

Walk to Cure Arthritis

March 2018

Whether you're an arthritis warrior yourself, or care about someone who is, sign up and WALK to CURE Arthritis. This year, the Law Office of James F. Roberts & Associates will be taking part in the Walk to Cure Arthritis, which will take place on May 20, 2018 at 9:00 AM at the Angel Stadium of Anaheim. Arthritis is a disease that affects many of our clients and loved ones, and each year it's important for our firm to take part in events that raise awareness and work towards a cure for this disease that hits close to home for so many of us. We hope to see you at the walk and look forward to walking for the cure together. Last year, we had a wonderful turn out of clients and members from our firm; we hope to have the same this year.

To donate, or sign up to walk, please visit

<https://events.arthritis.org/participant/LawofficeofJamesRoberts>

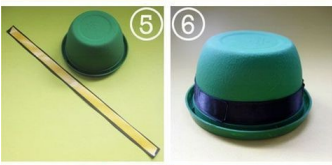


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Leprechaun Hats filled with Gold



These easy “hats” are fun to make and share with all the people in your life! Here are the list of supplies and easy to follow instructions that will make even the grumpiest person smile!

1. Buy some simple cheap plastic storage containers with lids
2. Buy some green paint, gold and black construction paper or even some shamrock stickers would do nicely!
3. Buy some spray on glue!
4. Buy some gold coin candy! Chocolates in gold coin wrapping are pretty easy to find this time of year!
5. Paint the bowls and green and the lids!
6. Cut the black construction paper into ribbons to make the belt on the hat
7. And use the gold construction paper to make rectangles for the belt buckle and the shamrock!
8. Once you have finished your “hat” fill it with coins and pop back on the lid.
9. Then give them to your friends and family and watch their surprise!!

Best Irish Soda Bread!

Ingredients:

- 4 c of flour
- 1/4 c sugar
- 1T baking powder
- 1t salt
- 1t baking soda
- 1/3 c margarine or butter
- 2 c seedless raisins (optional)
- 1 T caraway seed
- 1 1/2 c buttermilk or sour milk (I add a touch of vinegar to milk)
- 1 egg, beaten

Directions:

1. Blend together flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, and baking soda.
2. Cut in the butter until mixture resembles coarse meal.
3. Add raisins, caraway seed, buttermilk, and egg; stir until blended.
4. Knead on flour board until smooth about 1 minute.
5. Shape dough into 2 balls and place in 2 greased 8 in. round pans.
6. Flatten to fill pans.
7. Cut a deep cross on top of each loaf.
8. Bake at 375 degrees for about 40 minutes or until golden brown.



Beneficiaries with Substance Abuse Problems

One of the most difficult things that a parent may experience is a child who is dependent on or abuses drugs or alcohol. As our children become older, it becomes more and more difficult to control them and their circumstances – sometimes even impossible. Some clients choose to disinherit these children altogether – which is certainly an option. However, for others, the thought of disinheriting their child, even if they are troubled, is an uneasy decision. As estate planning attorneys, we help our clients work through the various types of problems that life throws at us – including drug and alcohol addicted children.



For those clients who don't wish to disinherit their children, we can work closely together to create a trust that has clear standards for drug testing as a condition precedent to any distribution. If a child fails to pass a randomly administered drug test, they either forfeit their inheritance or must wait until a subsequent randomly administered drug test is passed. Drug testing can be mandated once a year, once quarterly, or as often as you, the Trustor, direct. The terms of a trust with drug testing provisions in it can be customized to meet whatever needs and preferences you have. It is designed to allow you to provide for your child, even if their lifestyle is of concern to you – but on your terms. If you or someone you know is dealing with drug or alcohol addicted children, please call us at (714) 282-7488 to schedule a consultation to discuss the various planning methods available for your family. We are here to help.



Next Monthly Seminar will be on March 15th!

This month we will not have a monthly seminar! Each month, we usually conduct a free seminar designed to teach about the benefits of creating an estate plan. The seminars are held on-site at our Anaheim office inside of our “classroom”. We offer light snacks and refreshments to the attendees and the group is often small and intimate, which allows for questions to be asked comfortably and for a very relaxed environment. Please encourage your loved ones to attend the seminar so that they may learn more about the estate planning process and benefits. We will have another seminar on March 15th! Please share with family and friends to help others know they are prepared financially for the future!

Happy
Saint Patrick's
Day

Palm
Sunday



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