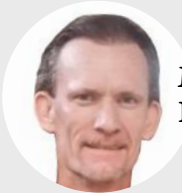


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"Mark" My Words... a message from Mark Sr.

Happy Snowy Days!

As I write this, one of my boys is out snowboarding with friends. Now, there was a time when I would have been right there with him, but those days are long gone - along with waking up without aches and pains! We all know we should eat better and exercise more, but all this technology pitched to us to make our lives simpler wasn't the truth. We make appointments for when we're going to schedule things, like a get-away! Then we keep moving that date because we're too busy! I'm not letting that happen this year. Tammy and I will be married 35 years on April 2nd, and our last two attempts at getting away alone didn't go as hoped. We made the best of it, but the third time is the charm! Lord willing, this will be different! We are going to sit down this evening and figure out what we would BOTH like to do like in the "olden days!" I'll have a "Gone Fishin'" sign up, and Tammy's sign may say, "Gone Quilting." I don't know, but we ain't tellin'!

It's crazy, after all these years, how roles have changed. I look at our 3 sons in the business, and it makes me ecstatic! However, it's a strange feeling not knowing the details of all the day to day happenings. It's even stranger that I really don't have to worry about it; however, the store is like my sixth son, so I will ALWAYS think about it.

Tammy and I would never have opened a store had her mom and dad not been able to watch Mark Jr. When they decided to retire out of state and number two son (Kyle) came along, we really had some big faith. Tammy left her job to babysit, and I took as much work out as possible to make up for her lost income. Then when my biggest contractor, Carson Pirie Scott, decided to get out of flooring, I was so used to high-end or new construction work that going to work for a big box store just wasn't for me. So, we opened Creative Carpet in 1990. However, I couldn't keep up sub-contracting for other stores and running our new store for long. I was wearing out, and I thank God Tammy came in to help when she did. It gave me the extra boost and strength to do whatever I had to! I COULD NEVER HAVE MADE IT WITHOUT MY BRIDE! Man, I don't know if it was huge faith or insanity how we just jumped into it all at 26! I'll never forget the 70-hour weeks, six days a week! Mark Jr. remembers me many nights falling asleep with my briefcase open on my lap.

So fast forward: Mark Jr. has turned the stores into "mission control!" He and Jake are intense, and, as Cody comes into the business with such extensive installation knowledge at such an early age, we know it's in great hands! With all that said, we're trying to grow the business to leave our kids a legacy. I hope to keep playing and start recording music again. I want to try not to feel as if I live to work but work to live. It's hard to let go of something that's been my identity, outside of my faith, since about 1983/84.

I always like to thank all our extremely loyal friends who keep coming back, generation after generation. That's awesome to me. For years I was "uncomfortable" that something wouldn't be handled right or the "way I would do it," as we grew, but I learned I don't know everything! But don't tell Tammy... ;-)

I want to mention a "Welcome aboard" to Laura. I hope you are around for a long time. I also want to remind people we will be closed on March 30th, which is Good Friday, and March 31st for Resurrection Day! We always close on Sundays, but, when we can, we like to string a few extra days off for time with our families. Everyone needs time away... including the owners! I must mention, Dawn Giganti [wacky brainiac if there ever was!] found a "Made Up Holiday" I can roll with! March 29th is "National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day!" Good call D-2! Hey, shouldn't it be "Pop and Mom Business Owners Day???" Hmm??? Just sayin'... and kidding!

Have a Blessed Easter!

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Month at a Glance:

4th Oscar Night - 90th Academy Awards
7:00pm CST

17th St. Patrick's Day - Time to get your green on!

20th First Day of Spring - FINALLY!!!!

29th National Mom & Pop Business Owners Day - A day we all celebrate and are thankful for here at Creative Carpet & Flooring!

30th & 31st Good Friday & Easter Weekend - Creative Carpet will be closed Friday, March 30th and will reopen Monday, April 2nd at 10:00am. Have a Blessed Easter holiday!!!

MEET OUR NEW FRIENDS AND CLIENTS...

Gerald Arnold	Joe & Cherisse	Nick Jarman	Barb & Paul	Jon Sansone
Brock & Lorrie Barrett	Dowling	Edward & Nancy	Marion	Len Skoniecke
Anna Carmine	Judy Fredrick	Kawa	Eleanor & John	Marc
Mark & Kathi	Jim Galecki	Kristy Leyba	Maslar	VanGameron
Chenoweth	Margaret Gash	Christina Lozich	Melissa	Marilyn Warda
Kelly Coppola	Carl Gomez	Larry	Ooykaas	Stanley Wasiak
Krystal & Kenny Davis	Carl & Pia	MacDonald	Carol Opyt	Brent & Lisa
	Gustafson	Frederick Magon	Jennifer & Carey	Wieher
	Kim Harmon	Dave & Lynette	Pearson	Patricia & Arthur
	Gary Hayslett	Manthei	John Rossi	Zezulka

Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade 2018



St. Patrick's Day in Chicago is usually associated with green beer, leprechauns and everything Irish. Kick off the day with the dyeing of the Chicago River, when buckets of mysterious yellow liquid are poured into the waterway, turning it a murky-yet-festive shade of green. The festivities continue in Grant Park, where the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade kicks off at noon with bagpipes aplenty. Before you head home, stop by one of the authentic best Irish pubs in Chicago or pick up a pound of corned beef to go with your cabbage. Take a look at our guide to locate the parade route and find great bars, restaurants and attractions for post-procession fun.

When is the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade? –The Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade begins at noon, but the festivities start with the dyeing of the Chicago River at 9am on Saturday, March 17. For optimal views of the fluorescent green water, head to the east side of the Michigan Avenue bridge, the west side of the Columbus Drive bridge or Upper and Lower Wacker Drive between Michigan Avenue and Columbus Drive.

Where is the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade? – This year's parade steps off from the intersection of Columbus and Balbo Drives at noon, continuing north of Columbus until concluding at Monroe Street. Barricades are set up all along Columbus and attendees typically arrive early to set up seats. The main viewing stand is located in front of Buckingham Fountain, where dancers and bands pause to wave to the crowd. We don't suggest driving—Grant Park is within walking distance of several trains and buses.

- Blue and Red lines: Get off in the Loop and walk to Columbus Ave in Grant Park.
- Orange, Pink, Green and Brown lines: Get off at Wabash and walk to Grant Park.

Long, Z. (2018, February 6). *Where to Watch the 2018 St. Patrick's Day Parade*. Retrieved from TimeOut Chicago: <https://www.timeout.com/chicago/events/festivals/chicago-st-patricks-day-parade>

THANK YOU FOR THE KIND WORDS!

I would like to thank Steve and the Creative Carpet family, for jobs well done. I just had carpet installed, and in December 2016 had my ceramic tile removed from my kitchen by Creative Carpet and they replaced it with one their luxury vinyl tile flooring, that I love. I was concerned that by the ceramic tile being thicker than the vinyl, I would have these big gaps between my doors and floors as well as the door frames, I expressed this to Steve and he knew just what needed to be done, to prevent that, without breaking my wallet, and me having these gaps, thanks Steve, turned out perfect. I would like to also thank the installers of my carpet and vinyl flooring for their promptness and for doing a great, and neat job, thumbs up to Steve and the installers. ~Delores A. of Merrillville, IN

MEET OUR CARPET CLEANING CUSTOMERS...

Pauline Bergman	Sue Gebhardt	Rehoboth Church
Meredith & John Brody	Todd & Catherine Gryczka	Saryn Sands
Linda & Bill Duran	John & Charlene Hanyzewski	Stephen & Cindi Schwegman
Cheri & Brian Dwyer	Brian & Judy Janik	Julie & Steve Smit
First Reformed Church of South	Thomas & Karen Kempe	Smith Village
Holland	Kathy Kurzeniec	Daniel & MaryJo Vladika
Frankfort Township	Brandi Lepkowski	Tom & Ruth Wojcik
Pam & Amy Fuller	Elijah Miller	

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MARY KAY LANIGAN
of New Lenox, IL
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Did You Know?
We Celebrate Your Referrals!

Advertising in the newspaper, yellow pages, radio, etc., is expensive, so rather than pay for that, we'd rather reward you!

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

Of course, rewards are nice, but the real reason you refer a friend or loved one to Creative Carpet & Flooring is because you trust us. When you send your aunt or grandmother or co-worker to Creative Carpet & Flooring, you are trusting us to provide them with outstanding services and to... well... to treat them like royalty!

We take that trust very seriously and 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! Take a moment to fill out the referral sheet on the back of our sale flyer today and be someone's hero!

WARNING! 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
- ✓ 5 questions to ask a dealer before buying

Visit our website to obtain your copy!

We NEED big goals in our lives!

We all need goals to get ourselves motivated. Big goals that frighten us a little, but also get those butterflies fluttering in our stomach and make us jump out of bed in the morning ready to take on the day with a vengeance. Huge goals map the path to our life and help us move with direction, like a GPS that keeps recalculating no matter what way we turn!

To do big stuff, you have to set really big goals that are exciting to you. However, setting large goals isn't easy for everyone. We get lost in the hustle and bustle of everyday life, taking care of everything and everyone else that we feel like we've lost ourselves. Then, we don't know what we want... or what we should want.

Have you ever found yourself feeling you want to do something that matters, something you care about? You want to do something really "cool", but no idea what that cool something should be? You just want to do SOMETHING...

Just wanting to do SOMETHING is a big goal in itself! And if you've ever found yourself saying something similar, even to yourself, it might just mean that figuring out exactly who you are and what it is that you want might very well be the big goal you need to be working on right now.

It could mean taking some time for yourself—planning a personal retreat or a day or two away, just to think. It might mean journaling or reading books related to a few topics you could potentially be interested in. It might mean taking a class or attending a lecture. It might mean going to counseling or even hiring a life coach. But first you'll have to see it as a goal (and an important one, at that!)

"A good goal is like a strenuous exercise – it makes you stretch." ~ MaryKay Ash.

"The ultimate reason for setting goals is to entice you to become the person it takes to achieve them." ~ Jim Rohn

In other words? Just the act of setting a goal forces us to grow.

If you have been struggling with this idea of trying to figure out what you even want out of life, embrace this struggle as your new BIG goal! Make getting clarity your new priority and identify a few specific things you can do to act towards this goal. You might just be amazed at where it leads!

Soukup, R. (2018, February 9). *Pay no attention to the guy with the waffle!* Retrieved from Living Well Spending Less: <https://www.livingwellspendingless.com>



Mega Trivia Contest

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

Take our Trivia Challenge!
This month's Mega Trivia question:

What colors are on the Irish flag?

- A) Green, white, red
- B) Black, red, yellow
- C) Green, white, orange
- D) Red, yellow, green
- E) Red, white, blue

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, March 15th, 2018. Good luck!!!

Answer to December's quiz:
B) The White House

Congratulations to last month's winner:

BARBARA ROGERS

of Joliet, IL

Stop by Creative Carpet & Flooring to claim your prize by March 31, 2018!

14 Delicious Facts About Pi

- Pi is the number of times a circle's diameter will fit around its circumference
- There is no zero in the first 31 digits of Pi
- Pi has 6.4 billion known digits – it would take a person approximately 133 years to recite all of them without stopping
- At position 763 (known as Feynman Point), there are six nines in a row
- Some people believe Pi contains the answers of the universe. (But on some days, a slice of pie holds all the answers to the universe!)
- It took nine hours for the Memorized-Digits-of -Pi world record holder to recite over 44,000 digits
- Pi Day (March 14) is also Albert Einstein's birthday!
- Pi is irrational — no, not like my mother. An irrational number is one that cannot be expressed as a ratio of integers
- Johann Lambert proved Pi is irrational in 1768
- The symbol for Pi (π) has been used regularly for 250 years
- Pi has been studied by humans for 4,000 years
- Many mathematicians claim that it is more correct to say a circle has an infinite number of corners than to view a circle as corner less. Stop and think about that for a second.
- Pi was first calculated by Archimedes of Syracuse. He was reportedly so engrossed in his work that he did not notice when the Roman soldiers conquered the city of Syracuse. When a Roman soldier approached Archimedes, he yelled in Greek "Do not touch my circles!" The Roman soldier quickly cut off his head and moved on.
- If you printed a billion decimals of Pi in ordinary font it would stretch from New York City to Kansas. We recommend you don't try and print out Pi!

@DreamBox_Learn. (2010, March 10). *Celebrate National Pi Day! 14 Facts About Pi.* Retrieved from DreamBox Learning: <http://www.dreambox.com/blog/celebrate-national-pi-day-14-facts-about-pi>

“WELCOME BACK” TO OUR RETURNING CLIENTS...

Delores Allen
Ty Bearden
Alyce & Ted Camphouse
Laura Carmine
Don & Nyla DeGraff
Randy & Cindy Devries
Michael & Mary Disanti
Diana & Ron Dunn

Thadius & Tracy Elliott
Joyce Englebrecht
Debbie Fisher
John Flores
Dale Graham
Bob & Sarah Greenfield
Greg Groeling
Brendan Healy

Joanne & Jeff Hellinga
Tonya Japp
Brian & Veronika Johnson
Josh Lucas
Colette McGuinness
Marilyn Miller
Dave Monaham

Edward Naumchuk
Jack Nevell
Janice Pridgen
Geri Ragan
Vickie Rozek
Dennis & Sue Ryan
Danny Salgado
Colleen & Robert Sands

Eileen Sheets
Barbara & Frank Smith
Tim Streit
Marcel & Liz Thomas
Jim Thuot
Kristen Yunker
Karla Zandstra

Take a Walk in the Park

Don't miss out on "Take a Walk in the Park Day" this March 30th. It is an opportunity for exercise and relaxation. Are you stressed out? A walk in the park is just what the doctor ordered. It's calming and therapeutic. Taken after a busy work day, it helps clear your mind and re-energize you. Or, take the walk during lunch and you will find the afternoon of work goes by quicker and easier.

This year, "Take a Walk in the Park Day" falls on Good Friday. Even more enjoyable if you have the day off! Take it all in with a clear mind and with your eyes open. In addition to avoiding a fall, open eyes will allow you to take in the beauty of God's wonders: flowers and trees, birds and wildlife. Whether you walk in the park with a friend, a loved one or alone in prayer or reflection, it's a wonderful way to spring clean your mind and your soul. A walk in the park will likely be the most enjoyable part of your day.

Holiday Insights. (2000-2016). Take a Walk in the Park Day, March 30. Retrieved from Holiday Insights: <http://holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/March/walkinparkday.htm>



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

Walter & Carol Nagle
 Patricia Ricker
 JoAnne & Roman Wojcik
 Janice & Richard Manthei
 Patricia & William Sudds
 Edward & Nancy Kawa

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Correcting the confusion...

National Anthem Day

A few people incorrectly assumed that National Anthem Day is September 14, the day the song was written. This is incorrect. National Anthem Day is every March 3rd, in celebration of the day that congress made the Star-Spangled Banner our national anthem.

Community Events

FRI Mar 9th 7p - 9p
A Walk in the Garden: Daddy/Daughter Dance
 by Southlake Family YMCA
 Southlake Family YMCA
 1450 S Court Street, Crown Point IN
 Dads & those like Dads and daughters are invited for a fun filled garden dance & light refreshments. Registration required.
 COST: \$15 per couple; \$5 addtl. daughters
 INFO: call 219-663-5810 or visit www.slymca.org/programs/family-activities

FRI Mar 9th 7p - 11p
MHTK 80's Prom
 by Munster-Highland Tri Kappa
 The Room
 8353 Indianapolis Blvd, Highland IN
 Dress in prom attire to enter Prom Court or just come in favorite 80's garb. DJ, Taco buffet and penny drinks included in ticket.
 COST: \$50 pp / must be 21 and over
 INFO: call Aimee 219-314-1907 email metricappa@gmail.com or visit www.evenbrite.com/e/mhtk-80s-prom-tickets

SUN Mar 18th 2p
Irish Parade
 by Village of Tinley Park
 Beginning at Central Middle School
 18146 S Oak Park Avenue, Tinley Park IL
 Along Oak Park Ave in Downtown Tinley.
 Floats, community groups, local schools & businesses. Delicious Irish fare & fun at many Downtown Tinley restaurants!
 COST: FREE
 INFO: Call 708-444-5000 or visit www.tinleypark.org

THR Mar 22nd 8:30p - 9:30p
Flashlight Egg Hunt
 by Mokena Community Park District
 Yunker Farm
 10824 West LaPorte Road, Mokena IL
 See who can find the most treat-filled eggs using only a flashlight! Must bring own flashlight & bag. Ages 10-14. Registration required before March 15th.
 COST: \$10 resident / \$12 non-resident
 INFO: call 708-390-2401 or visit www.mokenapark.com

If you have a community event or fundraiser that you would like us to feature in the April 2018 Creative Carpet & Flooring Creative Thinking, please email marketing@creativecarpetinc.com by March 14th, 2018.

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- 1) Enter the names and contact information of your friends and family on the form below. *You must fill out **all 10 entries** in order to receive a **\$25 gift card to Creative Carpet & Flooring!*** Not only are our gift cards good towards flooring purchases - they can be used towards a carpet cleaning, our Spot Cleaner with LIFETIME refills, a rechargeable sweeper, a vacuum, an area rug... or give it as a gift. The possibilities are endless and it NEVER EXPIRES!
- 2) To everyone you referred, we will send a \$50 Creative Carpet & Flooring gift card, ***with a chance to double it to \$100***, and a little background information on our store and services.
- 3) Every time someone who you referred through this program becomes a client and purchases, ***we will send YOU a \$25 restaurant gift card:*** Olive Garden, TGIF or Beggars Pizza!

So get started now and do your friends and family a HUGE FAVOR!

Many of our clients came to us after having a bad experience with a floor covering company. You will be doing your friends and family a gigantic favor by referring them to a company they can trust!

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FAX: (630) 423-9644

WEB FORM: www.creativecarpetinc.com/referral-rewards-program.html

EMAIL: marketing@creativecarpetinc.com

YOUR NAME: _____ **YOUR PHONE:** _____
YOUR ADDRESS: _____ **YOUR CITY & ZIP:** _____
YOUR EMAIL: _____

Please enter the names and info of your friends and family below:
(You may attach more sheets if necessary)

#1 NAME _____	#2 NAME _____
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