

# Sweetie-licious™

## Sweetie News – Winter / Valentines Day 2010



### 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! Here is to making our lives meaningful, our homes happy, and our palates joyous!

I love this nesting time of year! The snow is gently falling out my window right now and I have my favorite, Nat King Cole on singing amazingly as always in the background as I write. I have a chicken stew slow cooking on my old stove and a yummy chocolate cake baking in the oven. It is clearly very cold outside, but I am warm, content, and comforted by the season. I get to look forward to February for it brings one of my favorite holidays, Valentine's Day! Love and sweets...what is not to love about that? We also get to celebrate great leaders this time of year.

Selfless dreamers... this week is Martin Luther King Day and in a few weeks we will celebrate Presidents' Day in recognition of great Presidents like Abraham Lincoln. As much as I feel compelled to write about these great men, I also feel almost "wordless". However, I do know two intrinsic truths that stand out in my mind when I think of great men and women. I believe that people that do great things have two virtues above all others; the capacity to dream and the aptitude of living a selfless life - selfless dreamers.

People who live their lives selflessly understand their purpose. They understand that standing up

for all that is good and just, loving all living beings equally, and living your life doing good for others is the secret to life. They believe that loving all people above themselves is the answer.

People who live their lives dreaming understand that there is hope in all of life. They understand that through their selfless contributions to make a difference in our world and believing in their hearts that the dream can and will come true, it will. They never stop believing in the dream. No matter what, they believe. No matter what the cost, no matter how it affects them personally, they never think of themselves and religiously believe in the dream.



Martin Luther King and Abraham Lincoln started off no different then you and me. They

were ordinary folks who did extraordinary things because they were selfless dreamers. They made a difference in our world because they realized their cause was bigger than themselves and dreamed that they could make it better. Oh my, let us all decide today to be selfless dreamers and make our world lovely.

Eat Pie, Love Life – Linda



*Stay, stay at home my heart and rest,  
Homekeeping hearts are happiest.  
-- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

## Wacky Cake



This cake was one of my favorites growing up. My sister, Laura and I always made this cake with my dear Aunt Margie when we stayed with her. My daughters made it when they were little as well and it is still a family favorite. It's easy, fun to make, delicious and perfect comfort food for winter days.

1 ½ C. of flour  
½ C. of brown sugar  
½ C. white sugar  
3 Tbsp. cocoa  
1 tsp. baking soda  
½ tsp. salt

Whisk all the above ingredients into a 9" pan. Make three depressions, into one depression pour 1/3 C. vegetable oil, into the second 1 Tbsp. vinegar, into the third 1 tsp. vanilla. Over all pour 1 C. cold water. Mix

thoroughly with a fork making sure to include the edges. Mix until smooth. Bake at 350 for about 35 min. Serve warm with ice cream and hot fudge sauce or eat as a yummy snack cake!

## News from the Shop



Thank you to all of you for making National Pie Day a major holiday around here! We love folks giving, receiving, and most importantly eating yummy pies! Don't forget to order your valentine a special treat from Sweetie-licious. They will love you for it!

Thank you to all the media lately for featuring our cute little pie shop in so many places. Thanks to WXYZ Television (Detroit), WXMI Television, (Grand Rapids), In Her Shoes Radio (Lansing), Parade Magazine, Michigan Home Resource Guide, Lansing Chamber's Focus Newsletter and Michigan Small Business Association's Focus Magazine.

## Comments from Customers...



*On New Years Eve, I stood in a long security line at the Denver airport. When I finally got to the TSA agent, she looked at my driver's license and said "Oh my God you're from DeWitt!" I wondered what was wrong. Then she got a huge grin on her face and said "Have you ever been to Sweetie Pies? They have the best pies in the world!" I laughed and told her that I'd let you know you have a fan in Denver.*

*Blessed are the pure of heart:  
for they shall see God.  
-- Matthew 5:1-12*

## About Linda Hundt



Linda resides in a century old farmhouse with her sweet husband and two lovely teenage daughters. She is the owner of Sweetie-licious Bakery Cafe in DeWitt MI. She was the grand prize winner at the 2009, and a first place winner at the 2008 & 2007 National Pie Championships. Linda is a Board Member of the CMU College of Business, Entrepreneurial School, and the 2009 Athena Power-Link recipient. She is also the co-founder of the Downtown DeWitt Farmers Market.



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