

# Treasures

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## Noyes Treasure

It's going to be a girl! That's what we found out a few weeks ago when our daughter and son-in-law, Krystal and Dan Brandeis, had their gender revealing party. My wife and I are so blessed to be having a granddaughter coming into our lives in early March! Krystal and Dan are avid softball players so what better way to reveal the gender of their baby than with a softball theme. The doctor sent the baby's gender to an outside company who filled a baseball with the proper color smoke (pink or blue) and sent the ball to Krystal and Dan (without them knowing what was inside). At the revealing party, Krystal pitched the ball to Dan who hit the ball to reveal the pink smoke (thank goodness he didn't miss). What a joyous moment that was!

November and December are full of Noyes family traditions. This year, our family will continue our Operation Stone project by providing Thanksgiving dinners to 88 families in celebration of what would have been our Mom's 88th birthday. Christmas has a host of Noyes traditions as well including singing Christmas carols around Mom's piano.

If your family discontinued family traditions, I encourage you to revive them. If your family doesn't have any, make some! These traditions will truly be treasures to you and your family!

Happy Thanksgiving! Happy Hanukkah! Merry Christmas! Enjoy them all!



## Community Chest

Recently, my son Jacob and I were able to volunteer at the Little League Challenger Jamboree with other parents and kids from Jacob's St. Cecelia School baseball team. What a rewarding day!

The Little League Challenger Program is Little League's adaptive baseball program for individuals with physical and developmental challenges. The Challenger program provides individuals with challenges the opportunity to play Little League. It was great to watch the smiles on the kids faces as they played, but it was also great to see how Jacob and his friends interacted with these kids. We were in charge of the carnival games and Jacob and his friends jumped in and helped and encouraged the participants win rubber snakes and other trinkets.

It was supposed to be a learning opportunity for Jacob, but it turned out to be a learning opportunity for me as I learned that 10-14 year old boys like Jacob and his friends are not phased by physical and developmental challenges in others like some adults are.



## Classroom Treasure

From the horse farms to the front of the classroom. That was the journey for this edition's Classroom Treasure, Carter Waterkeyn.



Mr. Waterkeyn is presently the Social Studies Department Chair at Dixie Hollins High School in St. Petersburg where he teaches AP Human Geography and AICE/Cambridge Economics. In addition, he is an American National Government professor at St. Petersburg College in Tarpon Springs. This dedication to teaching started with a suggestion from a friend.

Prior to his teaching calling, Mr. Waterkeyn managed horse farms, trained horses, sold cars, ran rental car locations, owned a wholesale car business and managed a day labor branch. Although he was always pretty good at these jobs, he lacked that sense of fulfillment. So, a

friend suggested that he try long term substitute teaching. Immediately, Mr. Waterkeyn fell in love with teaching! Nine years later, he remains passionate in mentoring his students on the importance of finding what they love to and working hard to get it.

Despite the current news of unmotivated high schoolers, Mr. Waterkeyn knows better. Over the last 7 years, he has taught over 1000 AP/Dual Enrollment/Cambridge students and proudly helped them go through the college admission process. He is truly an advocate for many of our community's high school students.

How much does Mr. Waterkeyn love teaching? Those who know him will tell you that he often tells people, "I would teach for free if I won the lottery." That's the dedication many teachers have and they deserve recognition and praise for their dedication to teaching. Thank a teacher today!

As a small token of our appreciation for Carter Waterkeyn's dedication, we recently presented him with a Target gift card. If you know a teacher or student who deserves spotlighting, please let me know at matt@matthewnoyes.com.

## Locks of Love



Special kudos to Hannah Jenkins (the daughter of my litigation legal assistant, Tisha)!

Hannah is currently a Junior at Clearwater High School who, despite being only 16 years old, wanted to make a difference in our community. She tells us that she has witnessed many people including kids her age or younger struggle with alopecia areata or cancer so when she decided to cut her hair, she knew she could help.

Hannah decided to give back by donating her hair to Locks of Love. Locks of Love is a public non-profit

organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under age 21 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. They use donated hair from kind people like Hannah to create the highest quality hair prosthetics which provide help to restore other children's self-esteem and their confidence, enabling them to face the world and their peers.

Hannah donated over 12½ inches of her hair to help other kids. She is truly a treasure!

If you wish more information on Locks of Love, visit them at www.locksoflove.org. If you know of a child/teenager who is being an example to others, please let me know so I can spotlight them in an upcoming Treasures newsletter.



## Legal Nugget

After being injured in an automobile accident, a person is not automatically entitled to pain and suffering damages. Under Florida law, a person must prove that there is a **permanent injury** before pain and suffering damages can be awarded.

For more information on this or other questions, call us at 727-796-8282. We are here to answer your questions.

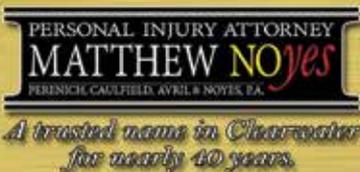


## Know a Treasure?

I am on the search for more local treasures. Do you know a treasure in your family or in our Tampa Bay community? If you wish to share by having me spotlight your treasure in an upcoming newsletter, send me the information through MatthewNoyes.com or email me at matt@matthewnoyes.com.

If I use your treasure in an upcoming Treasures newsletter, you will receive two tickets to a Tampa Bay Rays game.

Have fun finding those treasures!



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# Focus on Community Riches

Thank you for taking a break from the negativity in our world to read this edition of Treasures. Inside you will see examples of treasures in our community. Please let me know if these Treasures are enjoyable for you. I know some readers think it is odd that a personal injury attorney is writing about great teachers and other people in our community and not about "10 Things to Do After a Car Accident." Any TV commercial or billboard attorney can write about those things, but I see my role differently. I believe President Theodore Roosevelt was right when he said "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."

I care about my clients and my community. I love getting on my soapbox to fight for a client in court or at a mediation and enjoy getting on the same soapbox to talk about our great Tampa Bay

community. My family and I have been in this community for 40 years and have encountered many treasures in our communities. If there is someone you know who deserves a spotlight in an upcoming Treasures, please let me know by emailing me at matt@matthewnoyes.com or calling me at 727-796-8282.

Enjoy the articles inside this edition of Treasures and all the treasure in your life and throughout Tampa Bay!

Matt

## Recipe Riches

### Sweet and Crunchy Turkey Salad (A light way to use the leftover Thanksgiving turkey)

#### Ingredients:

- 1 loaf corn bread
- 12 c. mixed greens
- 1 c. pecans
- ½ c. balsamic dressing
- 3 c. leftover cooked turkey
- ½ c. dried cranberries

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Place corn bread cubes on a baking sheet and toast until lightly browned, turning once, about 10 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, toast pecans until lightly browned, about 5 minutes.
3. In a large salad bowl, toss turkey, pecans, cranberries, and greens with balsamic dressing. Add corn bread croutons and gently toss.



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