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How I Get Away with Stuff at Home. And Why I Shouldn't.

By Walt Shurden

I sometimes pretend I had a rough day at work. Pretending to be worn out from work helps me get out of doing stuff at home. But the truth is that I have it pretty darn good here at Walt Shurden Law. I am, after all, finally the boss, "Walt Shurden."

But I didn't always have it this good...

When I was a young boy living in Louisiana, I didn't have it this good at all. I had two older sisters who shared a bedroom while I had to sleep by myself. At that time I was scared of the dark. So, I went into my sisters' room and asked if I could please sleep with them. They replied "Yes, but only if you can walk out of our room goofy enough to make us laugh." I walked as goofy as I knew how, but they didn't honor the deal. They lied.

And later, when I was 11 and living in Tennessee, I didn't have it so good either. In my second season of little league baseball my father became the team coach. He quickly promoted me from right field to pitcher. He evidently saw some potential in me that the previous coach could not. But the fraud was discovered, when in the championship game, I had to pitch because our stud pitcher "Kent" couldn't go. So I pitched and we lost bad, 11 to 1. I could hear my teammates saying, "The only reason he was the pitcher is because his dad is the coach." That sucked at the time. By the way Dad, I don't care at all anymore.

But you know since I moved to Florida from Atlanta in 1998 I have been on a roll. The first year Ashley and I bought a small house on Indian Rocks Beach, and I took a class on how to fish the Tampa Bay waters. It was a great class taught by two smart charter captains who liked the idea of having a teacher's pension. The house and the



fishing class were both good investments.

At the turn of the century I started Walt Shurden Law, an investment in myself. I've benefitted from working for many families over the years. I am always honored to be included in the conversation about how a family will meet the financial aspects of illness and death. Serious business to be sure!!

Oh, and I have made good hires and bad hires over the years. All the good hires are still here at Walt Shurden Law, making my days better than I deserve, and occasionally setting me free to skip out and go fishing.

Our Goal

*To provide exceptional
legal service to our clients.*

Estate Planning • Fiduciary Services • V.A. Benefits • Irrevocable Trusts • Medicaid Eligibility

Faces of Courage

Faces of Courage (FOC) has been offering free camps for women, children, and families touched by cancer and other blood disorders in the Tampa Bay area for over 11 years. Located here, it serves cancer patients from all around the country.

FOC is the first organization in the nation with women's weekend camp for minority women and cancer survivors. It is a leader in minority outreach and education.

This nonprofit was founded by Peggie D. Sherry in 2004. They have served over 6,500 cancer families with the help of over 1,500 active volunteers. Their motto: "Cancer is Serious, Camp is Serious Fun!"

Check them out at faceofcourage.com



Peggie D. Sherry
Founder of Faces of Courage



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We like to help everyone who calls our office. We specialize in Elder Law so we can give you the very best service in this area of law. We can refer



you to attorneys who practice in Family Law, Criminal Defense, Personal Injury, Social Security Disability, Real Estate, and Guardianships. If you are unsure about what type of lawyer you need for your issue, we can help you with that as well. Another good source for referrals is the Clearwater Bar Association. You can reach their referral service at 727-461-4880.

HALLOWEEN TREAT

Ingredients:

- 2 Cups creamy peanut butter
- 2 Cups powdered milk
- 2 Cups honey
- 1 (15 oz) package pretzel rods
- 2 Tbsp sliced almonds (as needed)
- ¼ Cup plum jam (as needed)

Bloody Fingers



Directions:

- 1) Mix peanut butter, powdered milk, and honey together in a bowl until mixture resembles a soft dough.
- 2) Mold enough dough around each pretzel rod, making sure to cover the ends. The pretzels will be the 'bones' of the fingers.
- 3) Use the tip of a teaspoon to make marks on the 'flesh' similar to knuckles.
- 4) Push 1 sliced almond onto 1 end of each 'finger' to resemble a finger nail.
- 5) Place jam in a microwave-safe bowl and heat until softened. Dip the end opposite the 'finger nail' into the jam for the 'blood'.

Ten Things We Did Not Know About Daylight Savings Time (DST)

- DST was started in Germany during WWI to conserve fuel;
- During WWII, Franklin Roosevelt instituted year-round DST and called it "War Time;"
- 1945 – 1966 there was no federal law on DST. Some States and a few Cities set their own DST hours;
- Uniform Time Act of 1966 was imposed in 1967 due to the transportation industry complaining about a lack of consistency;
- During the 1973 oil embargo Congress enacted year-round DST again;
- Proponents said it reduced lighting and heating demands, reduced crime, and reduced auto accidents;
- Opponents were concerned about children leaving for school in the dark;
- It has been determined that DST does NOT conserve fuel;
- The only states that do not currently observe DST are Arizona & Hawaii; and
- Since 2007 DST starts the second Sunday in March and ends the first Sunday in November. This year DST ends on November 1st at 2:00 a.m.

This Month's Spotlight

Larry Brooks

Larry Brooks has been a volunteer at Faces of Courage for almost five years. Larry volunteers in the kitchen at three camps a year; Women's Cancer Retreat; Minority Women Retreat; and Santa's Workshop for cancer kids and their siblings. He retired in 2005 after 26 years at Delta Airlines.



Thank you Larry for your service to our community.

Donuts for Docs



Joan Brown was available to accept the Donuts for Docs at the office of Dr. Moshe Kedan in Suite 306 at 611 Druid Road in Clearwater. Our client, Patty Kent, asked us to recognize Dr. Kedan and his staff for the wonderful service she has received from them over the years. We are grateful for medical professionals who go the extra mile for their patients.

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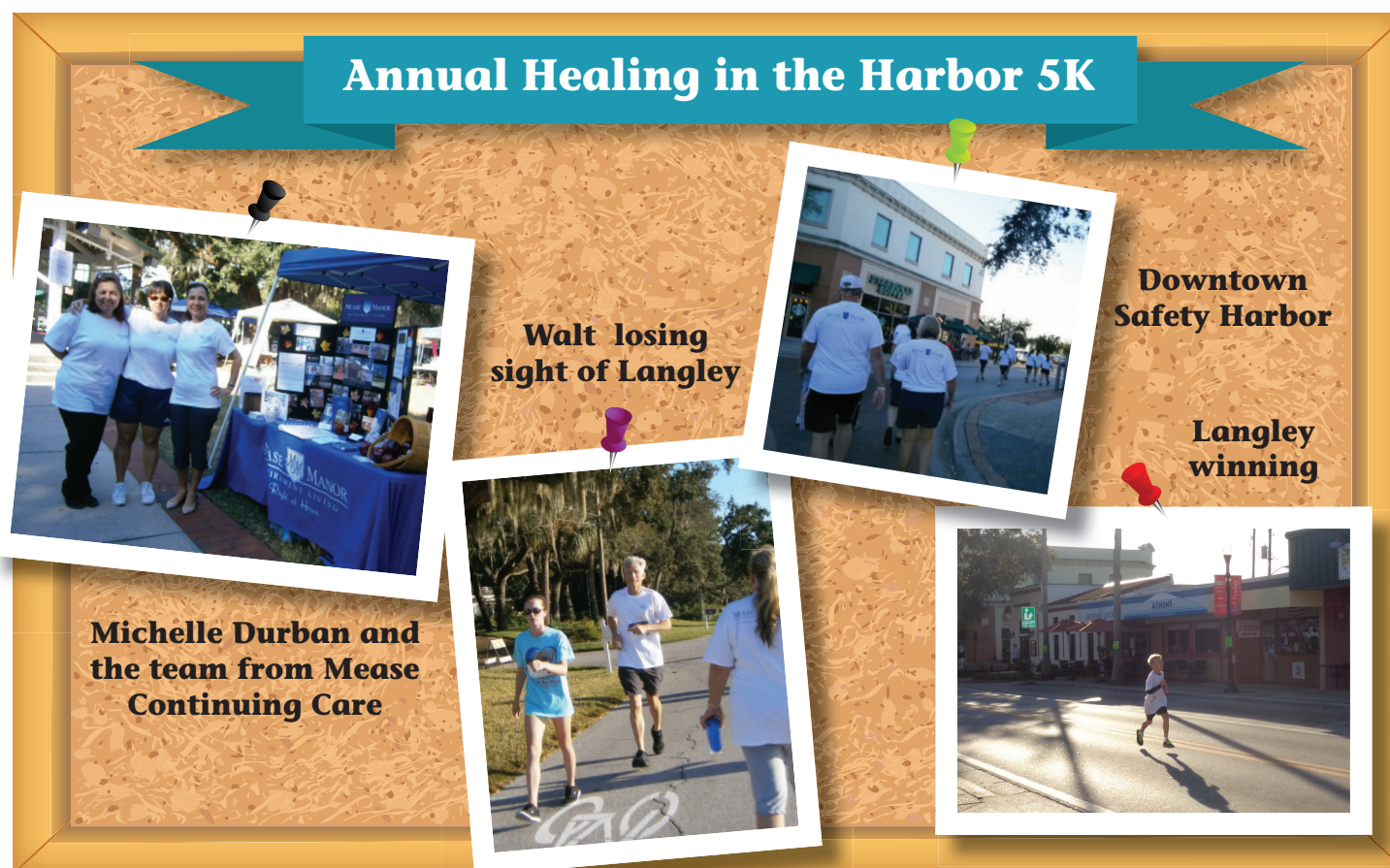
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Legal Term of the Month

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