

Random Acts of Kindness

By Barb Turcotte

I've been so excited to share this since my first encounter with Peter and Kelly Elias. My first reaction was what an amazing couple then became even more impressed by their humbleness when we met to talk about the why's of their Random Act of Kindness.

This past year, I've had the joy of working per diem as a Life Enrichment Assistant at Keystone Commons, an Independent/Assisted Living facility located in Ludlow. One of the many activities is bringing residents out for lunch which is where this story begins.

One resident Shirley started a conversation with Peter and Kelly while interacting with their then 14-month-old, Noah. When on outings residents are responsible for their own expenses. As the waitress began dispersing our checks Kelly whispered to Shirley her check had been taken care of. Then to our surprise the waitress divulged they'd covered everyone's lunches at our table, all 10 of us! There were gasps of disbelief and gratitude as everyone hovered around them with thanks, appreciating their gesture. Having had the opportunity for over a year of writing stories for community papers about Random Acts of Kindness, I immediately approached them to ask if I could write about their kindness and they agreed which is why you're hearing about this amazing and very generous couple.

Peter, from a previous marriage has two children, a 17-year-old son, a senior in high school, and a 21-year-old daughter, a senior in college, and now he and Kelly have Noah. Kelly previously fostered 10 to 15 children but that ended when she met and adopted her now nine-year-old son. Her son was non-verbal and with the opportunities she afforded him, he currently attends a regular third-grade class. What an amazing life this young man now has thanks to her!

I knew there had to be more stories with these two because people who do these types of things, "It's" not their first rodeo," as the saying goes.

My first question of course was, why? Peter explained they don't generally tell people when they do things, they just do them anonymously but the waitress identified them this time. He went onto share that his dad had passed when he seven years old and his mother brought up he and his two younger siblings, but always found a way to give to others. He said she doesn't go out often and it warmed his heart to see a group of women her age laughing and enjoying each other's company. He explained they're in a good place in life right now and just wanted to do this. What an amazing gesture!!

Peter graduated in 1998 with a Mechanical Engineering degree and then in 2016 became the proprietor of his own business in West Springfield developing and working on aerospace projects.

Though very humble and embarrassed talking about them-

selves, they did share with pride some of the things they're involved with. One is their contributions to "Autism Speaks," by participating with their cars in car shows at the Big E to raise money for this cause. In addition they're also involved with the Dream Ride Experience which is the signature fundraising event of the Hometown Foundation, Inc. This supports individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities and honors these men, women, and children living in our communities.

There are so many more things I could share with you about this incredible couple but you get the jest of who these wonderful people are. Plus, I wouldn't have room to tell you the surprise ending to our meeting!

When I asked Peter if he was from Wilbraham, he shared he'd grown up in Springfield and amazingly only a couple miles from me. When I asked what middle school he'd gone to; could it be? Yep, it was the same one my son had gone to and in fact they knew each other well! He'd actually spent time at my house with all the other neighborhood kids, but we didn't recognize each other! When they say it's a small world they certainly aren't kidding! Can you imagine our amazement at the chances of it unfolding like this!!

The perfect ending to what I think is a remarkable story for so many reasons is, Keystone Commons residents have been so inspired by Peter and Kelly's generosity that each month we'll be supporting a local charity with our own Random Acts of Kindness. Check our Facebook page and support our efforts. This is a great example of how kindness inspires others!

If you would like to tell me a story about a Random Act of Kindness please contact me at bdt514@aol.com or 413-788-7514. You don't need one, but if you'd like to have a pre-designed flyer to include with your next gesture, let me know. It's a way to keep the memory alive long after the gesture is done. Who knows, you might see your story in this column. 'Just 'Cause' you witnessed, did or received something nice being done. See you next month with another Random Act of Kindness!

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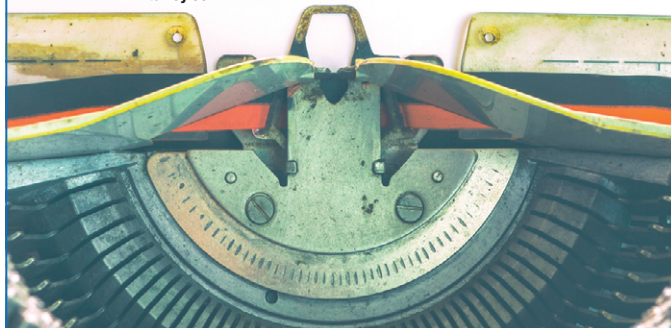
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with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Lorraine E Stevko of Hampden MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Lorraine E Stevko of Hampden MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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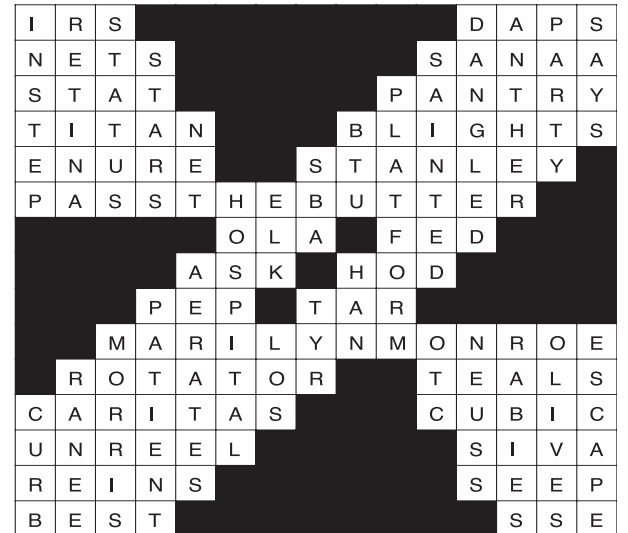
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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M. Hyland, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 19, 2023
Rosemary A. Saccomani
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