



CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

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Another year has passed, and I am still hanging in there. Guess the Good Lord must feel that I am still useful. (ha)

I had one major bout of surgery over the past year, and one minor one. Both were very successful. Next on my priorities is to have the cataract removed from my left eye. It is becoming quite cloudy. The knee that I "jarred" or "twisted" pretty badly two years ago, has become much better. I may soon be able to discard my cane and resume "line-dancing."

ITEM #1

GRAND BEACH REALTY

Again, Larry and I had an excellent year in Real Estate and surpassed 2006 sales. It was out

best year yet. And, we have great plans for the coming year 2007.

My eldest son "Bob" successfully completed all the requirements and exams in order to obtain his real estate license. We are very happy that he is joining us, and we certainly know that with his previous sales experience and his enthusiasm, that he will be very successfully.

We are happy that he has joined us and welcome him aboard.

The Grand Beach Realty website has been very successful. We sell more than 99% of our listings directly from it. The Real Estate industry has become very "technology" oriented.

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ITEM #2

MY FAMILY

My daughter, (#1) Beverley and her husband Brian continue to enjoy their new home in East St. Paul. However, with their daughter "Buffie" living in Florida and their commuting to Toronto and New York every other week or so, they have not spent as much time "at home" they would have preferred.

"Bob" and "Dodie" have moved into East Kildonan, after living in Vancouver for several years. Bob is presently working in sales, covering the Western Ontario, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan. It is a large territory and he does considerable driving. He plans to change that soon by joining Grand Beach Realty in early 2006.

Their son "Mikie" is enrolled in Business Administration at Red River College. He is enjoying his course, and is doing very well.

"Rick" and his wife "Jean" still enjoy their home in Charleswood.

"Chuck" Jr. (my son #3) is still working as a "farrier" at Woodbine Race Track in Toronto.

He loves his work and racehorses and works very closely with the race track veterinarians.

His wife "Heather" and their four children keep the "home-fire" burning in Winnipeg. Chuck and Heather became grandparents during the year.

Their youngest daughter "Cassie" became engaged during the year and plans to marry early in 2007. Kyle, their eldest boy turned 21 during the year and Chuck (Jar), their youngest just turned 18.

"Larry" still has his home in Winnipeg, but spends two or three days a week during the summer, at his cottage at Traverse Cay.

"Kate" (his daughter) has finished High School and is attending the University of Winnipeg, studying "dancing".

"Sandi & Derek" and "Debbie & Rene" live close to each other in North Kildonan. Debbie is busier than ever working as a hair-stylist. Their daughter "Chole" is studying music at the University of Brand, and holds "first" chair in the flute section of the University symphony orchestra. Their son "Jessie" is studying Red River college to become a "Chef". He

loves his work. Their two youngest boys are still at school.

Sandi and Derek now have two daughters who have graduated from the University of Winnipeg with Bachelor of Education degrees. They are both teaching in East Kildonan and love their work. son Timmy and their youngest daughter "Baillie" and their son :Timmy: are still at school, but also do part time work

ITEM #3

BELAIR - A LEARNING EXPERIENCE

I have thoroughly enjoyed living at Belair. It has been a rewarding nine year experience. I came out to Belair to "find myself". Indeed I have. It has been a very "soul-nourishing" nine year "Retreat".

I have a gorgeous view of Lake Winnipeg from every room on the western side of my two storey home. In the evenings, I can see the lights of Gimli across the lake. It is a beautiful view.

Each day is different, and is a new and inspiring experience. I never tire of it, and I am eternally grateful to "Our Lord" for all his

care and provision.

Each season has its own character, and provides us with a message. I am indeed very grateful to "Our Lord". It makes one think deeply about "why we are on this earth, and the very "meaning of life" itself.

In November,, thanks to Beverley, I was able to lease a suite in the Courts of St. James. I am presently setting it up with furniture, etc. With our rapid growth and expansion of Grand Beach Realty, this suite will allow us to have an operating base in Winnipeg, besides being a hiatus for me to escape from the hustle and bustle of our intense summer business in the Grand Beach area.

My heart will always be in this Grand Beach area. There is so much to learn and observe about our World and the Cosmos itself.

The "infiniteness" of the "cosmos" and even "time itself" is "mind-boggling". Surely, all these wonders have been created by a "Master Planner".

I enjoy the northern lights (Aurora Borealis) which frequently light up the night sky in this area. They are an awesome sight.

Surely, "God in his wisdom" is constantly revealing "The Heavens" to us in all their "infiniteness and glory". How can one NOT BELIEVE?

Unfortunately, the mores of the time urge people to not use the term "CHRISTMAS" but rather "HOLIDAY TIME". We are urged not to say CHRISTMAS, because some may find it offensive. The real meaning of Christmas is slowly being distorted.

Thus, at this time of the year, let us reflect about the real reason "WHY" we celebrate Christmas.

THE BIRTH OF "JESUS CHRIST."

ITEM #4

FAITH IN JESUS

While my late wife Verna and I battled her cancer for more than four years, we found great peace and solace from David's 23^d Psalm.

The Lord is my Shepherd.
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.

He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Thy rod and staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a place for me in the presence of mine enemies. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the House of He Lord

FOREVER.

PSALM 23rd

**Have a Joyous
Christmas**

and a

very Happy New Year

Love to all

"Papa" Chuck"