

# Treasures

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## Noyes Treasure



This time of the year is all about family so I wanted to share with you what is going on with my family.

In one of the first editions of *Treasures*, I announced that I was going to be a grandpa. Now, I get to announce that my daughter and son-in-law, Krystal & Dan, are blessing us with another grandchild. Marti and I are so happy! Check out the *Treasures* after April for pictures of the second grandchild!

Our first granddaughter, Makenzie, is truly a treasure! I am a lucky Papa and Marti is a wonderful Grammy. We love spending time with Makenzie. It is hard to believe that she is 2½ years old! We recently went to Turtle Park in Largo (if you haven't been there, you have to go!) and we all had a great time. She is a smart girl as evident by always saying "Go Cubs Go" when I walk into the room.



Amazingly, Jacob is in eighth grade at St. Cecelia School. He may break the streak of 44 straight years of a Noyes being at St. Cecelia School, but will continue the same streak of a Noyes at Clearwater Central Catholic High School. I was blessed to co-coach his school baseball team to an undefeated season. I love seeing the friendships Jacob has made throughout the years. Jacob is a wonderful uncle and Makenzie really loves playing with Uncle Jacob. Those two are so cute together.

I wish only the best for your family! I hope all of you are blessed with the kind of family I have, and if not, I encourage you to mend the relationship with your blood relatives or strengthen those with friends that become family.

## Classroom Treasure



This classroom treasure gives all of us hope for the upcoming generation!

Ricky Sujanani is the son of one of my prior clients. Ricky is a senior at J.W. Mitchell High School and has recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout - an achievement that less than 7% of all scouts reach.

Ricky was in fourth grade when he decided to join the Boy Scouts. He joined because he wanted adventure in his life and believed that the Boy Scouts would give him that opportunity. He was right! Over the past years, Ricky participated in many scouting activities and has been a leader throughout his tenure in the Scouts.

The rank of Eagle Scout is not easy to obtain. One of the Eagle Scout requirements is to plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or community. For his Eagle Project, Ricky chose to construct a flagpole and memorial garden at the West Pasco Pregnancy Center. Ricky chose the West Pasco County Pregnancy Center as his Eagle Project because their mission statement meant a lot to him as well as the fact that they provide their services for free. "My team and I decided to put in a flagpole and a memorial garden to honor all the babies who lost their lives."

It takes dedication, leadership and hard work to become an Eagle Scout - three things that Ricky has shown over the years. Before becoming an Eagle Scout, Ricky had to earn a minimum of 21 merit badges while demonstrating Scout Spirit and leadership. After all the requirements were met, Ricky had to undergo an Eagle Scout board of review.

In combination with being a Life Scout, Ricky's career ambition is to be a nurse. He has chosen nursing because he enjoys helping others and consoling those in need. His dedication and leadership in the Scouts have shown that he will certainly succeed in his quest to be a nurse.

When asked what advice he would give to future scouts, Ricky tells me that he would tell them to "Do What You Can't and Keep Going!"

Great job, Eagle Scout Ricky Sujanani! You are truly a treasure in the Scouts and in the community!



## Dixie Dee's Diamond Advice



Trick or treat - Dixie Dee loves both! Lorrie admits that she spoils Dixie Dee with her doggie treats, but Dixie Dee knows just how to trick Lorrie into giving an extra treat. For Dixie Dee, trick or treat time is year-round, but for kids dressed as ghosts, goblins, witches and superheroes it only happens once a year. So, Dixie Dee wants to provide some advice on how to make treasured memories of Halloween and avoid haunting memories of a child being struck by a car while trick-or-treating.

Dixie Dee advises every child should choose a bright-colored costume. Of course, she thinks a golden-colored cocker spaniel costume would be best, but any costume that helps motorists see them is good. Also, just like she has to be visible during her walks with Lorrie, Dixie Dee reminds trick-or-treaters to be visible to drivers by walking on the sidewalk or the edge of the road towards oncoming traffic. Also, carry a flashlight or extra lighting to clearly see your whereabouts.

Dixie Dee hears her personal injury "Mom" talk about how drivers can be so careless and cause accidents so she wants to make sure that you avoid a car accident. She tells drivers not to go tearing through residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween (even before the sugar rush), so it's important to consider their unpredictable movements. Slowly and carefully enter and exit driveways (particularly when dark) and concentrate on your surroundings. Also, Dixie Dee wants all drivers to concentrate on the road and get rid of anything that might distract you from within your car, such as loud music, a cell phone, or your dog on your lap while you drive.

In upcoming editions of *Treasures*, Dixie Dee may share her secrets on how to make every day a "treat" day like it is for her. In the meantime, she encourages everyone to be safe this Halloween and enjoy making treasured memories.



## Jewel of a Joke

A man buys a parrot, only to have it constantly insult him. He tries everything to make the parrot stop, but nothing works. Frustrated, the man puts the parrot in the

freezer. After a few minutes the insults stop. The man thinks he might have killed the parrot, so he opens the freezer and takes the parrot out. The parrot is shivering. It stammers, "S-s-sorry for being r-r-rude. Please f-f-forgive me." Then, after a moment, the parrot softly asks, "W-w-what exactly d-d-did the turkey do?"



## Legal Nugget

If a pedestrian or a bicyclist is hit by a car, who pays their medical bills? If they owned a vehicle or live with a relative who owned a vehicle, then their automobile insurance company will be responsible for providing Personal Injury Protection (PIP) benefits. If the pedestrian or bicyclist did not own a vehicle or live with a relative who owned a vehicle, then the insurance company of the person who hit them would be responsible for provided PIP benefits. If you have any questions after a pedestrian or bicyclist accident, call me and my team at 796-8282.

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## Focus on Community Riches

Thank you for taking the time to read this edition of *Treasures*. I know your life is busy and there are so many other things to do, but I hope taking a few minutes to read this edition makes it easier to tackle the things in front of you.

The upcoming weeks provide us all opportunities to be a treasure or see a treasure. The Thanksgiving season is always special to me. My brothers and sisters and families honor our Mom's legacy with our annual Operation Stone Soup wherein we give over 90 families Thanksgiving meals and enjoy the Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning and all the other festivities that go with the Thanksgiving season.

The warmth of the Thanksgiving season can be a treasure. The beautiful song, *Thanksgiving Song*, by Mary Chapin Carpenter, says it best:

*Father, mother, daughter, son,  
Neighbor, friend, and friendless;  
All together everyone  
Let grateful days be endless.*

In this present world of divide and meanness, the Thanksgiving season gives us all an opportunity to unite (family, neighbors, friends and strangers) and be grateful for what we have. It may not be perfect, but it's ours! As Mary Chapin Carpenter sings, may the joyous days of Thanksgiving be endless!

As a personal injury attorney, I see how families unite after a loved one is injured in a car accident and how some families are grateful that it wasn't worse than it was. Unfortunately, I also see how some clients have no one to turn to after being hurt. If you know someone like that, I encourage you to be the neighbor, friend or friendless in the song.

Enjoy the treasures in your life and throughout our community! Have a safe and wonderful Halloween and Thanksgiving season and may the treasure you are or the treasures you see make your grateful days endless!

*Matt*

## Recipe Riches

### Pepperoni Pizza Pockets

ALL GHOSTS AND GOBLINS LOVE PIZZA SO MAKE THESE CUTE PIZZA POCKETS THESE WITH YOURS AND ENJOY

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 9-inch pie crust homemade or store bought
- 1 1/4 cups of shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 cup pepperoni slices I prefer turkey pepperoni
- 1 cup marinara sauce
- 1 egg

#### DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
2. Place the pie crust on a lightly floured surface. Roll the crust out into a 12 inch circle.
3. Use a 4 inch cookie cutter to cut out 6 of your desired shapes.
4. Transfer the shapes to a sheet pan lined with a silicon baking mat or parchment paper.
5. Sprinkle the cheese evenly over the 6 crust shapes. Top with slices of pepperoni to cover, leaving a small border around the edges.
6. Beat the egg in a small bowl. Brush the egg along the border of the dough.
7. Gather the dough scraps and re-roll the dough to a similar thickness. Cut out 6 more of your shapes. Lay the shapes on top of the pepperoni layer.
8. Use a fork to crimp the edges shut.
9. Use a paring knife to carefully cut out eyes and a mouth to make your jack-o-lantern face.
10. Brush the tops of the pizza pockets with the egg wash. The pockets can be baked immediately or covered loosely with plastic wrap and stored in the fridge.
11. Bake the pizza pockets for 15-20 minutes until golden brown. Serve immediately with marinara sauce for dipping.

