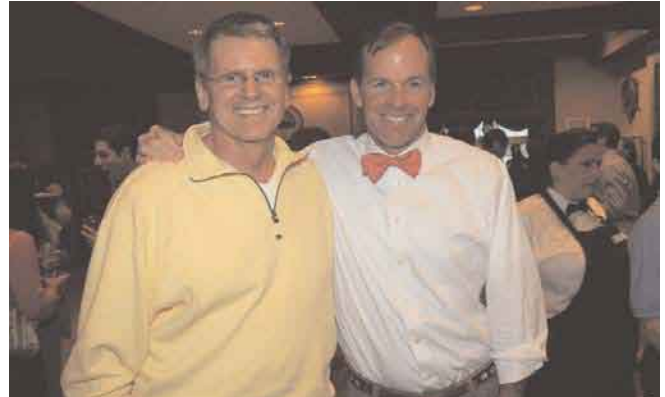


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Massey Knakal's Annual Summer Picnic - Larchmont Yacht Club - June 18, 2009



We will miss you, Meyrick!



EMPLOYEE INTERVIEW - MATT GIORDANO

First Vice President of Sales, Brooklyn Office



1. The Brooklyn office is known for playing jokes on each other. What was the best prank you ever played?

The best prank I can laugh about was not perpetrated by me but rather on me. I was leaving for a “business trip” in Montreal and made the mistake of bringing my luggage into the office and leaving it unattended. The rest of the story played out over time. I was getting on the train to go the airport and thought my bag had put on some weight. I opened it to find returned Massey Knakal mail packed into the main compartment. Thankfully they had left my clothes in there as well. But they also left something else that was hidden much better, a description of which is not for publication. (Call me if you must know) This I found much later when I was already in Montreal. It was meant to embarrass me when it came out if I was chosen for a random search by airport security. I was not chosen and needless to say I immediately hid it in someone else’s bag that was traveling with me. It travels to this day.

2. When you were seven years old you fell off the roof of your house, care to explain?

I fell off the deck not the roof. I was sitting on a table that was the same height as the railing. My mother was there and needed the table for something and asked me to get down. I figured I’d just move back. This did not work out well. I disappeared backwards over the edge right in front of my mother’s eyes. I still use this as a source of guilt with her, if she hadn’t asked me to move, it would have never happened. I was seven and ended up in a full body cast with a broken hip for an entire summer. It was second worst summer of my life.

3. You were born and raised in Staten Island, what is your best attribute you got from growing up there?

Best: lawn mower repair and maintenance and I can WOW people with amazing Staten Island based facts like the first tennis match in the US was played in Staten Island and Giovanni da Verrazzano was Italian. Go figure.

4. Worst?

I drive more places than is necessary. Bad suburb habit. I can tell where people vacation simply by looking at their haircut. (applies only to New Jersey shore destinations)

5. What exactly do you put in your hair to make it so...so...Matt-like?

The full recipe is a trade secret but I will say this, I know where to buy chicken blood in Brooklyn.

6. I heard you are trying to get a reality TV show picked up by a network? Please elaborate.

It is in a pre-pilot planning stage but it is on the verge of being called SELLING REAL ESTATE WITH THE STARS! I’m not sure about the exclamation point, but I am sure that we have commitments from Tony Danza and the other guy from ChiPs.

7. I hear that your mom’s cooking is pretty tasty. What’s her signature dish?

My mother makes a mean meatball and god bless her, if she is going to go to the trouble of cooking them, she is going to make enough for a small army. It’s well known around the Brooklyn office.

8. Your family recently got involved in managing a golf course out in Brooklyn, what can you tell us about that experience?

It has been interesting, we didn’t really know anything about the golf business before jumping into it. You are essentially a farmer who grows grass, in Brooklyn. Then you invite the general public to come on in and tear it up. You meet, and consequently have to deal with, all types of people not unlike working in brokerage. If it doesn’t make money I’m hoping to at least fix my slice. I recommend anybody who plays to come down and give it a look. Marine Park Golf Course on Flatbush Ave by the Belt Parkway. www.golfmarinepark.com (shameless plug)

*Which employee would you like to see interviewed in the next issue of Green Pastures?
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