



2019 – ‘What a great year!

Some major milestones: Bruce and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary with Family and Friends – and within hours **we welcomed Cedar (Krissi + James’ daughter) our 1st granddaughter**, into our family. Wee Elias (Mike and Claire’s second son) was born on April 30th – so Cedar and Elias are 2 months apart. 5 Grands in total – 4 boys and 1 girl!

Attended our 50th reunion graduating from Queens – 1969 was a very good year. Had an amazing family week at Lockhaven Inn in August. Skied in Fernie, B.C.

In support of Women’s Shelters I raised over \$6500 (thank you to all who kindly supported this very worthy cause) as I trekked 100 km across the Sahara Desert. Wonderful year moving dear friends and clients. So blessed and humbled by our supportive family, friends, clients and colleagues who aid us on our journey.

A very Merry Christmas to you! May 2020 bring you good health and times with those close to you!

- Margorie



A Christmas STORY

It's just a small, white envelope stuck among the branches of our Christmas tree. No name, no identification, no inscription. It has peeked through the branches of our tree for the past 10 years or so.

It all began because my husband Mike hated Christmas---oh, not the true meaning of Christmas, but the commercial aspects of it-overspending...the frantic running around at the last minute to get a tie for Uncle Harry and the dusting powder for Grandma---the gifts given in desperation because you couldn't think of anything else.

Knowing he felt this way, I decided one year to bypass the usual shirts, sweaters, ties and so forth. I reached for something special just for Mike. The inspiration came in an unusual way.

Our son Kevin, who was 12 that year, was wrestling at the junior level at the school he attended; and shortly before Christmas, there was a non-league match against a team sponsored by an inner-city church, mostly black.

These youngsters, dressed in sneakers so ragged that shoe-strings seemed to be the only thing holding them together, presented a sharp contrast to our boys in their spiffy blue and gold uniforms and sparkling new wrestling shoes.

As the match began, I was alarmed to see that the other team was wrestling without headgear, a kind of light helmet designed to protect a wrestler's ears.

It was a luxury the ragtag team obviously could not afford. Well, we ended up walloping them. We took every weight class. And as each of their boys got up from the mat, he swaggered around in his tatters with false bravado, a kind of street pride that couldn't acknowledge defeat.

Mike, seated beside me, shook his head sadly, "I wish just one of them could have won," he said. "They have a lot of potential, but losing like this could take the heart right out of them."

Mike loved kids-all kids-and he knew them, having coached little league football, baseball and lacrosse. That's when the idea for his present came.

That afternoon, I went to a local sporting goods store and bought an assortment of wrestling headgear and shoes and sent them anonymously to the inner-city church.

On Christmas Eve, I placed the envelope on the tree, the note inside telling Mike what I had done and that this was his gift from me.

His smile was the brightest thing about Christmas that year and in succeeding years.

For each Christmas, I followed the tradition---one year sending a group of under privileged youngsters to a hockey game, another year a check to a pair of elderly brothers whose home had burned to the ground the week before Christmas, and on and on.

The envelope became the highlight of our Christmas. It was always the last thing opened on Christmas morning and our children, ignoring their new toys, would stand with wide-eyed anticipation as their dad lifted the envelope from the tree to reveal it's contents.

As the children grew, the toys gave way to more practical presents, but the envelope never lost its allure. The story doesn't end there.

You see, we lost Mike last year due to dreaded cancer. When Christmas rolled around, I was still so wrapped in grief that I barely got the tree up. But Christmas Eve found me placing an envelope on the tree, and in the morning, it was joined by three more. Each of our children, unbeknownst to the others, had placed an envelope on the tree for their dad.

The tradition has grown and someday will expand even further with our grandchildren standing around the tree with wide-eyed anticipation watching as their fathers take down the envelope. Mike's spirit, like the Christmas spirit, will always be with us.

May we all remember each other, and the Real reason for the season, and His true spirit this year and always. God bless---pass this along to your friends and loved ones.

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Wishing you Peace, Joy & Hope

Seasons Greetings from all of us at The Grime Team!

Pictured from Right to Left: Santa, Dave, Mrs Claus, Lamoine, Lucy, Gord, RaDeana, Bill, Cathy, Drisana, Cindy, Karen, and Shannon.



Well another exciting year has come and gone! Time to reflect on the past year and give thanks.

It has been another great year for the Grime Team in Real Estate, which would not be possible without our valued clients, and my amazing staff of Cindy, Drisana, Lamoine, Shannon, RaDeana, May & Al.

Also, without the hard work and professionalism of Margorie, Bill and Cathy, our goals would not be attainable. I thank all our clients who have put their trust in us, and the whole Grime Team!



My wonderful wife Melanie as a nutritionist, continues to assist her clients in achieving a healthier lifestyle. Ben and Sam are growing like weeds, and aside from school, have been quite active in skiing, soccer, baseball and basketball. I want to thank my family for putting up with my sporadic hours in the business.

The real estate world winds down a little over the Christmas holidays, and I'm looking forward to spending time with family and friends, and I hope everyone else does too.

From my family to yours, I'd like to wish you the merriest of Christmas's, a safe and happy holiday season, and positive and prosperous new year in 2020!

- Dave

With the holiday season fast approaching, I'd like to thank all my past and present clients, for their loyalty. I'm grateful to have the opportunity to help them find their perfect home and continue to service their real estate needs.



As 2019 comes to an end, I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and prosperous 2020. Cheers

- Bill

As we are getting ready to welcome in another new year, I am so thankful for my loving and



supportive family (Jeff, Ryan, Sarah and David), my amazing friends and of course my work family... The Grime Team!

I hope this Christmas you can spend it with those who are near and dear to you. Praying you all have a blessed 2020.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year From The Morgan Family!

- Cindy

Wow!! So hard to believe it is almost 2020!!!!

Once again it's the Time of Year to thank all of my amazing Clients. I love working with each of you and enjoy helping you find the new home of your dreams. Also, I am privileged as I get to share many of your Life Adventures...

Becoming Parents, Grandparents, getting Married etc, Downsizing, Upsizing...I am so fortunate to have you all in my life and hear from many of you throughout the year.



Thanks as always to my Family and Friends for their continued support of my Career and crazy hours. My three grown Children, Natasha, Jay and Travis continue to make us proud every day as they continue to work on their Careers and goals. Pete and I cherish our times with them as it is more difficult with everyone in different cities. Thank you to my Team Partners at the Grime Team as you continue to make each day a Pleasure.

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season and Great Year to come.

- Cathy

2019 seemed to go by quickly... special celebrations with Ryan and Carrie both turning 40, a wonderful and warm week at the cottage, and the girls are celebrating ME on the 30th of Nov with a drop in for my 70th. It is nice that Dave has let me continue to journey with The Grime Team in a small way... They work SO hard and it's a pleasure to see them do SO well. Life is not without its challenges, however I am thankful to remember the blessings along the way... SO wonderful to watch the grandchildren enjoying and succeeding at all their activities... I am SO fortunate to be their Nana.

Hope you and yours have an amazing holiday season... making memories to last a lifetime, and that 2020 a New Year and New Decade brings you all you need... Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

- Lamoine

The holiday season is a time for reflection.

Music, lights and gatherings, help us connect to the feelings of joy, peace and goodwill towards people.

It is also a time to capture priceless memories, that can be relived throughout the year. As you get ready for the hectic moments, please remember to take some time for yourself, to enjoy all that the holidays brings.

But, most importantly, **get out that camera and take pictures and videos, lots of pictures and videos. Because one day all those moments will be the most priceless memories and some of the best gifts you will ever receive.**

From my family to yours, wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy and Amazing 2020.

- RaDeana



As we prepare for 2020, I can't help but reflect not only on the year but on the last decade and how my life has changed during that time.

I've started a family, bought my first home and started a new job where I've made so many new friends and connections.

I'm so excited for the new year and I wish everyone a year of growth, happiness and prosperity.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from my family to yours!

- Drisana



2019 yet again proved to be an exciting year in the Quinton household. Roy continues to oversee the building of homes for Sunvale and my home staging and interior design business has also kept me super busy. It's been a big year for the boys as well with Cole graduating grade 8 and starting high school. Nolan is completing his last year of high school and has applied to Aviation school. Hard to believe we have a child close to leaving home. Nolan continued to golf the Pepsi/Titleist tour and Cole won the Jr Heavy Championship in go-karting at WRKC. Ryker (our dog) continues to melt our hearts and fill our days with joy.



As a family we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all peace, joy and love this Christmas season and pray that 2020 brings you and your family much health and happiness. From our house to yours Merry Christmas!!

- Shannon