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"Mark" My Words... a message from Dawn Giganti

Before coming to Creative Carpet & Flooring, I worked at a private music school for about 12 years. I reminisce about getting the kids ready for the Christmas recital when Christmas comes around. Good times! A few days ago, I recalled one of my flute students, Casey. Her mom was bursting with excitement and pride to sign her daughter up for flute lessons. Her daughter didn't seem to share in her excitement. Once lessons started, Casey was very quiet. She didn't volunteer much information about herself, so I tried to get her talking. I asked Casey where she got her flute, and she told me it was her mom's. Now I understood her mother's excitement when she enrolled Casey in flute lessons.

As time went on, lessons were not so fun. Casey didn't practice or show much interest. I tried every angle I could to engage her, but it would never last long. I would transpose popular songs, make them fun and give her different incentives. I wanted to get her into the next lesson book, but she didn't practice, so that wasn't happening. I asked her if she enjoyed playing, and she always shook her head, yes, but it

didn't feel that way.

It got to where I felt like I was just taking her mom's money for nothing. I told her to put her flute down after going over the same thing for over a month during a lesson. I asked her if she liked playing the flute. Casey shrugged her shoulders. I asked her if she was playing the flute because SHE wanted to or for her mom. I hit the nail on the head... because her mom wanted her to. For homework that week, I told her that she needed to make a decision. She would need to put in the effort and practice to continue, and I would help her become a good flute player. If she wanted to stop, I told her I would not be upset and would help her talk to her mom. Either way, we just couldn't continue the way we were.

When 'Casey came in the following week for her lesson, Casey told me' she decided she wanted to continue lessons. She opened her lesson book and started to play... beautifully! I asked her what had changed. She told me that she never loved it. She never even liked it that much. But when I had her think about the big picture, there was a spark of something. There was a pride and ownership that was never there before. It was the very slightest shift in mindset, from "I have to play the flute" to "I get to play the

I'm sharing this with you because it's a good reminder of how significant that mindset shift can be. Not just for kids taking music lessons, but for us grownups, too. We all face an endless number of obligations and responsibilities, making life feel like a huge chore. When we look at these obligations as something forced upon us, it's easy to get resentful, procrastinate and make excuses. But we have the choice to change our mindset. Rather than complain that we have to do something, we can choose to say, "I get to do this, and I am going to do the best that I can."

What does the Bible say about changing your mindset? "Jesus said to him, 'If you can believe, all things are possible to them that believe" (Mark 9:23). It is time to change your mindset and renew your thoughts and ways of thinking. If you can renew your mind and thoughts toward the things of God, you

can change your world.

Our attitude makes all the difference. Pick one small area in your life where your attitude could use improvement. What have you been telling yourself you have to do when you could be telling yourself you GET to do? Make the mindset shift... you'll be surprised at what a difference it makes! What a great way to start the new year!

Dawn Giganti, Majketing & Administrative Assistant Creative Carpet & Flooring

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Month at a Glance:

1st New Year's Day - CLOSED to celebrate 2022 with our family & friends.

3rd <u>Fruitcake Toss Day</u> - Celebrate by tossing that fruitcake right in the garbage!

12th National Take the Stairs Day - A day to improve our health by leaving the elevator behind & walking up the stairs.

17th Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday - A day to do a little something to serve your community.

28th Fun at Work Day - Friday fun day at work? Stop by & celebrate with us!

29th <u>National Puzzle Day</u> - On this day, you can do crosswords, picture puzzles, Sudoko or any other kind of puzzle you prefer.

Employee birthdays this month:

27th Tim Churchill - Distribution Center Associate

ANTARCTICA - THE WORLD'S LARGEST DESERT



PICTURE A DESERT AND YOU PROBABLY IMAGINE A HOT. BARREN STRETCH OF SAND. THAT COULD BE ACCURATE, BUT THE TRUE DEFINITION OF A DESERT IS QUITE SIMPLY AN AREA WITH LOW PRECIPITATION. IT COULD BE HOT OR COLD, POPULATED OR EMPTY, SANDY OR SNOWY. THE POINT IS, THERE'S NOT A LOT OF RAIN. IN FACT, THE LARGEST DESERT DOESN'T FIT THE STEREOTYPICAL IMAGE -IT'S IN ANTARCTICA. LOCATED AROUND THE SOUTH POLE. THE ANTARCTIC DESERT IS 5.5 MILLION SQUARE MILES OF

the driest, windiest, and coldest land on Earth. Due to these conditions, there are no permanent residents there. A population of 1,000-5,000 temporary residents, mostly scientific researchers and other support staff, fluctuates THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

[World Atlas | June 2021]

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January 1 through January 31, 2022

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of Orland Park, IL

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Take our Trivia Challenge!

This month's Mega Trivia question:

What is the name of a full moon that occurs in January?

- (A) Wolf Moon
- (B) Hunter Moon
- (C) Worm Moon
- (D) Pink Moon

our website creativecarpetinc.com, click on "MEGA Trivia" under Specials 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 is the 20th each month. Good luck!!!

Last month's question:

What fictional character was given an official pilot's license in 1927?

Answer: (D) Santa Claus

In the early 20th century, one fictional character was given the honor of flight documentation and, no, it wasn't Superman. Kris Kringle was handed his official pilot's license by the Assistant Secretary of Commerce in 1927, in an event that was publicized and is on record at the Library of Congress. As Santa Claus received his license, he was also handed airway maps and reassured that airway lights would guide him on Christmas Eve. The license would legally allow Santa to deliver his load of presents through the available air route. Although some might argue that Rudolph should be given the license since he leads the way, the beloved red-nosed reindeer wouldn't be created for another decade. "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!" [Library of Congress | December 2020]

Congratulations to last month's winner:

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As you probably know, advertising very expensive. Instead of paying the newspaper or other place to advertise, we'd rather reward you. Every time you refer someone who becomes a client and purchases, we will send you a \$25 gift card to one of these restaurants,















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THANK YOU FOR THE KIND WORDS!

We recently had carpet installed again by Creative Carpet & Flooring. As before, we were impressed by their professionalism & dependability. The crew that installed the carpet was efficient & professional. The job turned out beautifully & they were conscientious & cleaned up completely. Highly recommend this business for your flooring needs."

~ Mariellen S. of Schererville, IN