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We All Have to Change

By Walt Shurden

Beautiful seven year old Hayes Shurden runs at full speed down the house steps into the garage every day at about six o'clock. She takes off when she hears the garage door because she is excited to see me and she needs to tell me everything that happened during her day. But it is not just about herself. She also wants to make sure that I had a good day. She asks "What was the highlight of your day?" I have begun to consider the possibility that this may not continue forever.

When you have been made to feel this special you just don't want it to change. But it will, I know because my ten year old son stopped coming out of the house and waving goodbye to me about four years ago.

Resistance to change is futile. Many books have been written on this subject – most prompt us to think through change and then take action. It is wise to try to form a vision of what you want things to look like after change occurs so you can position yourself to benefit. This is hard work that forces us to set goals and think beyond the demands of the moment.

Our law office is changing. We just moved to a new office after 15 years in one location. We have recently revised our website and client communication efforts to include this newsletter, new email software, new videos about our services, and new information campaigns about elder law for po-



tential clients. More than ever, I see the need for investing in continuing legal education and collaboration with others as crucial to coming out on top of change.

And back at home, once my daughter Hayes stops coming downstairs to the garage to meet me I will have to get with her new program. I'll find out where she is and greet her in her new place.

Our Goal

To provide exceptional legal service to our clients.

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From the Shurden Family



Hayes' Valentine party.



Hayes' seventh birthday.



Langley's Valentine party.

Why we live in Florida

Kathy was visiting family in Massachusetts (Why in January? We are still asking the same thing.) This is what she left just before the blizzard hit on January 23rd.



And this is why she didn't go in February!



IN OUR EAR

Everyone knows that Mom's car was to go to me!

Often times Mom or Dad, or even siblings tell "everyone" that they want to leave their car, or a particular bank account, or some other asset to a named individual. If there is no Will stating the decedent's wishes, this might not happen. Not

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"everyone" will remember what Mom or Dad said. If one person does not agree, this can lead to hard feelings or worse, litigation. Florida Law is specific about how assets can be transferred. If there is not a properly executed Will, the Law may not allow Mom's wishes to be honored.

St. Patrick's Day Trivia

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, 110 million people will celebrate the day by wearing green, making an Irish-inspired meal, or going out to celebrate.

There are 33.7 million U.S. residents who are of Irish ancestry. That number is almost nine times the population of Ireland itself.

The Irish originally ate sausage with soda bread when they celebrated St. Patrick's Day. When they came to the United States, beef brisket was less expensive, so they changed to corned beef with the soda bread.

Who was St. Patrick?

St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is one of Christianity's most widely known figures. But for all his celebrity, his life remains somewhat of a mystery. Many of the stories traditionally associated with St. Patrick, including the famous account of his banishing all the snakes from Ireland, are false, the products of hundreds of years of exaggerated storytelling.

Irish Soda Bread Cookies



Ingredients

2 cups all purpose flour	1/4 cup buttermilk
3/4 cups white sugar	1/2 cup butter
1/2 teaspoon baking soda	1/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon caraway seed	1 egg
1/2 cup dried currants	

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Directions

Combine all dry ingredients into mixing bowl.

Cut in butter with a pastry blender until mixture resembles coarse meal. Blend in currants.

Beat egg until. Mix into dry ingredients.

Pour in milk and mix with a fork to make a soft dough (you may need to add more milk).

Shape dough into a ball and knead lightly on a floured surface.

Roll dough to 1/4 inch thick and cut into approximately 2 inch squares, triangles or circles.

Bake for 12 to 14 minutes or until lightly browned.

This Month's Spotlight



Bob Faynick has been volunteering at Tierra Pines Center for over three years since his wife became a resident. Bob volunteers every afternoon. He helps set-up for activities, calls Bingo and helps serve treats at socials. Bob also helps with transportation when the residents go for various outings. His favorite is going to baseball games. Bob feels the residents and staff at Tierra Pines Center have become his extended family.



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