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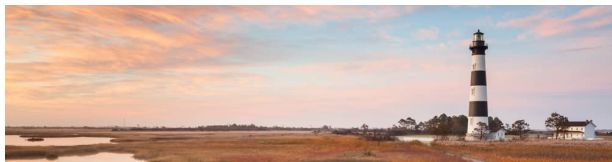
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A Bi-Monthly Newsletter for Clients and Friends of Goodrich & Watson Insurers, Inc.



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## O'Berry Family Reunion

Every August, when the cicadas are as loud as the winds are hot, I am reminded of the fields and narrow, winding country roads that led to my Uncle William "Bill" & Aunt Virginia O'Berry's farm near Windsor (Isle of Wight County), VA. Finding the O'Berry family farm would have been impossible at night, but even during the day, it was quite the challenge. In those days, there existed no street names and no signs. Instead, as a kid, I



remember driving for what seemed like forever until we turned sharply at the Fire Tower off of Route 258. Only then, did we know we were close.

You see, the first Sunday of August each year was the annual O'Berry Family Reunion. They say it was held on that date to commemorate Grandma O'Berry's birthday, a wonderful woman who raised 8 girls and one boy (my Uncle Bill). We eagerly anticipated these reunions each year because as a young kid, there was *nothing* as exciting as being on that farm. Nothing beat chasing chickens on a dirt barn yard, playing hide-and-seek with my cousins in old outbuildings, and exploring the old tractors. The O'Berry farm seemed endless as a child. Corn fields lined each side, and in the middle, sat the slightly leaning, two-story family farmhouse, charmingly quirked to one side.

All the women showed up in their Sunday dresses, casseroles in hand. Food was of the utmost importance at these festivities, and crisp white sheets adorned long tables to present the day's meal. Homemade ice cream was the dessert following the afternoon affair, and I'll never forget the smoky aftertaste of Aunt Violet's

scorched homemade chocolate ice cream. She made the same ice cream year after year, and still, she somehow managed to burn it each time. It was, of course, *amazing* nonetheless. The

hayride at the end of the day, however, was the highlight. My Uncle's old Ford farm truck on a "working day" would hold the most precious cargo. On reunion days, my uncle generously spread hay in the bed of the truck as he prepared to get it ready for the kids. At the appointed time, small and large kids alike would line up to ride. On those days, we were the precious cargo.

My Uncle Bill & Aunt Virginia told me once that they did things the "hard way" because they enjoyed doing so. Uncle Bill was a peanut farmer, raising his own food and milking his cow twice a day for 40 years. Aunt Virginia made her own butter from that milk and kept the old farm house clean and beautiful. In the world today, they would be considered relics of a bygone era, but the fond memories of these two, and of those wonderful O'Berry reunion days... I remember as clearly as I do the taste of Aunt Violet's scorched chocolate ice cream. I hope you are having a great summer!



Cheers,  
Dan



# Adopt A Classroom 2023

## *Calling All Teachers!*



Are you or do you know an amazing PreK-12 instructor? Well, we want to hear from you—you could win BIG! For the 2023 upcoming school year, we would like to adopt your classroom with a donation! Here's what you have to do:

**1st Place: \$1,000 2nd Place: \$500**

1. Take a creative picture with your class, and give us a short summary as to how your classroom could use our help!
2. Submit it to us via email (mary@goodrichwatson.com) or scan and fill out this form by **Friday, September 15th** at midnight. We'll post all the entries the following Monday.
3. Encourage all of your peers to like your submission on our Facebook & Instagram by **September 24th** at midnight. The most likes in total wins!



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## Local Virginia Summer Events

- **Port Warwick Summer Concert Series:** Every Wednesday until August 30th from 6:00pm-9:00pm at Port Warwick
- **Yorktown Market Days:** Every Saturday from 8:00am to 12:00pm at Riverwalk Landing at Yorktown Beach
- **Friday Beer Garden Beats:** Every Friday from 6:00pm-9:00pm at the Virginia Beer Company in Williamsburg



## Introducing Jennifer Turner



**Jennifer "Jenn" Turner** was born and raised in Virginia. While originally from Suffolk, she spent most of her childhood in York County where she attended York High School. Jenn spent 15+ years in the automotive industry before becoming an Insurance Agent in

2020. In her spare time, Jenn likes to spend time with her son Tre' and her dogs, Meatball and Leo. As an animal lover, Jenn has been rescuing and fostering dogs for over 20 years. She enjoys outdoor activities such as fishing, camping, going to her son's baseball games, and days at the beach. She is very excited to join the team here at Goodrich & Watson!

## **Citrus Chesapeake Bay Croaker**

Ingredients:

- 2 medium croakers
- 1 lemon cut into quarters
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 medium onion, sliced into rings
- 1 orange, divided into 8 sections
- 1/3 cup dry white wine

Instructions:

- Rub fish inside and out with two of the lemon quarters. Season fish inside and out with salt and pepper.
- Place onion in bottom of casserole dish. Place fish on top of the onion.
- Spread six orange sections around fish. Squeeze two orange sections and remaining two lemon quarters over fish.
- Pour wine in casserole dish.
- Cover casserole dish with aluminum foil and bake at 450 F for 25 to 30 minutes.





## Thank You For Referrals! Thank You! Thank You!

Thanks to all our clients who recently referred their family, friends and associates to our agency. We build our agency on your positive comments. We couldn't do it without your help!

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| Elsie White      | John Morneau    |
| Jus Kut-N-Up     | Justin Pederson |
| Lawn Care / B    | Brian Griffin   |
| Scott Mizelle    | Shaun O'Donnell |
| Bill Lakin       | Kenneth Holland |
| Sam & In, Inc /  | Pierre Martin   |
| Inchol Pak       | Kurt Eberly     |
| REMAX / Laney    | Derry Haywood   |
| Morewitz         | Jason Bulgin    |
| Bill Atchison    | Rich Hardy      |
| HD Innovations & | Lemuel Mathias  |
| Security LLC /   | Rick Schuetz    |
| Traune Turner    | Sherrell Moody  |
| Ray Savage       | Tracie Knapp    |
| Joseph Maben     | Timothy Quick   |
| Michael Sterling |                 |



### Are You Our Client of the Month?

Our agency is nothing without your loyalty and faith in us. Even if your name doesn't appear this month, please accept our heartfelt thanks for your support. We truly appreciate it! Congratulations to **Tim Gerhardt** for being our client of the month! Tim will receive a **\$50.00 dinner gift card**. Thanks for your continued business!

# WIN! WIN! WIN!

This month Goodrich & Watson Insurers is sponsoring another Trivia Contest and offering you a chance to win a **\$40.00 Dinner Gift Card**. Test your knowledge! Answer the riddle below and you could be this month's winner. The winner will be randomly chosen from all correct entries received by **September 15th**. Write down your name and answer, and then **mail** –11837 Rock Landing Dr. #102, Newport News, VA 23606 this page -- or **email** your name and answer to [mary@goodrichwatson.com](mailto:mary@goodrichwatson.com) -- Good luck!

**Question:** How many oceans border the United States of America?

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address or Contact Details: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### Last Month's Winner:

Congratulations to **Lottie Onks** for correctly answering last month's trivia question! For the correct answer, **Lottie** has won a **\$40.00 Dinner Gift Card!**

### Last month's question was:

*What flower is associated with Mother's Day?*

*Answer: Carnations*

### Tell Others About Us and Win a Prize

Who will be our next Client of the Month? Could it be **you**? Referrals are the lifeblood of any business, and there's no better source than you, our clients. Just mention Goodrich & Watson Insurers to a friend, relative, or colleague and have them give us a call at (757)-591-2032. Don't forget to tell them to use your name, so we can enter you for our prize draw! Thank you in advance.

## Looking Back On Our Shred Event



We had so much fun at our Shredding Event a few months ago! Thank you to everyone who came out and participated in the event. The weather was a bit rainy, but so many of our clients came ready to shred their old papers and grab a hamburger while they were at it. We had such a great time meeting all of our clients!

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**IT'S A FACT:** Cape Hatteras lighthouse is the tallest lighthouse in the United States, standing almost 200 feet in the air. What's more, this lighthouse, which is made of brick, has actually been moved from its original location due to the encroaching ocean putting it at risk. Can you imagine the feat of moving a lighthouse that massive?

## Bright Ideas: Tips And News Snippets For A Better, Safer Life


### *Plastic-Free Living*

 **Living Plastic-Free** is a global challenge for households to eliminate single-use plastics. This challenge seeks to create cleaner streets, oceans, and communities. Here are some tips for participating:


 **Do A Quick Trash Audit.** Take a look at your trash can. What are the repeat offenders? Is it chip bags, water bottles, or maybe granola bars? What about plastic plates, utensils or cups? Whatever you see most in your trash, set up a plan to avoid those. Maybe you can try making vegetable chips or granola bars instead of buying individually packaged single-use plastic versions. Or, you could invest in cutlery and plates that you can reuse for years!

 **Plastic Water Bottles.** Many people buy plastic water bottles when they're out and about, only

to discard them after one use. Buy a reusable water bottle and avoid single-use plastic. Avoiding buying single-use plastic water bottles is as simple as carrying your own reusable alternative with you. Any metal or aluminum bottle will do. If you don't have filtered water to fill your reusable bottle with, think about buying a Brita Water Filter. These filters are not only environmentally friendly, but they will save you money from buying cases of single-use plastic water bottles.

 **Plastic Shopping Bags.** Reusable shopping bags are a fantastic alternative to single-use plastic bags. It's a great idea to keep a stash of your reusable bags somewhere where you'll remember them; like in the boot of your car or by your front door. You can also get into the habit of writing a reminder to yourself at

the start of each grocery shopping list. Reusable bags go beyond just grocery shopping – bring them along for all shopping trips! There are even purse/pocket sized reusable bags that you can keep on hand for emergencies. By bringing your own bag, you can save around 500 plastic bags per year from entering our oceans and landfill.

 **Build Up Your Reusable Arsenal.** Ziploc bags are convenient, but did you know there are reusable sandwich bags out there? Stock up on those and other better alternatives. Use metal or bamboo utensils instead of plastic, metal containers for packed lunches, and glass jars for storing leftovers. These options might require a bit more cleaning on your part, but you will find that you do not miss the plastics at all!

*Quote:* "The ocean stirs the heart, inspires the imagination and bring eternal joy to the soul."

*Robert Wyland*