

# Joyful Journal

### November 2021 NEWSLETTER

# News From Your Mortgage Planner



We become what we think about. — Earl Nightingale



# Oh and it's Fall







Fall is my favorite time of the year. School starts, the weather changes (yes it does slightly change in SoCal), the holidays are upon us, and I generally feel myself slow down, even if it's in my mind. If you saw my family calendar, you would know there is no slowing down. It's just something about fall. October started off with Addy's first Homecoming dance at UCHS she went with her group of friends in beautiful dresses and high-top converse shoes! Things sure have changed since I was in high school. Her field hockey season is almost over but it has been fun to watch her and her teammates progress throughout the season. We have a few softball tournaments over the next month or so and then a slight break before it starts over in the New Year. Sam (she wants to be called Sam now....) finally got her own catching equipment - I held out as long as I could but it was time...and she looks great in her new gear. She doesn't want me to call her Stormtrooper Sam, but it fits. She practices and plays 5-6 days a week and continues to improve her skills and keeps smiling, so that makes me and Scott smile and continue to be her taxi! The older I get, the sillier I seem to get, so I let Sam have a Halloween party. That way I could decorate the house and



dress up! We hosted a 7th grade co-ed pizza and trick or treat party and boy it got loud during the great candy exchange of 2021 – the music was blaring, and the kids were hopped up on sugar. I'm glad we have understanding neighbors! October found me participating in The Out of the Darkness Walk benefiting the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. I was honored to walk (and dress up) with Team Chetwood, we raised \$4000 to help others fight to live and to see the light all around us. As we enter the holiday season, I encourage you to be that light. Take a deep breath, be present, be grateful and be intentional in your actions. We have no idea what is going on in someone else's life and the opportunity to hold the door open or smile and say good morning may just be the light for someone that day. I wish you much joy during this time and always.

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## Wise Man's Joke

A wise man once faced a group of people who were complaining about the same issues over and over again. One day, instead of listening to the complaints, he told them a joke and everyone cracked up laughing.

Then, the man repeated the joke. A few people smiled. Finally, the man repeated the joke a third time-**but no one reacted.** 

The man smiled and said, "You won't laugh at the same joke more than once. So what are you getting from continuing to complain about the same problem?"

**The Moral**: You're not going to get anywhere if you keep complaining about the same problem but do nothing to fix it. Don't waste your time complaining, expecting other people to continue to react to your complaints. Instead, take action to make a change.

"Life isn't about getting and having, it's about giving and being."

— Kevin Kruse

# Lanksgiving Fun Fact





President Abraham Lincoln issued the 1863 proclamation in October calling on Americans to "set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of thanksgiving," partly to celebrate victories in the then-raging Civil War. This proclamation is viewed as the beginning of the national holiday of Thanksgiving Day. It was one of nine similar proclamations that Mr. Lincoln issued during the Civil War. But, President Lincoln's proclamation may have never been issued had it not been for Sarah Josepha Hale, the author of Mary Had a Little Lamb. In 1846, as the editor of Godey's Lady's Book, Mrs. Hale launched a letter-writing campaign to support her cause. Finally on September 28, 1863, she wrote directly to President Lincoln, asking him to use his powers to create the holiday and after 17 years her quest was finally fulfilled.



Don't forget to set your scales back ten pounds this week





# For the Season





### HERE RESTS IN HONORED GLORY AN AMERICAN SOLIDER KNOWN BUT TO GOD

November 2021 will mark the centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. On November 11, 1921, following the end of World War I, the repatriated remains of an unknown member of the American Expeditionary Forces were interred at Arlington National Cemetery. Since then, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier has provided a final resting place for Unknowns from World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. With more than 100,000 American casualties from the first World War, the large numbers of unidentified dead posed an unprecedented repatriation challenge for the United States.

In December 1920, New York Congressman and WWI veteran Hamilton Fish, Jr., proposed legislation "to bring home the body of an unknown American warrior who in himself represents no section, creed, or race in the late war and who typifies, moreover, the soul of America and the supreme sacrifice of her heroic dead."

The Tomb has grown into a powerful national symbol of service and sacrifice. To this day, it is protected 24 hours a day by members of the 3rd Infantry Regiment (also known as the Old Guard). The President (or their designee) has placed a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Veterans and Memorial Day each year.

Thank you to all Veterans and Family for your service to our Country



### **KATHARINE SMITH**

Angela is a stellar lender and such a pleasure to work with, particularly given how grueling, competitive and brutal the real estate market is right now. She was incredibly easy to talk to, and explained what I didn't fully understand without any ego or impatience. I really appreciate how she cared so much about my family's well-being during the process of buying a home and moving out of state, as well as following up via phone and email to make sure everything was good after the fact. She was recommended to me by another lender and it's clear why—she is an absolute gem and I'd recommend her for anything mortgage related!



# Welcome to the Family

Jennifer & Jeremy Williams – referred by industry peer Clint Lively & Michelle Ferraro – friends

I love recognizing new friends and existing clients who are kind enough to introduce their friends, family, and neighbors to us.



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