

The Shoreline

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Hello everyone,

Well, another Christmas is behind us. Unbelievable; huh? Have you noticed how fast they seem to come and go? No question about it, in so many ways, 2009 has been a difficult year. Well, it's behind us now and we need to look forward with optimism to 2010. Let's remember to count our blessings.

On a Saturday night in late December 2009, I attended a play, "Sussical" with my grandkids – I hate them you know. The theme was of understanding and compassion for one another. The characters depicted a variety of animals and birds. The costumes, dancing and acting was adorable. It gave me the idea for this newsletter.

COMPASSION

On compassion, Emily Dickerson once wrote:

If I can stop one heart from breaking; I shall not live in vain.

If I can ease one life the aching or cool one pain, or help one fainting robin into his nest;
I shall not live in vain.

My father was without question the hardest man I ever met, and I worked with some hardcore people. My mother, however, was the sweetest person I've ever met. They had eight of us; crazy huh? We were always told that's what Catholic families did at that time – okay, but still crazy. Of course, everyone was required to attend Catholic school, a tradition the family continues to this date. My father was in the building trade and had several guys working for him. Now and then, for whatever reason, things would get slow and two or three guys would be out of work. Whenever that happened, the family would continue to provide basic needs, food and shelter until they were back working. Sometimes, on Fridays, he (Dad) would send my older brother down to the commercial fishing docks and load the truck with seafood. Seafood was very cheap back then. We would all participate in this Friday night feast. We were always told "things will get better", and they always did.

With the new year upon us, and many contemplating resolutions, let's try putting compassion at the top of our list.

REAL NEWS

2010 TENANT UPDATE FORMS – Please complete and return with your billing. It's always a good idea to have current emergency contact information on file.

Don't miss the 37th annual New Years-Eve celebration at the world famous Casino Ballroom in Avalon. For reservations, call 310 510-1520.

Until next time,
Jerry, HHW Marina Manager