



'Tis Better to Give

I knew I was not supposed to be quite so excited. I was too old for that. At age eleven, the oldest and my mom's "grown up" girl, I had to keep my cool. I was in middle school after all. But every chance I got when I was alone, I checked each present under the tree. I read every tag and felt every package, guessing at the contents within. I had examined each gift so often that I could tell which present went to which person without even looking at the tags.

It had been a touch ear for my family. Whenever my mom looked over at the tree and scattered presents, she would sigh and warn us, *"There won't be as much for Christmas this year. Try not to be disappointed."* In years past, the presents would pile up and spill out from under the tree, taking over the living room. I had heard the phrase *"giving is better than receiving,"* but thought that whoever had said that must have been out of their mind. Getting presents was the whole point! It was the reason I couldn't get to sleep on Christmas Eve.

On Christmas morning, we eagerly waited in the hallway until Dad told us everything was ready. We rushed into the living room and let the wrapping paper fly. We made weak attempts to wait and watch while other family members opened their presents, but as the time passed we lost our self-control.

"Here's another one for you," said Mom as she handed me a package. I looked at it, confused. Having spent so much time examining the presents before Christmas, I recognized this one. But it had not been mine. It was my mom's. A new label had been put on it, with my name written in my mother's handwriting.

"Mom, I can't..."

I was stopped by my mother's eager, joyful look—a look I could not really understand.

"Let's see what it is, honey, Hurry and open it."

It was a blow dryer. Though this may seem but a simple gift, to me it was so much more. Being an eleven-year-old girl, I was stunned. In my world, where receiving outweighed giving by light years, my mom's act of selflessness was incomprehensible.

It was a huge act. Tears filled my eyes and I thought in disbelief about how much my mom must love me to give up her Christmas so I could have a few more presents. I have always remembered that Christmas fondly.

It had such an impact on me. As an adult with children in my life whom I adore, I can now understand my mom's actions.

I see how she was not *"giving up her Christmas"* as I had thought, but was finding an even greater joy in her Christmas because *"giving truly is better than receiving."*

My mom's simple act meant the world to me.

Jennifer Yardley Barney
(Chicken Soup for the Soul: It's Christmas)



Wishing You Peace, Joy and Hope!

From:

Dave Grime, Margorie Grime, Cathy Szabolcs, Bill Marlatt, Cindy Morgan, Lamoine Mikkelsen, Vanessa Hickey, Shannon Quinton, RaDeana Montgomery, May Barry



Greetings from the Grime Team! Our Team has expanded over the years. Due to the complexities of real estate we have evolved into this wonderful group who help to provide the best service to our clients! Besides **Margorie** and **myself**, our licensed trusted realtor partners are **Cathy Szabolcs** (with us for 5 years) and **Bill Marlatt** (whom we are excited to welcome to our team). When you come to our office or phone you will be greeted by **Vanessa Hickey** our Client Care Coordinator (with us for 9-1/2 years) and **Cindy Morgan** our Office Manager (who has thankfully joined us this year) are here to ensure you are looked after! **Lamoine Mikkelsen** continues to assist in various capacities. **Shannon Quinton**, our very capable Stager helps our clients enhance their homes so they present beautifully to the internet/world! **RaDeana Montgomery** is our talented videographer who does our amazing "Dave's Videos"! (Check our website!) **May Barry** keeps our finances in order!

Hope you will enjoy reading our Team Christmas messages Dave



Another **AMAZING** year is slowly coming to a close! How do I describe it? As for work?...**Busy, exhilarating, fulfilling and always grateful** to have wonderful clients. As for family?...**Busy, exhilarating, fulfilling and grateful as well** to have had a great year with family and friends from Canada and overseas. This year, Melanie's family clan (*10 of them altogether*) ventured over to Canada for a Canadian experience of a Blue Jays game, Niagara Falls, and a week up in cottage country; **probably the highlight of my year!** We also took a trip to **Jamaica** with close friends which was great. Most of the remainder of my year was spent doing what I also enjoy: working with amazing co-workers here at the GrimeTeam, as well as all the clients I have had the opportunity to help this year! First I want to thank...and wish a wonderful Christmas Season to my family, **Mel, Ben and Sam** who are my **3 rocks** that keep me going, as well as **Krisel and James, Mike, Claire** and their first child **Levi...** (*I'm an uncle!*), my **aunts, uncles and cousins**. I also would like to thank all the hard work the GrimeTeam has put in this crazy year! **Cindy, Vanessa and Lamoine, Al and May, Radeanna and Shannon**...you keep the wheels oiled and turning! **Cathy and Bill**, our buyer representatives: **thanks for all the hard work and long hours put in in 2017!** And to **Marge**: my **mom and mentor** who just celebrated **70!** As well as my **Dad, Bruce** who has taught me many important life lessons.

LOVE YOU ALL AND I WISH YOU
THE MERRIEST OF CHRISTMAS SEASONS
AND ALL THE BEST IN 2018!!

Dave



It is so hard to believe that 2017 is coming to an end!!! I have now been 5 full years as a Realtor and enjoy every moment. **I am truly blessed to be part of The Grime Team** as a **Buyers Representative** keeping me extremely busy...hence, our Stager, Shannon has been taking over most of the Staging appointments for our Team. Looking back there is so



much to feel thankful for. I feel fortunate to have been able to travel south a few weeks in the cold months.....and if you know me, you know how much I detest being cold ...**so this was a highlight!!** I am looking forward to our next trip to Florida and the Mayan Riviera in January!! I continue to be proud of my 3 children as they all advance in their careers and finishing school. **Natasha**, has graduated with a **Doctor of Pharmacy** from University of Waterloo (after many years of hard work and determination). **Jay** has a new job position in Barrie and **Travis** is finishing off his studies at Trent University. Although there are so many things for which to be thankful, the year did bring some sadness with the loss of a few dear friends and some illnesses touching loved ones.

I want to thank each and every one of you for making my position here a pleasure. I truly appreciate the opportunity to have shared in your Journey!!!

May the Christmas Season and Year ahead
be filled with Health and Happiness!!

Cathy

As cliché as it is, "cannot believe another year has passed". 2017 was a busy year here in the Marlatt household. With starting a new real estate career and my kids entering the competitive sports circuit, my wife and I have been running around endlessly. We have learned firsthand this past year the importance of family and with the holiday season fast approaching our family is making a conscious effort to spend quality time together. The holidays, which used to take forever to arrive, now slip by without a moment's notice. Then we realize that one more year has passed at warp speed. We hope you are able to spend this holiday season with your loved ones.



Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We wish you health and happiness in 2018.



Bill



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From:

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RaDeana Montgomery, May Barry



The Morgan Family would like to wish you, your Family & Friends a

Very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Prosperous 2018!!

We hope it is a memorable year for all.

Warmest Regards,
Jeff, Cindy, Sarah,
Ryan & David



WOW!, another year almost over ... My family and I had a great 2017 - mostly we love spending time at our trailer in Owen Sound - right from spring through fall. We enjoyed hanging out with our friends and welcoming the new-

comers to the park as well. I especially loved planting my garden and watching it grow & bloom - soooo nice. We're pretty excited too, we finally purchased another trailer (a little bigger) - but it wasn't until the end of the season...so we're really looking forward to next spring to enjoy our new digs. However, in the mean time, the new year is fast approaching and will be here before we know it. My family and I wish you joy, happiness, peace & love this holiday season and hope 2018 will bring you and your family many happy moments and precious memories.

Vanessa



2017 was yet another eventful year in the Quinton household. In January we welcomed home an adorable little Australian Labradoodle named Cooper. He has brought so much joy and love into our home. Our family is complete. In March we headed to Pinehurst North Carolina for golf training for Nolan for Spring break so he was ready for the Pepsi/ Titliest junior tour. In late April Cole started his go kart racing season and as always Roy was busy at work overseeing the building of homes on both Waterloo and Collingwood sites. Work certainly kept me busy as well between staging of homes and interior design work. We were able to get away for a few days during the summer to the Watkins Glen area which was beautiful and in late September we took the trip of a lifetime to Cancun Mexico. We swam with the dolphins, swam in Xenotes and even visited the Mayan ruins. Certainly knocked some items off the bucket list that trip. Amazing!! As the year closes out, we are eagerly anticipating a good old Country Christmas at my dad's farm surrounded by lots of love and family.



It's our prayer for each of you this Christmas season that you too are surrounded by the love of your family and that the New Year brings health, hope and happiness to you and your family. From our family to yours;

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Shannon

The holidays are a time for creating new memories renewing old friendships, and spending time with those we love. So as we welcome in 2018 and say goodbye to 2017, please take a moment to capture all the special moments of the holidays so that you can reflect on them again in the New Year. Remember it is during those moments, that memories are made.



In closing, on behalf of my family I would like to wish you the

Merriest of Christmases and the Happiest of New Years.

RaDeana



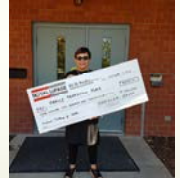
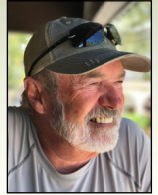
2017 seems to have flown by... Life is a mixture of Blessings and Challenges... and I have witnessed and experienced both this year..It has been SO nice to still have a small part with

the team... I am delighted that they found Cindy.. she is a good fit with the team.. What an awesome and busy year this has been for the team... I will always be their biggest cheerleader.. although.. I SO miss getting to know all the wonderful clients that entrust such a big change in their lives to this amazing team.. each one an important link .. making a strong team working for you. As always I love time spent with family .. who are my everything.. My granddaughters are growing up way too fast.. Avery will be 10 in January and Jordyn will be 8 in May.. Carter and Logan are 4 now and in full time school.. they have adjusted SO well.. SO has their Nana.. who continues to find her way being MOSTLY retired...the one constant in life is CHANGE.. Richest Blessings to all of you during this Holy Christmas season.. Truly hoping that 2018 is your best year ever... and that you enter into it with courage, excitement and determination .. NO matter what your journey brings.. may you find the strength, peace and joy each step of the way!! All of Life's VERY best.

Lamoine

Where did 2017 go? What an exciting year it has been! Firstly **FAMILY**.....

Krissi and James Krissi left home in 2002 for the West and moved to Collingwood last year so it is a joy to have her/ them so near—1 hour away! James is teaching skiing in Japan for his 3rd winter while Krissi holds the fort whilst taking more Nutrition courses and working. **Mike and Claire** blessed us with our 3rd Grandson **Levi** born May 27. Already 6 months old and a beautiful wee lad. They have a stately old home in Peterborough which **Mike** has done and is doing major renos to...a chip off the old block! **Claire** is a psychiatrist at the hospital and back to work part-time. **Dave, Mel, Ben and Sam** are nearby so blessed to see weekly. **Mel** practicing as a nutritionist at the Collective Health Clinic. Dave is a delight to work with—business partner/son/dad. **Bruce** had a hip replacement at the end of September which was complicated by a dislocation 2 days later – when resetting didn't work, new surgery was required. He is coming along nicely though it has been more challenging than anticipated. The second hip is scheduled to be done in early June and then my bionic man will once again be doing renos to our home. (We moved to Woodvale in 2016 so Bruce would have projects! Doing his amazing woodwork once again!) **Myself**– In place of the triathlon I usually do, I did a hike in Iceland (was a fund raiser for Women's Shelters—raised \$5000 and paid all expenses. It was a challenge!) and continue to swim, bike and run. Early December attended a 'bootcamp' in Barbados with a group of ladies and competed in a 5k race—came 2nd in my age group! Excited to have celebrated my 70th birthday in November! How time flies!



TRIPS: We were fortunate to ski in **Fernie** last winter and plan on spending time after Christmas 2017 with Dave, Mel, Sam and Ben and Krissi and then with Mike, Claire and Levi in February 2018! Spent some time in **Florida** in the Spring—bonus Krissi and James joined us for a week. **Iceland** in July and recently **Barbados**. Spent a great week at an Inn in **Haliburton** with the entire family and friends in August. Life is good!



The GRIME TEAM: Blessed to have amazing clients who entrust us with their moving experience. Excellent year - continuing to be in the National Chairman's Club -**Top 1% in Canada!** We have changed our sign design/ logo—now sporting Dave's picture on one side and mine on the other. **Dave** is now the '**face**' of the **Grime Team**

though I am still as active as ever! Lamoine retired though is still assisting us. Cindy is a welcome addition to the Team as well as Bill. Sadly, Al Barry has retired. Love the whole team! We anticipate another wonderful year and look forward to our paths meeting.

A very Merry Christmas and may 2018 be a Great Year for you, your family and friends. MARGORIE



Holiday Tunes

Away in a Manger
Choir of the Bells
Dominick the Donkey
Frosty the Snowman
Holly Jolly Christmas
Jingle Bell Rock
Jingle Bells
Let it Snow
Little Drummer Boy
Little St Nick
O Holy Night
Rudolph
Santa Baby
Silent Nigh
Silver Bells
The Christmas Song
The First Noel
Winter Wonderland



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