

Treasures

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Noyes Treasure

Being a personal injury attorney is a blessing, but being a husband, dad and grandpa is an even better treasure. Some of the readers have asked for update on my treasures.

My son recently became a teenager. That's hard to believe (until I see the grey in my hair)! Jacob is a great son with a big heart. For his 13th birthday party, he asked his friends not to give him presents, but rather donate to a family of a classmate who was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor. Jacob's friends did just that – further proof that most people are good!

My daughter, Krystal celebrates her birthday in February, but celebrates her treasure –my granddaughter Makenzie -- every day. Krystal is a great mother and Makenzie is a smart loving granddaughter. She loves her Grandma, but allows Papa to love on her as well! We get to celebrate Makenzie's second birthday in March!

Thank you for asking about my treasures. Enjoy your treasures!



Client Crystal



As a personal injury attorney, I meet a lot of wonderful people after something bad happens in their life. Shelly is one of these gems!

I represented Shelly for a workers' compensation over 17 years ago. Since then, I have been able to see how she shines in the community. Following the events of September 11, 2001, Shelly helped organize and participates every Friday in an American flag wave on Bayshore Blvd showing her pride, patriotism and gratitude. She has been out there proudly waving the American flag in rain, heat and Florida cold.

In addition, Shelly she has touched the lives of veterans, active military and local police and fire personnel over the years. Shelly routinely sent care packages to active military before others did. Later, she shifted her focus on wounded warriors and their families ensuring that they are comfortable. She often checks on WWII veterans in our community. Shelly also sees the importance in our local firefighters and police. This is illustrated by her efforts to arrange meals for local firefighters and police on duty during the holidays.

Shelly avoids praise for all her dedicated work. "To me, what I do is simply support. It's not rocket science, just a hand. Not a hand up or a hand out, just a hand and maybe a hug too" Shelly tells me. Shelly shifts the attention to her "good team of caring elves." This past Christmas, Shelly and her elves fed people who are living in the crack of the system. With one week's notice, Shelly and her team of elves delivered a big bag and box of food (ham, fresh produce, snacks and beverages) to fourteen families who needed a hand.

Shelly does all this despite her medical challenges associated with her condition that has required nearly ten surgeries for tendon repair or replacement. She is true example of love for her neighbors. As a small token of our appreciation to Shelly for her dedication to spreading kindness, we recently presented her with a gift card. Keep up the great work, Shelly!

Community Chest



To celebrate the opening our location in St. Petersburg (2560 First Avenue S.) and Martin Luther King, Jr Day, our firm participated in the MLK parade in St. Petersburg. I enjoyed the opportunity to interact with so many people during the parade. I feel I should always walk around with beads in my hand because people were very happy to see me as long as I had beads.

Martin Luther King, Jr's quote that fits well into this *Treasures*'s theme is: "We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies."



Jewel of a Joke

A woman was taking a nap on Valentine's Day afternoon. After she awoke, she told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a gorgeous and expensive diamond necklace for Valentine's Day! What do you think it means?"

"You'll know tonight," he said.

That evening, her husband came home with a small package for her. Thrilled, she quickly opened the box and found a book titled "The Meaning of Dreams."



Legal Nugget

If you are injured in a car accident, your Valentine may be entitled to compensation for their own damages called loss of consortium. Florida law allows the award of damages for the uninjured spouse's loss of services, comfort, society and attentions from the injured spouse in the past and in the future caused by the accident.

Focus on Community Riches

Thank you for taking the time to read this edition of *Treasures*. February and March are special in the Noyes home. In addition to celebrating St. Valentine's Day, my wife and I get to celebrate our daughter, Krystal's birthday and our granddaughter, Makenzie's second birthday as we recoup from celebrating our son's 13th birthday!

In today's world, it is easy to lose focus on the treasures in our worlds. Most media today find it better for ratings to condemn than to praise. Although I believe it is important to know what is going on in the World, I believe we cannot lose

focus on our own worlds – the communities we belong to. I recently heard Luke Bryan's song, *Most People Are Good* which served as a reminder. Here are a few of the lyrics from the song:

I believe most people are good

And most mamas oughta qualify for sainthood

I believe if you just go by the nightly news

Your faith in all mankind would be the first thing you lose

I believe this world ain't half as bad as it looks

I believe most people are good

Anyone who knew my momma would agree with that line. The Client Crystal section in this *Treasures* introduces you to another good person (and her elves) who you may never see on the nightly news. Also, in the Noyes Treasures section, you will read about good people who we are blessed to have in my son's school community. I encourage you not to lose faith in mankind and know that most people are good. On this St. Valentine's Day, I encourage you to send a card or give a special hello to a good person in your life.

Treasure the good people in your life and be on the lookout for other good people. Trust me, they are out there throughout Tampa Bay!

Matt

Recipe Riches

Shamrock Shakes

THIS IS AN EASY ST. PATRICK'S DAY TREAT FOR ALL AGES!

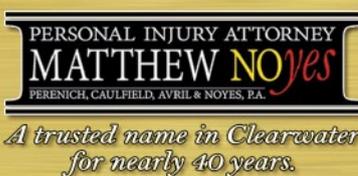
INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups vanilla ice cream
- 1 1/4 cups milk
- 1/4 teaspoon mint extract (or more to taste)
- 9 drops green food coloring
- 2 tablespoons chocolate syrup (or to taste)
- Whipped cream
- Green decorator sugar

DIRECTIONS

Blend ice cream, milk, mint extract, and food coloring together in a blender until smooth.

Drizzle chocolate syrup around inside walls of 2 tall glasses; pour shake into glass. Top with whipped cream and green decorator sugar.



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