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THE HAPPIEST PLACE ON EARTH

CELEBRATING DISNEY ON MICKEY MOUSE DAY

Some families spend all their holidays at the beach or camping out in the woods, but our go-to destination has always been Disney World. My wife Marjorie and I are big Disney fans, and our kids love the happiest place on earth just as much as we do. Marjorie has always been able to do Disney on a budget, so we stretch our Disney Dollars to the max. With that in mind, when I remembered that Nov. 18 is Mickey Mouse Day, I knew right away I wanted to dedicate this month's newsletter to all things Disney.

Flipping back through our family photos, it seems like just about every shot of my kids was taken at Disney. One of my all-time favorite photos shows my little girl dressed up in her Cinderella costume, having breakfast with the characters — now that she's off at college, memories like those seem even more precious. That particular photo always reminds me of something almost nobody knows about me: Once upon a time, I was actually a Disney employee, and I worked at Cinderella's Castle.

Since I was 12 years old, I'd always wanted to work at Disney World, but it wasn't until I was in my mid-40s that I got the opportunity. Once my family was secure and my firm was doing well, I finally fulfilled my dream and applied for a seasonal job there. I wasn't exactly their usual candidate: The application offered multiple pages of space for people to list all the jobs they'd held in the last ten years, and I only had one to write down. When I showed up for the interview, the interviewer read my

application, took one look at me and asked, "Why are you here?"

I told her about my lifelong dream of working at Disney and explained how now that my firm was up and running smoothly, I finally could set aside the time to work a little here and there for \$7.50 per hour. "I just want to be in the parks," I said. "I want to be helping people. Just put me in whatever job you want."

Long story short, after a bit of training, I landed the job of footman at Cinderella's Castle in the Magic Kingdom, and I couldn't have been happier. My main duty was parking strollers and assisting little princesses, so I got to see dozens of little girls all dressed up on their way to see the real princesses. I'd ask them, "Are you ready to see Cinderella?" and they'd always answer, "Yeah!" with stars in their eyes, practically bouncing up and down in excitement. They reminded me so much of Alyssa at that age, and it was heartwarming to relive that happy memory every five seconds for the whole day.

Technically, I only worked at Disney for a single shift (that's another couple of great stories), but that was enough to check the job off of my bucket list, and it was a day I'll remember for the rest of my life. To continue the tribute to Mickey Mouse, throughout the rest of this newsletter you'll find notes from our staff on their favorite Disney movies and why they love them. Personally, one of my favorites is "Meet the Robinsons" (you



can read more about that on Pg. 2). I like to joke that every day is Mickey Mouse Day here at Dellutri Law Group because my staff loves Disney just as much as I do. Every few weeks, it seems like someone in our office is taking their family to the parks. Almost everyone has something Disney at their desk or in their office.

If you'd like to get in on the Mickey Mouse Day fun, try entering our contest! All you have to do is guess my favorite Disney park — check out the choices on Pg. 3 — and email your guess to cbyrus@dellutrilawgroup.com. You just might win a prize.

-Carmen Dellutri

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MICKEY!

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS FAMOUS MOUSE?

It's true what they say: Everything gets better with age. For 91 years, Mickey has brought laughter and joy to both children and adults all over the world. November is Mickey Mouse's birthday month, so let's celebrate with these fun facts about our favorite cartoon mouse.

A MOUSE BY ANY OTHER NAME ...

Walt Disney originally named the mouse "Mortimer," but his wife suggested "Mickey." Disney later introduced a character named Mortimer, who had little in common with Mickey besides a shared last name and romantic interest in Minnie Mouse.

THE MOST POPULAR WRITE-IN CANDIDATE

It's true; Mickey is the most popular write-in candidate during election season. As one Georgia election supervisor noted in 2012, "Mickey always gets votes. If he doesn't get votes in our election, it's a bad election." But he's not the only Disney character who gets unwavering support. According to a California election worker, "Donald Duck is a close second." So, if you're one of the many who believe Mickey Mouse would be an excellent U.S. president, you're not alone.



FIRST CARTOON CHARACTER TO SPEAK

Mickey Mouse was the first animated character to be given a voice. His first words, spoken by none other than Walt Disney himself, were "hot dog," which soon became his catchphrase. Here's an even more fun fact: The third person to ever voice Mickey Mouse, Wayne Allwine, eventually married the voice actor of Minnie Mouse, Russi Taylor, after they met on the set of a Disney special.

A DISCO-DANCING FIEND

Mickey's 1979 disco album, "Mickey Mouse Disco," went double platinum in 1984, the first children's album to do so. The album included disco versions of Disney songs as well as "Disney-fied" versions of popular disco hits. If you ever want to hear what all the hype was about, you can still find this album on iTunes.

These are just some of many fun Mickey Mouse facts to develop over his legendary 91-year legacy. To celebrate Mickey's birthday on Nov. 18, find your favorite Mickey Mouse movie and watch it with the whole family!

WHICH DISNEY MOVIE IS YOUR FAVORITE?

The Team Weighs In



"I loved 'The Lion King' growing up, and it's still a movie I try to get my kids to sit and watch even though they saw the new one. I had the soundtrack and the video game on SEGA Genesis. Now that I'm older, I feel like I appreciate the little hidden messages these movies have, like don't run from your past. We all go through things, but if you step up, you realize you come out stronger than you thought you were."

—Nathalie (Personal Injury Legal Assistant)

"My very favorite is 'The Fox and the Hound.' It shows friendship [is possible] no matter who you are or where you're from. It's Leanne's favorite and reminds me that she has no prejudice of anyone."

—Kathy (Foreclosure Paralegal)

"My favorite Disney movie is 'Tangled.' I always support girls with long blonde hair who have cute pet sidekicks! Plus, I love the songs and don't mind when they are on repeat for five days straight at my house thanks to my children!"

—Stefanie (Personal Injury Paralegal)

"My all-time favorite Disney movie is 'The Lion King' for three main reasons:

1. Hakuna matata/no worries is a great thing to learn as a kid and an important one to remember as an adult.
2. Simba's journey of overcoming a rough part of his life and becoming the best version possible is inspiring.
3. Timon and Pumbaa!! Who doesn't love them?"

—Dayana (Front Desk)

"'Pollyanna' was my favorite growing up. I had it recorded off of regular TV with commercials! Now I have it on our Apple TV. I've seen it a million times. I love her relentless positive spirit and how she changed the whole town."

—Christie (Office Manager)

"'Moana!' I like how Moana is guided by her grandmother before and after her passing and how her grandma watched as Moana helped her people and became the leader everyone knew she was going to be."

—Ronnie (Bankruptcy Legal Assistant)

"'The Little Mermaid!' As a kid, I can remember wearing out the VHS tape and once telling a soccer coach that I wouldn't travel to the tournament unless we got to watch it on the ride up there."

—Dave (Attorney)

"I've been watching Disney movies my entire life — 'The Jungle Book,' 'Bedknobs and Broomsticks,' 'The Love Bug.' As I grew older, Touchstone movies became more of my thing. Once kids came into the picture, I no longer had to hide my love for these movies, and I watched all the classics and each new movie with each child. Movie nights were always Disney movies. 'The Little Mermaid,' 'Mary Poppins,' and 'Meet the Robinsons' will always be special to me. Now, it's Disney, Pixar, or Marvel exclusively at our house. Except for when Konnor is at our house, then it's 'Frozen' 24/7."

—Carmen (Attorney)



OUR CLIENTS SAY IT BEST

"When I first decided to see about bankruptcy, I walked in the office beating myself up pretty badly. I felt like most do — that filing bankruptcy is the end and I should feel ashamed and embarrassed. David and all the staff got me to feel and believe that it's actually just the beginning, and I had no reason to feel like I did anything wrong."

I couldn't have asked for a more supportive and compassionate group of people. They were just amazing. During my 341 meeting, as I sat there waiting my turn, I saw a few others with different attorneys being questioned by the trustee about all kinds of personal things. Come my turn with Carmen, I was only asked the questions the trustee

is required to ask. I was done in five minutes tops. That is the difference between having just an attorney and having the Dellutri Law Group in your corner. Awesomeness at its finest!"

—D.



"Where two or three gather together as My followers, I am there among them."
— Matthew: 18:20 NLT

TESTIMONIAL

WHAT'S THE GOODNEWS?



Thanksgiving: THE BEGINNING OF HOLIDAY DEBT

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Not only is this holiday a fun time to get together with friends and family members, it's also the time of year when people begin to spend more money. With the holiday season kicking off on or around Thanksgiving, many people feel pressured to make all holiday wishes and dreams come true — this often means buying items on credit.

We want you to avoid falling into a debt trap this year, which is why we've put together a few important money-saving holiday tips. Take a look at this list before you start to spend.

HOLIDAY SAVING

We all want to buy the people we love the things they want. But sometimes those things are just too expensive. Other times, we haven't properly budgeted for those items. So, my first tip for you is to budget.

- Figure out realistic amounts to spend on each person on your list.

- Write down how much money you will have to save each week to buy that item.
- Place this amount in a separate bank account reserved only for holiday spending.

If you find that you have to save more than you comfortably can, I'd like you to take a look at this next section.

HOW NOT TO SAVE

I encourage all of you to save real cash (not credit) for holiday spending. However, if you are going to go this route, I want to make sure you are saving responsibly.

Do not begin to save for a holiday gift if any of these apply:

- You are saving more than you make every week.
- You cannot save enough cash for the item you want to buy.
- You're tempted to pay with credit or take out a loan to purchase an item.

- You have to forego basic necessities (food, bills, etc.) to save for the item.

What about credit cards? Well, there is a way to use cards responsibly ...

THE ONLY TIME TO USE A CARD

There are times when a credit card can be used responsibly. Only use a card to buy a holiday item *if* these apply:

- You can pay back the amount immediately.
- You are trying to build credit responsibly.
- You will not let your payments build up causing you to spend on interest.
- You still budget for that item in cash.



CAN YOU GUESS CARMEN'S FAVORITE DISNEY PARK?



Is it ...

- A) Epcot
- B) Magic Kingdom
- C) Animal Kingdom
- D) Hollywood Studios
- E) All of the above!

Email your guesses to cbyrus@dellutrilawgroup.com for a chance to win!



The trend continues! Just last month, Carmen got to be with his granddaughter, Konnor, while she met Cinderella — just like he did with his own.



LEFTOVER THANKSGIVING DOG TREATS

Inspired by TwoHealthyKitchens.com



Ingredients

- 1/2 cup cooked sweet potatoes, plain and mashed
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 egg
- 2 cups cooked turkey, finely chopped
- 2 cups whole wheat flour

Directions

1. Heat oven to 350 F.
2. In a medium bowl, combine sweet potatoes, water, and egg. Add turkey and flour and stir again until dough is thick and sticky.
3. Use a rubber spreader to spread dough evenly on parchment-lined baking sheet, about 1/2-inch thick. Cut dough into small rectangles using a knife or pizza cutter.
4. Bake for 30 minutes, until the dog treats are lightly golden brown.
5. Remove from oven and let treats cool completely. Break treats apart along score lines.
6. Serve fresh or store in refrigerator for up to two weeks.