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Sweetie News – Valentines Day 2008



Good Food, Good Deeds Good Lives... by Linda Hundt

Welcome, welcome, welcome to our Sweetie-licious newsletter. Our mission is to celebrate home-life through stories of good food, good deeds, and good lives. Each issue will also present a delicious and simple recipe. I am thrilled to share my treasured library of recipes, stories and traditions with you all! So friends, here is to making our lives meaningful, our homes happy, and our palates joyous!

My favorite holiday is approaching ever so quickly!! Love Day or Valentine's Day is truly a beautiful holiday, but I fear that it is often misunderstood. I believe one of the biggest misconceptions about Valentine's Day is that it is only for lovers. No, no, no dear friends, Valentine's Day is the recognized day to acknowledge love and gratitude to all the people you love. Oh my, what incredible opportunities this day presents!! I think it obvious to acknowledge your partner in life, but what about your children, parents or grandparents? What about nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles? What about special friends or neighbors? What about old friends or co-workers? What about folks that you know are lonely or depressed? Make a list of "your valentines" and recognize them this year with a card, a phone call, a gift, or a simple visit. Let them know you love them.

I think another misconception about Valentine's Day is that you need to spend lots of money to express your affection to loved ones. If money is tight, a thoughtful, homemade dinner or one delicious truffle or a single tulip or rose are just as appreciated as a whole box of truffles or a dozen roses. Homemade foods and gifts are also treasured, and cards are truly revered with handwritten, sweet and true sentiments. Of course, home-made goodies from Sweetie-licious Pie Pantry are always revered as well! ☺ If money is no issue, I suggest being creative with your gifts, but a card

with your own handwritten, loving thoughts is still a must.

With a little effort, you can make quite an impact on someone's Valentine's Day and you will feel better for doing something that we should, quite frankly, do everyday – love one another!

Eat Pie & Love Life... Linda



There is no limit to what love can accomplish, for its depth finds qualities that would otherwise remain undiscovered. It is the most beautiful, the most absorbing, and the most rewarding thing in life, and by far the most important. For love is truly a gift from God.

– Dorothy Bettencourt Elfstrom



Dark Chocolate Truffles

Here is a perfect Valentine's Day recipe – Chocolate Truffles. These are simple to make, but deep and rich in flavor. I encourage you make a double batch, purchase small candy boxes at a paper or craft store, tie them up pretty with red ribbons and give them out to all the people you love. Love to you all and Happy Valentine's Day!!

1 C. of heavy cream
9 oz. dark chocolate pieces (Hershey's Dark Chips)
4 Tbsp. unsalted butter cut in bits
1 C. of sifted confectioners' sugar

Coatings - Chopped pistachios, or pecans or almonds, sifted cocoa powder, flaked coconut

In a saucepan set over moderate heat scald the cream. Add chocolate over low heat until melted and smooth – stir constantly. Remove from heat and stir in butter and conf. sugar, a little at a time until smooth. Transfer to a bowl and chill for 1 hr. until firm.

Have coatings separate on plates of your choosing. Form chocolate into 1 inch balls and roll into coating, placing them on wax paper lined tray in one layer. Cover and chill until ready to serve. Will keep up to a week in refrigerator. Store in covered containers.

Aunt Margie's Banana Cream Pie


(I love this particularly appropriate pie story for this season....)

My Aunt Margie was one of those special people that exuded love in everything she did. All that knew her felt her love and instinctively gave it right back. Life was simply better with Auntie Margie around. When she came to visit our whole family would anxiously await her arrival. We could hardly wait to see her pull up in her blue Buick packed with gifts for us kids. She routinely brought us chewing gum, comic books and her famous banana cream pie. Occasionally, I would be the lucky one that got to bring the pie in from her car, which was quite a responsibility for a little miss. I remember staring at its perfection and being terrified that I would drop it, knowing that my brothers would never forgive me. Gratefully, the glorious pie always made it into the house unscathed. My dear aunt taught my family and all those that knew her that loving people unconditionally is the secret to life. – Eat pie and give love.

From Our Customers....

Every once and a while we'll feature one of the best stories or comments that our customers have shared with us. This month's comment is especially appropriate given how cherished family members and friends can make someone's day extra special!

"My friend Lee treated me to a baking class tonight for my birthday. She and I and my daughter drove from Flint and her daughter drove from Great Lakes Adventist Academy, Edmore, MI. It was just the greatest evening for all of us, learning some new pie making techniques, meeting Linda and one of her employees and two of her friends and just sharing memories and jogging memories with the stories and the antiques and shabby chic decor. My husband loves cherry pie and had a slice of the still warm pie when I got home, it was sooooooooooooo good. We are all so glad you followed your dream and hope you have a very long and successful business there in DeWitt. Thanks for the fun evening."

Valentine's Day is the perfect time to treat all the people you love with pies, cookies, cupcakes, or yummy treats! Come in and get the best at Sweetie-licious!! 

To love oneself is the beginning of a life-long romance – Oscar Wilde



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