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Who needs New Year's resolutions when you can have amazing Spring Goals??! Set your goals & crush them!

Check out your G&M attorneys crushing it since our last newsletter...



Radlyn & John rocked the Shamrock! Radlyn (who just started running in the fall) ran the full 13 miles in the Shamrock Half Marathon.



Radlyn & John post-race. It was a beautiful snowy, 30 degree day in Virginia Beach!

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Sarah, a surfer at heart, learned to snowboard as she vacay-ed in Lake Tahoe.



John ran his very first marathon and finished the full 26.2 mile Shamrock Marathon in less than 5 hours.... way to go John! #beastmode



Congratulations to Kiley, who just got engaged to her boyfriend Logan (who is a super-cool F-18 WSO in the U.S. Navy)!

Client's Corner

"A few years ago, I got into a car accident. I wasn't at fault, but since I was the last car in the fray, I was looking at a reckless driving charge for an accident that could not be avoided. John Gardner represented me in court and presented my case so the judge was able to see that I was not at fault for the accident. He helped take a frustrating situation and made it better by making sure I would not be unfairly penalized. John is the best! "-Mia



When old clients come in for help to apply for U.S. Citizenship, it's pretty fantastic! (yes, I always ask to hold the baby!)

Business Spotlight

Our friend and former Naturalization client, Robert Wallace is working his restaurant magic at Grace O'Malley's, a new authentic, Irish Pub. The pub is named after the legendary Gráinne Ní Mháille who reigned Queen of Umaill in the 1500's, and is known for her fierce, fearless leadership.

We took the whole family to enjoy some traditional Irish fare. The restaurant is kid-friendly, and the kids loved that the 'chips' are really huge french fries.

We sampled The Bangers and Mash (Irish sausages and mashed potatoes), which were yummy; Robert looked far and wide for the perfect banger, and we concluded that he found them. Since we went on a Sunday, one of the specials was a traditional stew that your Irish gramma' would've made for you. It was warm, delicious and very homey.

Grace O'Malley's has a stage, where Irish performers, singers, dancers, and musicians, perform throughout the week. On this particular Sunday afternoon, a dozen or so musicians gathered to have a jam session. The music was so festive, and everyone was having a great time. The kids learned what Irish music was all about so it was a cultural experience to boot.

If the delicious food and Robert's hospitality isn't enough to bring you to Grace O'Malley's, you must go to check out the beautiful decor. All of the woodwork,



furniture, and fixtures, including the bar, was shipped from Ireland - even the storefront! You know how places around here say Irish pub? Well, Grace O'Malley's really is an Irish Pub, because all the Pub accoutrements are from the Motherland.

Check out Grace O'Malley's, and tell our favorite guy, Robert, that Radlyn and John sent you. Enjoy! Tá sé in am an gabhar a róstadh!



Ask Our Legal Beagle

What do I do if ICE shows up at my doorstep?

By law, ICE cannot enter your home without a search warrant. Even if you are undocumented, these rights apply to you. If ICE comes knocking on your door, you have the right to not answer the door. In the majority of cases, ICE will NOT have the proper search warrant issued by a court that will allow them to enter your home without your permission.

Recipe of the Month: Veronica's Chicken Enchiladas

Our client Veronica only cooks this amazing meal on special occasions!

• Ingredients for Enchiladas

- 1 (10.75 ounces) can cream of mushroom soup
- 🝷 1 homemade green salsa; see recipe to the right (sub- 1/2 (16 ounce) jar green salsa)
- ${\bf 3}$ skinless chicken breasts cooked and shredded, (sub about 2 cups chopped boneless,
- cooked turkey or rotisserie chicken)
- 16 corn tortillas (8-inch), warmed.
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese or Monterey Jack cheese (about 4 ounces) • 1/2 cup milk

Directions for Enchiladas.

- 1. In a pot with enough water to cover, boil the chicken 25 minutes, or until juices run clear. Drain, cool, and shred.
- 2. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease a medium baking dish.
- (A 9 x 13 pan works great.)
- 3. Blend enchilada sauce (salsa verde {Bought or Homemade}, cream of mushroom, and yes, Milk)
- 4. Fill each warmed tortilla with equal amounts of chicken and cheese, reserving 1/4 cup of cheese for topping. Roll tortillas to form enchiladas. Arrange enchiladas in the
- prepared baking dish. Cover with the blended enchilada sauce.
- 5. Bake enchiladas 25 minutes in the preheated oven. Top with reserved cheese, and continue baking 5 minutes, until cheese is melted.

Ingredients for Homemade green salsa from scratch.

- 1 pound tomatillos (this is about 3-4 of them)
- 2 medium jalapeño chili peppers
- 2 serrano chili peppers
- 4 cloves of garlic
- 12 sprigs of cilantro 1 teaspoon salt



Directions for Homemade green salsa from scratch.

Remove the papery husks from the tomatillos and rinse to remove the sticky residue. Add all of the ingredients except the tomatillos and cilantro and salt to a large pot and just cover with water. Bring the water and ingredients to a boil. After ingredients come to a boil simmer for 10 minutes adding the tomatillos (these cook super fast and you don't want them over cooked) Blend the cooked ingredients and the cilantro with the cooking water until smooth. (About 30 seconds) Add the salt and adjust to taste.

(Subbing for your favorite store bought green salsa is also very acceptable!)

If you get deported, is your house in order?

With the recent changes in immigration law we are anticipating a significant increase in deportations. Now, just a simple moving violation for an undocumented individual can subject them to deportation. Are you prepared with a power of attorney should this happen to you?

A Power of Attorney (or POA) is a written document that allows a person to choose someone else (a legal adult) to act on their behalf regarding finances, property, business, or a child's care. This is an invaluable tool for those facing the possibility of deportation or detention.

A POA can grant power to:

- Sign checks on behalf of the principal;
- Access the principal's bank account;
- Care for minor children;
- Make decisions about a child's schooling or healthcare;
- Buy and sell property;
- Ship personal property to another country.

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It is important that a person being granted the POA be a trusted family member or friend who would be staying behind in the United States, that you would not mind acting on your behalf in such matters.

We highly recommend that a POA be drafted proactively to ensure that all aspects of your life are protected in case of deportation or detention. We are happy to announce that we now offer both General and Special Powers of Attorney to all current and potential clients. Give us a call today at (757) 464-9224 to ensure your house is in order should you be deported.

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Radlyn celebrating her 45th with cousin Michelle and 150 of her closest friends at Church Point Manor.

Thank you for your referrals!



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April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Did you know....

Texting while driving is a primary offense, meaning you can be stopped by a police officer for texting! Don't give the officers another reason to pull you over.



- Police can administer blood tests for individuals suspected of driving under the influence! Based on specific criteria, a police officer may require a blood test in lieu of a breath test, and the driver does not pick which test they take.
- You can follow VBPD Traffic & Safety on Facebook & Twitter to receive notifications on checkpoints and saturation patrol locations. Although exact checkpoint locations won't be provided, VBPD's hope is that drivers will think twice about driving impaired in that general area.

Sergeant Bradley K. Wesseler of the Virginia Beach Police Department wants to remind everyone that "The police department wants everyone to go out and have a great time! We just want you to do it responsibly." So don't drink & drive, because as Sergeant Wesseler points out, "We see you before you see us." Drive safe this month!

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