



Stevenson Klotz Monthly Calendar—January of 2018

National Cream Puff Day, Jan 2. If you haven't vowed to start a diet, treat yourself to these delicious pastries for dessert.

National Sunday Supper Day, Jan. 14. The second Sunday in January is a time for families to gather in the home and around the hearth and reconnect over the evening meal and hopefully establish a new monthly habit in the year ahead.

National Compliment Day, Jan. 24. Be sincere as you offer a few words of praise to those you might encounter today.

National Plan for Vacation Day, Jan. 31. There's a disturbing trend that the average American worker fails to use any or most of their vacation days. Let's change that in 2018. Set aside time in your schedule on this day to plan a getaway.

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Corn Pudding



What's up at SKLF?

We set a high goal in 2017 for our Santa's Bookshelf book collection. And we were able to meet it because of everyone's generous donations. Santa's Bookshelf is our holiday charity where we collect new or gently used children's books to distribute to families in need. Half of the books are distributed to children locally and half of the books are shipped to schools and libraries over-seas.

We were able to collect approximately 1100 books this year...almost double what we collected last year. Thanks everyone who contributed!

This month your entire Stevenson Klotz team met at our "Annual Planning Day" in the first week of January to set our goals, implement new procedures and develop our strategy for delivering the best customer service to our loyal clients. We are always looking for ways to grow and improve. One of the things we did at our meeting were team personality and communication skill tests. We were helped with this project by consultants from the Studer Group in order to streamline and maximize our ability to communicate and work together as a team.

We look forward to serving our clients this year. Thank you for trusting us with your case!

Thanks for the Referrals!

A special thank you to the following friends who referred us clients the last month. We are grateful and honored anytime someone trusts a friend or family member to us.

- Joe Johns



This is my dad's favorite corn pudding. My grandmother made it for him just about every time we came over to her house growing up.

—Eric

Ingredients:

- 1 Can of cream styled corn
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1/2 cup milk
- Dash of salt

Directions:

- 1 Preheat oven to 350°
- 2 Grease a baking dish with butter or cooking spray.
- 3 In a large Bowl, Mix together all of the ingredients.
- 4 Pour the mixture into the greased baking dish.
- 5 Bake about 30 minutes at 350°.

Enjoy this simple, yet scrumptious, dessert!

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Open Books is a non-profit, volunteer-run bookstore. It is a worthwhile project we wanted to spotlight this month. It is a totally unrelated project from Stevenson Klotz's "Santa's Bookshelf." Proceeds from the sale of books and donations at Open Books support the Prison Book Project, operating since 2000. The Prison Book Project currently sends around 6,000 books each year to indigent inmates in Florida prisons, the largest prison system in the country and one sorely lacking in-house book collections. The Prison Book Project currently serves approximately 1,800 inmates each year. Open Books provides free books to improve the lives of prisoners, to provide educational resources, and to help reduce the likelihood of their returning to the prison system. The belief is that communities fare better when prisoners returning to

society have had an opportunity to learn, grow, and mature as individuals. Lauren Lewis, one of our associates, volunteers at this worthwhile project. If you have paperback books you want to donate, we can deliver them for you or you can send them to:

**Open Books Bookstore
and Prison Book Project,
1040 N. Guillemard Street,
Pensacola, FL 32501.**

Follow these tips to avoid accidents at home

To make sure your home is a safe home, review this safety checklist...

Every year about 30,000 fatal accidents occur in people's homes, most of which were largely preventable. Making your home accident-proof isn't hard. To make sure your home is a safe home, review this safety checklist:

- **Stairwells, stoops and steps.** Tack down loose carpeting, augment dim lighting, and bolt handrails to walls with long screws.
- **Exterior walkways and steps.** If painted, repaint with a nonslip additive that prevents slipping or affix with nonslip strips.
- **Electric garage door.** Test periodically to make sure the safety stop mechanism is operational.
- **Free-standing furniture.** Secure bookshelves and storage units to walls with angled brackets, screws or bolts.
- **Gas and water cutoff valves.** Know how to close them. Use tags to identify each one, if necessary.
- **Heating and water system.** Have the vent stacks professionally checked annually to prevent toxic gases from entering the home.
- **Water heater.** Set temperature at or below 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Test highest temperature in running water with meat thermometer. Alternatively, install an anti-scald device on faucets and showerheads.
- **Clothes dryer.** Make sure it vents directly outside, not through a chimney flue, as lint is combustible and the fumes can be toxic.
- **Radiators.** Cover with a frame that is not touching the unit.
- **Steam irons.** Always unplug before filling with water.

- **Toasters.** Avoid toasting sugarcoated or filled pastries because the sugar can ooze, gumming up the inside and causing a fire.
- **All appliances.** Check to make sure they have UL listings, which guarantee the product meets safety standards. And make sure electrical appliances are not next to heating equipment.
- **Light switches.** Relocate any that are within reaching distance of a tub or shower.
- **Electrical cords and plugs.** Replace any worn piece, as they cause many household fires. Keep out of high traffic areas where they can trip children and adults. And never run under carpeting or rugs.
- **Extension cords.** Avoid using. If necessary, use cords with the same or greater wattage/ampereage than the appliance. Never run under carpeting or rugs.
- **Electrical panel box.** Ensure there's a main disconnect to cut off all power in case of a fire. Also, properly mark all circuit breakers.
- **Fire extinguishers.** Have at least two dry-chemical extinguishers, mount near kitchen and bedrooms, and check the pressure gauge at least twice a year.
- **Smoke alarms.** Test every six months.
- **Medicines.** Separate external and internal medications, and discard outdated ones.
- **Kitchen knives.** Store in blocks, not loose in drawers where blades are exposed.
- **Stove tops.** Cook on back burners when possible.
- **Indoor locks.** Make sure all locks can be opened from the outside in case of emergency.

Youth Music Project Essay/Song Writing Contest

Enter the contest for a chance to win a \$250 scholarship to advance your interest in music.



Eric's Corner

December is always fast paced wrapping up the end of the year, getting ready for the new one, and celebrating Christmas. This December was no different. In the midst of a few scheduling orders that required a lot of depositions, Stevenson Klotz managed to complete all of our goals for the year resulting in a team bonus to our associate attorney and staff. There was a lot of work in the last couple of weeks to meet the goals. Everyone pitched in. We are grateful to have a team that is dedicated to helping us achieve our potential.

At home, we decorated our tree, put up stockings and the nativity set, and watched many holiday movies. Our nativity set belonged to Carrie's grandmother and sits on the mantle over our fireplace. The set reminds us that family traditions handed down through the generations help us remember our loved ones who are no longer with us and makes the holidays more special. We always wait until Christmas day to put the baby Jesus in the manger, and the set comes down on Epiphany after the 12 days of Christmas have ended. Among the movies we watched were Elf (Lucy Adams's favorite), Christmas Vacation, A Christmas Story, It's a Wonderful Life, and Die Hard. We spent Christmas day with Carrie's parents, my dad, and my grandparents eating food, telling stories, putting together a jigsaw puzzle, and being grateful for having four generations of family present. After Christmas day, Carrie and the kids met my mom and my sister, Joy, and Joy's sons, Trever and Tyler, in the Everglades to enjoy some warmer weather and an adventure. I spent the time finishing up some projects at work and at home.

We are looking forward to a great 2018! All of our family, friends, and clients make our lives better and better. We are grateful for so many wonderful people in our lives. Best wishes for a marvelous 2018 to everyone!

Practice Area: A Pedestrian's Rights

As I read the newspaper, I seem to see more and more pedestrians and bicyclists who are being hit by cars. A pedestrian or bicycle case can be very different than a car-on-car accident. There may be issues where your regular car insurance may or may not cover you. There might be an implied crosswalk which affects or limits a pedestrian's rights. These implied crosswalks are defined by Florida statute, sometimes even if a crosswalk is not clearly marked on the street. These can be tricky and confusing legal cases. If you or a loved one has been a victim in a pedestrian or bicycle accident, please give us a call for a free consultation about your legal rights.

What friends are for...

Two women were discussing their weight loss goals and dieting strategies. "We should team up. We could work out together, exchange recipes, and support each other," said one woman.

"Sounds like a plan," replied the other.

"And when I'm craving a deep-dish pizza with a side of cheese fries, like I am right now..."

"Don't worry, sister, I've got your back," said the friend. "I could go for a slice myself and know just the place. Come on, I'm driving."

