Crown Point IN Contact (219) 310-8556 Cost: \$15 <a href="http://ow.ly/vDOS306sLpM">http://ow.ly/vDOS306sLpM</a>	<b>SAT &amp; SUN 12/3-4 &amp; 12/10-11</b> <b>Santa's Candy Cane Express</b> Hesston Steam Museum 1201 E 1000 N, La Porte IN 9:00am / train at noon Cost: \$3 ages 3-12, \$5 adults <a href="http://hesston.org/ccx-event">http://hesston.org/ccx-event</a>

If you have a community event or fundraiser that you would like us to feature in the Creative Carpet & Flooring Home Advisor, please email Dawn at [dawn.g@creativecarpetinc.com](mailto:dawn.g@creativecarpetinc.com) by the 15th of the month. December 15th is the deadline for the January newsletter.

*From our family to yours, have a very Merry Christmas & a safe and Happy New Year!*

### Get A Night Out At One Of Your Favorite Restaurants Through Creative Carpet's Referral Rewards Program

As you probably know, advertising is very expensive. Instead of paying the newspaper or other place to advertise, we'd rather reward you. So I've assembled my **Referral Rewards Program**. Every time you refer someone who becomes a client and purchases, we will send you a **\$25 gift card** to one of the following: **Olive Garden, Longhorn Steakhouse, Bahama Breeze Island Grill, Seasons 32 Fresh Grill, Yard House, Red Lobster, TGI Friday's or Aurelio's Pizza.**

### A gigantic THANK YOU to all who referred us last month...

- Bonnie & Deeks Carroll
- Donna & Carl Gerlich
- Gene Sullivan
- Ronald & Bernice Vlasaty Sr

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Don't visit any flooring dealer until you call us for a **FREE Consumer Awareness Guide!** You will learn...

- ✓ 4 predatory sales tactics
- ✓ 7 costly misconceptions about flooring
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# December to Remember



**\$150 off  
purchases  
over  
\$1000**

*or*

**\$600 off  
purchases  
over  
\$4000**

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this holiday season?



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