

# Treasures

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## Client Crystal

Some of the best parts about my career are the opportunities to engage with my clients outside of the office. Recently, I had an opportunity to do just that at our Client Appreciation Picnic. Each year, the firm invites our clients to Philippe Park for an afternoon of Sonny's BBQ, prizes and good time. This year was a lot of fun and I was able to talk with many of you.



To those that came, thank you for coming! To those who didn't, you missed a good time! Don't miss our Client Appreciation Threshers Game in April!



It is truly an honor to earn your trust. You may not see me with a tie on most days (I wore one every day for about



20 years) and you may have to listen to some of my stories and jokes, but know that I take my responsibilities to help you and your friends and family very seriously. My goal is to be an approachable lawyer to who you feel comfortable to ask questions, refer friends and family or simply share some barbeque with.

I meet a lot of nice people after something bad happens to them. Please know that I don't consider myself having any cases. I don't work on cases. Rather, I am blessed to represent clients. Others can work on cases; I rather work for clients. My clients are truly treasures!

## Jewel of Law Enforcement



We have so many unsung heroes in our local law enforcement. It is an honor to spotlight a treasure from the St. Petersburg Police Department.

On the afternoon of July 21, 2017, Officer Kurt Bradshaw was on his dinner break at the Chick-Fil-A on 4th Street North. Officer Bradshaw had just received his food when he was alerted to a potential problem in the main area of the restaurant.

Officer Bradshaw heard someone say "he's choking" and realized that a young boy wasn't breathing. Without hesitation, Officer Bradshaw moved through the crowd of people, grabbed the child, 10 year old London Stumpo, from his seat and administered the Heimlich Maneuver.

Once the boy was breathing, Officer Bradshaw requested St. Pete Fire Rescue and remained with him, making sure he continued to breathe and calming the victim's family. It was the paramedics' opinion that Officer Bradshaw's quick, decisive and immediate action provided "crucial and critical life-saving intervention." For his actions, Officer Kurt Bradshaw earned the St. Petersburg Police Department Life Saving Award.

Thank you, Officer Bradshaw for your heroic work on that day and every day! As a small token of our appreciation for his dedication to the community, we recently presented Officer Bradshaw with an Outback gift card. Who knows, he may need to use his life saving skills at Outback as well.

If you know a law enforcement officer, school crossing guard or firefighter who deserves spotlighting, please let me know at matt@matthewnoyes.com.

## Community Chest

In my quest to "Do Something" (see other side), my family and I proudly honored our mother by giving Thanksgiving baskets to 89 deserving families.

My mom passed away suddenly from cancer in 2003. Thanksgiving was always a special family holiday and her birthday was always close to Thanksgiving. So when she passed away, my 10 brothers and sisters decided that we would honor Mom and her love for Thanksgiving by providing a family dinner to those in need. She would have been 75 years when she passed away so we started with 75 families and added one each year to commemorate how old Mom would have been if she was still with us. Since she would have been 89 years old this year, 89 families received Thanksgiving dinners from the Noyes family. We encouraged them to enjoy family time as they enjoyed their dinners.

I tell you this not to toot my horn, but to keep Mom's memory alive as well as to let you know that you too can do something. Maybe it is providing a few cans to the food bank or welcoming a lonely neighbor to dinner. It doesn't have to be 89 families; it can be 89 smiles or thank you's to those who may need one.



## Jewel of a Joke

After speaking during the Great American Teach-Ins recently in Senora Brito's class (who was a recent Treasures Spotlight in the Classroom), this joke seemed fitting:

A kindergarten teacher wanted to teach her students about self esteem. She said to her class, "Everyone who thinks you are dumb, please stand up."

She didn't think anybody would stand and she'd make the point how no one was dumb.

But about that time, little Jonny stood up.

She didn't quite know what to do. She said, "Now Jonny do you really think that you're dumb?"

He said "No Ma'am, I just hate to see you standing there all by yourself."



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## Legal Nugget

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## Focus on Community Riches

Thank you for taking the time to read this Treasures. I know that the holiday season can be hectic so I appreciate you taking a break to read about good people in our community.

We just finished our Thanksgiving celebration and are now shifting to Christmas, Hanukah or other similar celebration. Personally, I have been blessed to have so much to celebrate, but I know that many people don't. Many people are hurting physically, emotionally, financially and feel there is nothing to celebrate. We can turn our heads and focus on our joyful world and ignore those suffering. However, that's not what treasures do. One of my favorite songs to listen with my son is Matthew West's Do Something. Here are some of its lyrics:

*I woke up this morning  
Saw a world full of trouble now, thought  
How'd we ever get so far down, and  
How's it ever gonna turn around?  
So I turned my eyes to Heaven  
I thought, "God, why don't You do something?"  
He said, "I did, yeah, I created you."*

*If not us, then who?  
If not me and you  
Right now, it's time for us to do something.  
If not now, then when?*

*Oh, it's not enough to do nothing  
It's time for us to do something*

No matter where we are in our lives, each of us can do something to make the world a bit brighter for someone else especially during this Christmas season. Invite a lonely person over for Christmas dinner. Give a smile or a thank you to the Target cashier who has to deal with some difficult customers. Hold the door open for the person behind you. None of these things cost money, but they can change a person's world even if for just a few minutes. Also, they can spark a chain reaction.

Send me an email at matt@matthewnoyes.com of what you or your child did to "do something" this holiday season so I can post them in an upcoming Treasures newsletter.

Have a joyous Christmas holiday season and make the world a bit better for someone else. One person cannot help everyone, but everyone can help one person!

Enjoy the articles inside and all the treasure in your life and throughout Tampa Bay!

Matt

## Recipe Riches

### Cream Cheese Penguins

Everyone loves penguins! Spruce up your holiday party with these adorable edible Cream Cheese Olive Penguins!

#### Ingredients:

18 small black olives      18 jumbo black olives, pitted  
1 carrot      1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened  
Fresh red pepper

#### Directions:

Cut a slit from top to bottom, lengthwise, into the side of each jumbo

olive. Carefully insert about 1 teaspoon of cream cheese into each olive.

Slice the carrot into eighteen 1/4 inch thick rounds; cut a small notch out of each carrot slice to form feet. Save the cut out piece and press into center of small olive to form the beak. If necessary cut a small slit into each olive before inserting the beak.

Set the big olive, large hole side down, onto a carrot slice. Then, set a small olive onto the large olive, adjusting so that the beak, cream cheese chest and notch in the carrot slice line up. Secure with a toothpick.

You can add scarves and hats by using fresh red pepper strips. You can also add a tiny grape tomato for the hat and a drop of cream cheese for the pom-pom on the hat to finish them off.

