



CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

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I am always amazed at how quickly time passes, and how things around us change.

Another year has passed since my last news letter, and the world appears to be almost a different place. In some way all these changes cause profound concern for each of us.

For example: The devastation of the City of New Orleans by a gigantic hurricane, was one of the greatest disasters to have ever occurred. The huge tsunami and severe earthquakes in eastern Asia were also very devastating.. Millions of people have lost their lives or have become homeless. A multitude of people throughout world are trying to put their lives back together again.

Similarly, the war in Iraq has created world-wide changes. We are indeed very fortunate to be living in this beautiful lake

country of Manitoba. Let us thank The Lord for all our blessings.

ITEM #1

GRAND BEACH REALTY

We experienced our best year yet in 2005. My youngest son "Larry" (my partner) has been a great help, and has now taken over most of the marketing duties He also does all of the "pre-press" work and planning for our magazine, "THE GRAND BEACH REALTY NEWS". Additionally, he also assists me in uploading and updating our website.

He has just about completed his "guest house" in Traverse Bay, and since he has done most of the work himself, has become a very good

carpenter, and all round handyman.

My eldest son "Bob" is presently studying Real Estate courses offered through the Manitoba Securities Commission In order to begin working with Grand Beach Realty in the early spring of 2006.

Our website has been very successful. We sell more than 99% of our listings directly from it. Both Larry and I maintain it on a daily basis. The Real Estate industry has become very technologically oriented and we work diligently to keep abreast of all the new changes.

ITEM #2

MY FAMILY

Beverley and her husband Brian continue to enjoy their new home in on Wallace Avenue in East St. Paul. However, with their daughter Buffie living in Florida and their commuting to work in Toronto and New York every other week, they have not spent as much time "home" they would like.

"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.

"Mikie" (their son) was happy about the decision, because most of his friends live in Winnipeg.

"Rick" (son #2), his wife "Jean" and their children still enjoy their home and swimming pool in Charleswood.

"Chuck" Jr. (my son #3) enjoys his work as a "farrier" at Woodbine Race Track in Toronto. He loves his work and racehorses and works very closely with the track veterinarians.

His wife "Heather" and their four children keep the "home-fire" going in Winnipeg. Chuck and Heather became grandparents for the second time, during 2005. Their eldest daughter "Carlie" gave birth to their second little boy (my 23rd great grandson.

"Larry" still has his home in Winnipeg, but spends most of his time during the summer months,

at his Traverse Bay cottage, and working in the Grand Beach area.

"Kate" (his daughter) has finished High School and plans to attend the University of Winnipeg, and a career in Dancing

"Sandi & Derek" and "Debbie & Rene" live close to each other in North Kildonan. Debbie is busier than ever at her hair-styling. She works directly from her home on Rosewell Ave.

Sandi and Derek now have three youngsters attending University. It will not be very long before their youngest daughter "Baillie" will also begin attending University .

Debbie & Rene's daughter "Chloe" is studying music at the University of Brandon. She holds the position of "chair" in the flute section of the University of Brandon symphony orchestra.

ITEM #3

BELAIR - A LEARNING EXPERIENCE

I have thoroughly enjoyed living at Belair. It has been a rewarding eight year experience.

I came out to Belair to "find myself". Indeed I have. It has been a very "soul-nourishing" eight year "Retreat".

I have a gorgeous view of Lake Winnipeg from every room on the western side of my two storey home. 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.

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

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

other in our society may find it offensive. The real meaning of Christmas is slowly and surely being distorted, and may be lost.

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

THE BIRTH OF GOD'S SON **"JESUS CHRIST."**

It is a profound message of hope for all.

ITEM #4

FAITH IN JESUS

While my late wife Verna and I fought her cancer for more than four years, we found great peace and solace from Christ's words of rebuttal to his accusers after his miraculous curing of the sick man at Bethzatha, when he said

**"I tell you most solemnly, the Son can do nothing by himself;
He can do only what he sees the Father doing:
and whatever the Father does the Son does too,
For the Father loves the Son.
And shows him everything he**

**does himself, and he will show him even greater things than these,
works that will astonish you.
Thus, as the Father raises the dead, and gives them life,
so the Son gives life to anyone He chooses;
For the Father judges no one;
He has entrusted the judgment to the Son,
so that all may honor the Son.
as they honour the Father.
Whoever refuses honour to the Son refuses honour to the Father who sent Him.
I tell you most solemnly,
whoever listens to my words,
and believes in the One who sent me, has eternal life;
without being brought to judgment he has passed from death to life."**

John 5: 19-24

***Have a Joyous
Christmas***

and a

very Happy New Year

"Papa" Chuck