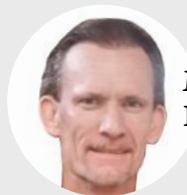


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"Mark" My Words... a message from Mark Sr.

Hi and a Very Merry Christmas to All!

Wow! I can't believe that at the end of November we were seeing 23° temperatures. So, I believe winter may not have officially begun at the writing of this newsletter, but it may as well have. (It does begin December 21st)

We personally have a few birthdays I want to mention. Please forgive my indulgence. My sister-in-law, Vicki, whose birthday is December 2nd, is in Kentucky with my mother-in-law who is 83 years young. I don't know what we would do if she wasn't down there with mom. She is our angel to give everything to help our mom. Mom doesn't want to leave "her hill." Her and dad were married just shy of 60 years. Dad built the house that they would retire to at the base of a mountain. (Dad's picture is on our blog post for our Veteran's Day acknowledgment of all the people we know have served)

It's also Tammy's administrative assistant, Dawn's (or D², as we call her, because we have two Dawns working for us) daughter Alex's birthday. She also works with us, and hers is on December 19th. (A young "pup" at 20!) Happy Birthday to you both!!!

Let's not forget Pearl Harbor Day on December 7th. If you have never been there, I hope you can see the site sometime. To stand on the deck of the Missouri, (or as she was called, "The Mighty Mo"), the last and the largest battleship ever built which was recommissioned for the first Gulf War after being modernized and then later decommissioned and now standing guard over "Battleship Row", is quite a sight to see. I can't tell you what it was like to stand there on the spot where the Japanese signed their unconditional surrender in Tokyo Bay. It was incredible. There is a plaque built into the teak wood deck at the exact point it was signed at. Amazingly as they were grabbing a table to sign the surrender on, they grabbed one from the mess hall and when it was over, no one thought to keep that exact table which is in the ship. It's there, but so are hundreds of others too. So, we will never know which table it was.

I want everyone to know that the love of my life is also having another "29th" birthday! Tammy's birthday is December 12th. Most of you don't know just how much of a factor she is in the success of the company. I can only tell you that when my neck surgery failed, had it not been for her and my oldest son, Mark, we may have ended right then and there. But instead, April of 2018 will be our 28th year in business!

Tammy, I don't believe I have to tell you, or anyone who knows me, just how much I love you - but I love you, babe. I have since the first time I saw you. Happy Birthday sweetheart!

There's another birthday we love to celebrate. The birth of our Lord Jesus Christ! Without the birth, there would be no salvation for those of us who believe. I will never tell anyone what to believe, but I also won't ever have my God-given right to speak about my faith, after my 32 years of studying, praying, and worshipping my Savior, silenced. So HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!!! December 25th which is the generally accepted day of His birth! Again, WE love people. So even if you disagree, we can agree to disagree. We can because He loved you so the least we can do is love you also.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

May God Richly Bless You All,

Mark Bouquet

Month at a Glance:

4 Santas' List Day - we hope you are on the "Nice" list

7 National Cotton Candy Day - would you like some fairy floss?

12 Tammy Bouquet's Birthday - she never seems to get older, she just levels up every year!

19 Alexis Giganti's Birthday - One more year until 21... yikes

21 Winter Solstice - the shortest day of the year

23 Festivus - for the rest of us

25 Christmas Day - Happy birthday, Jesus!

31 New Year's Eve - Welcome 2018

| 2017 DECEMBER | | | | | | |
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THANK YOU FOR THE KIND WORDS!

Please extend our thanks to your Creative Carpet family for generously donating a cardboard carpet roll for our Halloween project. As you can see, Jeff and I created a "Happy Howl-o-ween" theme for our Trunk or Treat at St. John's Church. With a little creativity and donated cardboard boxes, carpet roll, and a trip to the Goodwill store, our ideas came to life. The cardboard roll helped us to create the perfect fire hydrant for our Dalmatian. The kids really got a kick out of it! As always, thank you for all you do to make our community a better place!

And a special note to say how much I enjoyed this edition of the Creative Carpet newsletter, especially Mark's words.

Thanks again!

Kathy and Jeff Lewandowski



Where Does Santa Claus Come From?

Saint Nicholas was a Christian bishop living in Turkey during the fourth century AD who was known for giving away his inherited wealth to help the needy. He became "the protector of children" when he was sainted.

The legend of Saint Nicholas spread after his death December 6, 343. Saint Nicholas' name became Sint-Nicolaas in Dutch, or Sinter Klaas for short... which is how he became Santa Claus.

In Holland's celebration of Saint Nicholas' feast day on December 6th, Santa Claus delivered presents for children who would leave their shoes out the night before and wake the next morning to little gifts he would leave them. The Dutch started the tradition of leaving milk and cookies for Santa. It was many generations before Santa started coming on Christmas day.

Since Saint Nicholas conveys a spirit of love and generosity and gave us such a good example of helping the poor like Jesus did, we continue to give gifts and made Santa Claus part of our yearly celebrations on Christmas day.

Santa Claus becoming commercialized is because we forgot the historical origin of the beloved Bishop of Myra who obeyed Christ's command that we help all those who are in need. Just remember... Jesus is the most important during Christmas and the "reason for the season"!

"WELCOME BACK" TO OUR RETURNING CLIENTS...

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| Tony & Jenny Arrivo | John & Debra | Michele Latta | Carol Pocica |
| Rich & Anne | Fangras | Pat Lavenka | Nancy Power |
| Bawinkel | Sue Fennell | Linda Leimbach | Audrey Rakowski |
| Bruce & Peggy Bere | Connie Gonzales | Nancy & Nancy | Elsa Sandoval |
| Charles & Doreen | Beverly Hamstra | Lukin | Terri & Patrick |
| Bustamante | Willard High | Mike Mikich | Sharkey |
| Michael & Lynne | Paula Janik | Alyce Morow | Randy & Jan |
| Dalach | Maryanne Johnson | Janel Myers | Shelton |
| Ron & Carol | Joey Karczewski | Julie & Walter | Lori Sponder |
| Dickerhoff | Ron & Judy Kastner | Olczak | Matt Taylor |
| Carrie Diombala | Jason Lambert | Ellie & Gary Olson | Barry Tomaszewski |
| Deana Everson | Glen & Cathy | Chris & Dave | Art & Debbie |
| | Laszczewski | Pieczpnka | Victorson |

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Keep Focus

What are some things that your parents told you over and over as a child growing up? The first things that come to mind are "Sit still", "Always say please and thank you", "Stand up straight", "Be quiet", "Eat your food". My least favorites were "Clean your room" and "You're grounded"!



However, some of the ones that left the most impact were when I was told "Everyone has feelings, so always be nice to people", "You are beautiful just the way you are", "It's okay to make mistakes", "Be yourself", "Nobody is perfect", "You are loved", "Don't judge because you don't know their story". These are what we need to make sure to tell not just our children, but reiterate to ourselves. What we say and do is contagious and these things WILL rub off. It also doesn't matter how old you are, these are things that we continue to learn and apply every single day. Sometimes, "be nice to people" and "don't judge" are not as complicated as we make them out to be.

These are super basic but incredibly simple reminders to help us quiet our hearts and escape the busyness. Make it your birthday gift to Jesus this year to reconnect with God and some of these simple things in life. Keep focus on what really matters. Merry Christmas and God bless!

MEET OUR NEW FRIENDS AND CLIENTS...

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| Fredric Arana | Kristen Figliulo | Brian Kozlowski | John & Caryl |
| John & Carole | Thomas & Donna | Thomas Lane | Roberts |
| Bakker | Frachalla | Geraldine Lazarz | Laura Rot |
| Debra Beckett | Nancy Frankovich | Mark Licatesi | Jackie & Matt |
| Debbie & Mike | Christine Greco- | Matt & Emily | Schedin |
| Bennett | Klauba | Mackanin | Nicole Senkpeil |
| Karen & Jim | Rich Grossart | Alice Mallo | Joe & Sue Serio |
| Bergstrom | Phil Hearne | Amber & Jim | Alex Snodsmith |
| Christine Bialka | Cheryl Henderson | Martello | Denise Stec |
| John Bianchi | MaryKay Henry | Colette | Mark & Wendelin |
| Dennis Botts | Steve Hopman | McGuinness | Svara |
| Mario Castaldo | Elaine & Paul | Richard Milkeris | Kirsten Szwed |
| Frank & Caroline | Horan | Melissa Novak | Cindy Tremback |
| Coglianesse | Eileen Hurn | Aemish Patel | Kim VanRyn |
| Mark Davenport | Tim Jacobs | Marilynn Plese | Heather Vulpone |
| Carmel Diamond | Eric James | Debbie & Tom | Kyle White |
| James Dragon | Selena Johnson | Polignone | Gina-Marie Young |
| Linda Duran | Cathy Kelley | Jaymie Prescott | Al Zilavy |
| Phil & Phil Evans | Jayne Knieps | | |



Mega Trivia Contest

Who wants to WIN a \$50 Gift Card towards dinner at TGI Friday's, Olive Garden or Aurelio's Pizza?

Take our Trivia Challenge!

This month's Mega Trivia question:

What state has a city named "Santa Claus"?

- A) Alaska**
- B) Colorado**
- C) Indiana**
- D) Louisiana**
- E) Maine**

To enter, go to:

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 20th, 2017. Good luck!!!

Answer to November's quiz:
C) Thanksgiving

Congratulations to last month's winner:

Caryl Roberts

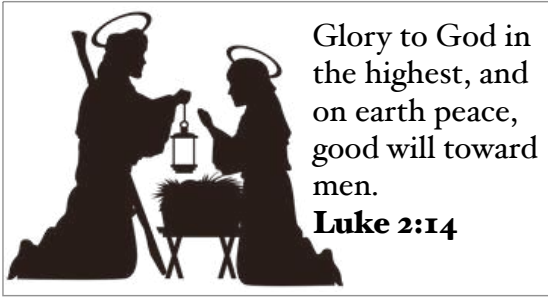
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Luke 2:14

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- Dorothy Pustelnikas
- JoAnne & Roman Wojcik

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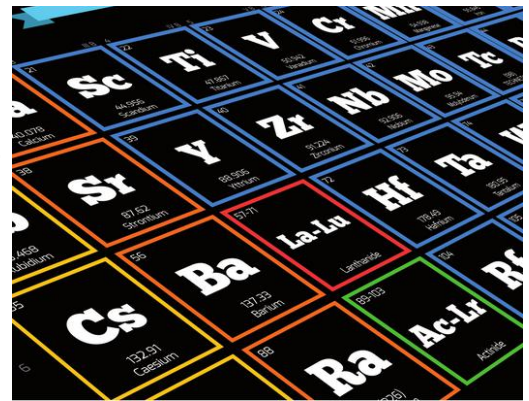
Solid, Liquid and Chemical Elements of Winter and your Floor

SOLID – Where there is snow, there is SALT. Salt gets stuck on the bottom of your boots and makes its way into your home on your floor. Salt will strip the protective coat from floors like sandpaper. Using walk-off mats on the inside and outside of your home's entry points are necessary. However, constant sweeping, vacuuming and damp-mopping to remove the salt is necessary.

LIQUID – Ice and snow melt quickly on the floors. If not attended to right away, the dirty, salty pool of water will leave stains and cause damage. The water will cause hardwood floors to swell, laminate to buckle and curl, and all flooring to mold and mildew. It is necessary to clean up all water as soon as possible.

CHEMICAL – This is the worst damage above all during winter. Rock salt is sodium chloride and can corrode cement. The other popular ice-melting chemical is magnesium chloride which can corrode metal. Imagine what these two items can do to your flooring!

Unfortunately, perpetual cleaning during winter is unavoidable and an absolute must if you want your flooring to last.



Community Events

FRI Dec 8th 7:00pm-9:00pm
SAT Dec 9th 6:00pm-8:00pm

Live Nativity
by Christian Life Church
Christian Life Church
15609 W 159th St, Homer Glen, IL
Joseph, Mary & baby Jesus with live animals inside the stable. Enjoy free cookies, coffee & hot chocolate
COST: FREE
INFO: Call 630-417-6901

SUN Dec 10th 2:30pm- 5:00pm
Shepherds and Kings Christmas Musical

by Portage Community Christmas Troupe
Crossroads Family Church
2386 Willowcreek Road, Portage, IN
Contemporary family-oriented choral & drama presentation
COST: FREE
REGISTER: <http://ow.ly/hjkX30gS9Cz>

SUN Dec 10th 6:00pm-9:00pm
Pet Photo Night

by Orland Square Mall
Orland Square Mall
Orland Square Drive, Orland Park, IL
Bring your pet to sit, stay and pose for a photo with Santa! Santa will be waiting at lower level Sears.
COST: FREE
INFO: Call 708-349-1646

FRI Dec 15th 7:00pm-10:00pm
Christian Connect Christmas Mixer

by Christian Connect
Family Christian Center
340 45th Street, Munster, IN
Prepare for holiday events with this line dancing class. Catered event, 21 & older. Holiday attire suggested.
COST: Advance \$15 each or \$20 for 2. At door \$25 per person.
INFO: Patrick Bell 773-703-6851

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