

# Sweetie-licious™

## Sweetie News – Spring 2009



### 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 include a delicious recipe. I'm thrilled to share my treasured library of recipes, stories and traditions with you all! So friends, here's to making our lives meaningful, our homes happy, and our palates joyous!

A sure sign that spring has finally arrived for our family is picking out new baby chicks each year, for it is a Hundt family tradition and one we don't take lightly. We live on a "farmette" in the country and a family favorite pastime is to watch our bantam chickens, small and colorful, roaming about our property. Each spring, my daughters and I spruce up the henhouse and head to the feed store to choose our new batch of chicks.

We carefully choose each one, hoping for a bunch of happy hens, but ultimately an egotistical rooster gets in the mix ☺ By the end of the summer, the chicks are almost grown and huddled at my back porch steps waiting to be fed leftover bread. By the following year, they're laying me the prettiest little eggs you ever saw.



Our chickens are our true pets with names and distinct personalities, and like most animals, bring our family great joy. I challenge us all during this special renewal season to treat each other the way our pets treat us. Let us be encouraging, selfless, positive, grateful, loving and forgiving.

How wonderful to be beloved for simply being.

Eat Pie & Love Life... Linda

### Mom McComb's Deviled Eggs



My mommy always made deviled eggs for Easter dinner and most summer holiday celebrations. All five of us kids LOVED them and usually sniped several before we ever sat down for dinner. Her delicious basic recipe is below, but what makes these extra special are the fun garnishes for the top. It makes for some yummy, memorable deviled eggs. If you have a crowd coming over, double this recipe.

Halve 6 hard-boiled eggs lengthwise; remove yolks and mash until smooth. Combine with...

- 1/4 C Miracle Whip
- 1/2 tsp sugar
- 1 tsp vinegar
- 1/2 tsp yellow mustard,
- 1/2 tsp salt & a dash pepper
- 1/2 tsp finely minced onion

Refill egg whites with yolk mixture, sprinkle with paprika and garnish each egg separately with either minced radishes, minced green onion tips, crumbled, crispy bacon, dill sprigs or sliced olives.

## Grandma Rosella's Lemon Meringue Pie



Lemon Meringue pie is an Easter favorite, certainly one my mother always made for our special family dinners. If you happened to be lucky to enjoy a wonderful one, be sure to give extra hugs and kisses to whomever made this masterpiece, because if it definitely a pie with attitude to master.... I hope you enjoy this story my daddy used to tell us...

My father grew up during the depression on a small farm in Michigan. Like most folks during that troubled time, they did not have much money. Fruit that didn't grow in your own backyard was considered special and hard to come by. When my grandmother made lemon meringue pie, it was for special occasions only, such as Easter or company dinners. One summer Sunday in 1937, Reverend Frye was scheduled to come to dinner at my father's farm. My grandmother awoke at dawn to make the special lemon pie and placed it in the dining room window to cool while they were off to church. Unfortunately, Zip the beagle found the pie too much to resist and found a way to reach Grandma's masterpiece. Upon their return, nothing was left of the beautiful pie, but an empty pie pan and a contented dog sleeping with meringue stuck to his nose. Zip was sent to the barn from that day forward and poor Reverend Frye never got to enjoy my Grandma's pie that summer day so long ago. Fortunately for you, you can.

Eat pie and embrace the unexpected.

## Comments From Customers



*This is a delightful and quaint place. You are the only place that makes lemon pie like my mother used to. -- Alice & Barbara*

*The heart is a garden,  
Where thoughts that we think  
Are the seeds that we sow.  
Every kind thought  
Bears a loving deed,  
While the thought that is selfish  
Is just like a weed.*

*We must watch what we think  
Each minute, all day;  
We must pull out the weed thoughts  
And throw them away.  
And plant loving seed thoughts  
So thick in a row,  
That there will be no room  
For weed thoughts to grow.*

— W.M. Walker



*Let us remember this  
lovely Spring season  
to ...*

*appreciate  
the past*

*accept  
the present*

*anticipate  
the future.*

— Linda Hundt

## What's Happening at the Shop



Crisco National Pie Championships – We are elbow deep in the test kitchen mode trying new pie creations as well as reinventing some old favorites. This is always a favorite part of my job as well as a favorite part for everyone at Sweetie-licious, including the customer test tasters!!!! Think positive thoughts in April so we could be blessed enough to bring home at least one more First Place!!

More National Media - We were featured in Travel Michigan, a magazine affiliated with Midwest Living magazine as "worth the drive to DeWitt for Aunt Ella's Cherry Pie." We have seen people daily from around the state because of the mention! Many thanks!

## About Linda...



Linda resides in a century old farmhouse with her sweet husband and two lovely teenage daughters. She is the owner of Sweetie-licious Pie Pantry in DeWitt Michigan, is a first place winner at the 2007 and 2008 National Pie Championships, in addition to other regional and State awards. She is also the co-founder of the Downtown DeWitt Farmers Market.



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