

Chit Chat

Christmas Quotes

One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas day. Don't clean it up too quickly.

— *Andy Rooney*

Perhaps the best Yuletide decoration is being wreathed in smiles.

— *Author Unknown*

Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts.

— *Janice Maeditere*

Probably the reason we all go so haywire at Christmas time with the endless, unrestrained and often silly buying of gifts is that we don't quite know how to put our love into words.

— *Harlan Miller*



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Christmas gift suggestions: To a friend, your heart. To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect.

— *Oren Arnold*

The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.

— *Burton Hillis*

The perfect Christmas tree? *All* Christmas trees are perfect!

— *Charles N. Barnard*

Wishing you the best of all holiday seasons!

— *Tara and April*



Happy Holidays
from
"The Sister Team"

**Wishing each and every one of you
a most joyous, peaceful and healthy
holiday season!!**

Warmest regards,

Tara and April Glatzel

Welcome New Clients!

Here are some new clients who became members of our "Real Estate Family" recently, whom we'd like to welcome, say thank you, and wish you all the best!

Duane Cook and Scott Berndt

Cynthia Morrill

The Brungardt Family (past and treasured clients)

Greg and Alice Duecker

We love giving recognition to our new friends and our wonderful existing clients who are kind enough to refer their friends and relatives to us.

Nov/Dec Quiz Question

Who was the first woman to run for President of the United States?

Everyone responding by calling or e-mailing us with the correct answer will be entered into a drawing for:

A \$25 gift certificate for a store of your choice!

Drawing to be held on 12/31/08



Aug/Sep Quiz Answer

Question: What is the hardest naturally occurring substance on earth?

Answer: The toughness of natural DIAMOND is high compared to other gemstones, but poor compared to most engineering materials. Diamond is therefore more fragile in some orientations than others.

source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diamond>

Congratulations to Harry Guiscard

Your name was selected at random from all of the correct quiz entries and you'll receive a gift certificate for a store of your choice!

Absolutely NO ONE sells more homes in *The Wood Streets* neighborhood than "The Sister Team"!!

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we **WORK** in the neighborhood,
we **KNOW** the neighborhood,
we **SELL** the neighborhood!!!

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The Pet Page



Twas the night before Christmas and all through the town,
Every shelter is full — we are lost but not found.
Our numbers are hung on our kennels so bare,
we hope every minute that someone will care.
They'll come to adopt us and give us the call,
Come here, Max and Sparkie— come fetch your new ball!

But now we sit here and think of the days
we were treated so fondly — we had cute baby ways.
Once we were little, then we grew and we grew,
now we're no longer young and we're no longer new.

So out the back door we were thrown like the trash,
they reacted so quickly — why were they so rash?
We “jump on the children”, “don't come when they call”
We “bark when they leave us”, “climb over the wall”.

We should have been neutered, we should have been spayed,
We suffer the consequence of the errors THEY made!
If only they'd trained us, if only we knew...
we'd have done what they asked us and worshipped them too.
We were left in the backyard, or worse — left to roam,
now we're tired and lonely, and out of a home.

They dropped us off here and they kissed us goodbye
“Maybe someone else will give you a try.”
So now here we are, all confused and alone
in a shelter with others who long for a home.

The kind workers come through with a meal and a pat,
with so many to care for, they can't stay to chat.

They move to the next kennel, giving each of us cheer,
we know that they wonder how long we'll be here.
We lay down to sleep and sweet dreams fill our heads,
of a home filled with love and our own cozy beds.
We wake to see sad eyes, brimming with tears,
our friends filled with emptiness, worry, and fear.

If you can't adopt us and there's no room at the Inn,
could you help with the bills and fill our food bin?
We count on your kindness each day of the year,
can you give more than hope to everyone here?

Please make a donation to pay for the heat,
and help get us something special to eat.
The shelter that cares for us wants us to live,
and more of us will, if more people will give.

“The Sister Team” is willing to donate money to help those who would like to adopt a needy (and doomed) pet from any animal shelter!

And remember.... spaying and neutering is the most important thing we can do to help reduce cat and dog overpopulation!

Please contact us and we will donate our time and money to this most-important cause!



Contact the Riverside County Animal Shelter for adoptions and/or spay and neutering services at (951) 358-7373 or www.rcdas.org.

Contact the Humane Society for adoptions at (951) 688-4340 or www.petsadoption.org.

We can all make a difference by donating clay-formula kitty litter, dog shampoo, liquid laundry detergent, stainless steel bowls, & towels.

Contact Town and Country Veterinary Clinic for low-cost spay and neuter services at (951) 682-1251.

Cell Phones For Soldiers

If you're thinking about replacing your cell phone, and it's estimated that we have replaced more than 130 million cell phones this year, instead of sticking that phone in a drawer or throwing it away, take a few minutes to visit www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com. This program was started in 2004 by 13-year-old Brittany Berquist and her 12-year-old brother Robbie of Norwell, Massachusetts.

Cell Phones for Soldiers collects discarded cell phones and partners with ReCellular Inc., an electronics sustainability firm, that recycles cell phones. ReCellular, in turn, provides prepaid calling cards to soldiers in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan and elsewhere.

Old cell phone in a landfill — or helping a soldier connect with family this Christmas or other time of the year? This will also keep hazardous materials from the landfill because cell phones contain significant percentages of lead, nickel, zinc, mercury and beryllium.



Time For A Chimney Checkup?

Wintertime is a wonderful time to curl up in front of a warm fireplace and watch the flames. It can be a relaxing – even mesmerizing – experience. But before you set a match to those logs or light the gas jet, stop and ask yourself: When was the last time I had the chimney inspected? If your answer is “When we bought the house” or, “Before our holiday party five years ago” or, “I don’t remember” or “Chimney inspected?”, read on.

According to the Chimney Safety Institute of America (www.csia.org), every year residential fires that start in chimneys result in millions of dollars in property damage, personal injuries and death, and virtually all of these fires are preventable if homeowners have annual chimney inspections. This applies not just to wood-burning fireplaces, but to gas fireplaces as well; although gas is generally a clean-burning fuel, your chimney can still become non-functional from bird nests or other debris blocking the flue.

A chimney fire that melts mortar, cracks tiles and spreads to the rest of your house is one concern; a *blocked* chimney can lead to the spread of toxic gases including carbon monoxide, the colorless, odorless gas that’s often called the “invisible killer.”

It certainly puts that relaxing fire in a different perspective, doesn’t it? You can find information about certified chimney service technicians in your area at www.csia.org.



A New Year’s resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

— *Anonymous*

The future is whatever you make it, so make it a good one.

— *Dr. Emmitt Brown*

We can’t do everything for everyone everywhere, but we can do something for someone somewhere.

— *Richard L. Evans*

In this challenging time...

... “The Sister Team” is here to help with ALL of your real estate needs, not just buying or selling homes. Lately, we’ve had many people ask us questions about the ever-changing real estate market. We want you to know that we can help you, and anyone you know, with all of the following concerns:

- facing foreclosure
- short sales
- loan modifications
- refinancing
- reverse mortgages
- bank repos or bank-owned properties

Don’t hesitate to pass along our information to someone who may need help. Don’t wait or it may be too late. We are your real estate consultants for life and we can help in all areas of the real estate industry. We appreciate all referrals. And don’t forget, it IS a great time to buy, whether it be your very first home, a second home and/or investment property!



\$224,900 4639 Brentwood -- 3 large bedrooms, 1.75 baths, approx 1400 sq ft, central air/heat, hardwood floors, bonus room, indoor laundry, above ground spa, private pool-sized backyard with alley access. What a “Wood Streets” deal!



\$1,599,000 7175 Golden Vale, Riverside -- Featuring dramatic interior living spaces, this palatial 5500 sq ft single-level contemporary Mediterranean estate is exceptionally suited to a social lifestyle yet also retains a casual elegance that makes it feel like “home”. Uncompromising quality is evident at every turn! This 4-bedroom, plus bonus room and library, 3.5-bath estate boasts a backyard which is rivaled only by Las Vegas’ Bellagio! Must see to believe! *Featured property* on www.thesisterteam.com.



*Happy
Holidays!*



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Referral Reward Program ...

We want to thank those of you who have participated in our Client Referral program! Marketing for new clients costs us tons of time, money and energy. Like any company, we need new clients to stay in business. Over the years we've found that looking for new clients takes away from the time we would rather be spending focusing on your goals, explaining your options, and providing the excellent service you expect.....*and deserve!*

If you refer your friends and relatives to us, everyone benefits. We can serve you better. We send you a nice gift. And we assure you that we'll take the very best care of anyone you refer to us.

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