

PIRATES COVE WATERSPORTS
 ReefHouse Resort, 103800 Overseas Hwy.
 www.pcwatersports.com
305-453-9881



Jet ski & Boat Eco Tours
 Sunset Cruises
 Stand Up Paddleboards
 Boat Rentals

KEYS ADVENTURES
 Jimmy Johnson's Big Chill, 104000 Overseas Highway
 www.keysadventureswatersports.com
305-731-9472



Serving our Florida Keys families for all your immediate and pre-need cremation and funeral needs.

Call today or fill out the pre-need form on our website to set up a consultation with one of our caring and dedicated staff.

ALLEN-BEYER
 FUNERAL HOME

Locally Owned & Operated

305-451-1444 • MM 101.6 B/S • 101640 OVERSEAS HWY, KEY LARGO, FL 33037 • WWW.ALLENBEYER.COM

Year after year, since 1982... the realtor team that is working for you.

THINKING OF SELLING?

Trust the Realtors with the Most Experience

THE WASMUND TEAM
 RE/MAX ADVANCE REALTY ALL KEYS REAL ESTATE

Wendy Ives
 BROKER ASSOCIATE
 305-394-1376
 GRI

Jane Wasmund
 BROKER ASSOCIATE
 305-451-7704
 CRS, GRI, Short Sale Specialist

keylargowendy1@bellsouth.net
 janewasmund@bellsouth.net

RE/MAX ADVANCE REALTY ALL KEYS REAL ESTATE

CHECK OUT THESE PROPERTIES!



4 Snapper Avenue, Key Largo \$1,250,000 325 Calusa Street # 70, Key Largo \$394,000

98880 OVERSEAS HWY, MM 98.9 OCEANSIDE, KEY LARGO

Family Tradition Floats On

by Karen Beal

Decades ago, the romance and adventure of living in the Florida Keys was palatable. When Janice Pare moved here from Chicago as a newlywed with her husband who loved to fish - they knew they had found paradise. Fifty-six years later, Janice is still loving her Key Largo community and island life. One remnant of that spirit of adventure has remained in the form of the legendary "message in a bottle" floating out to sea.

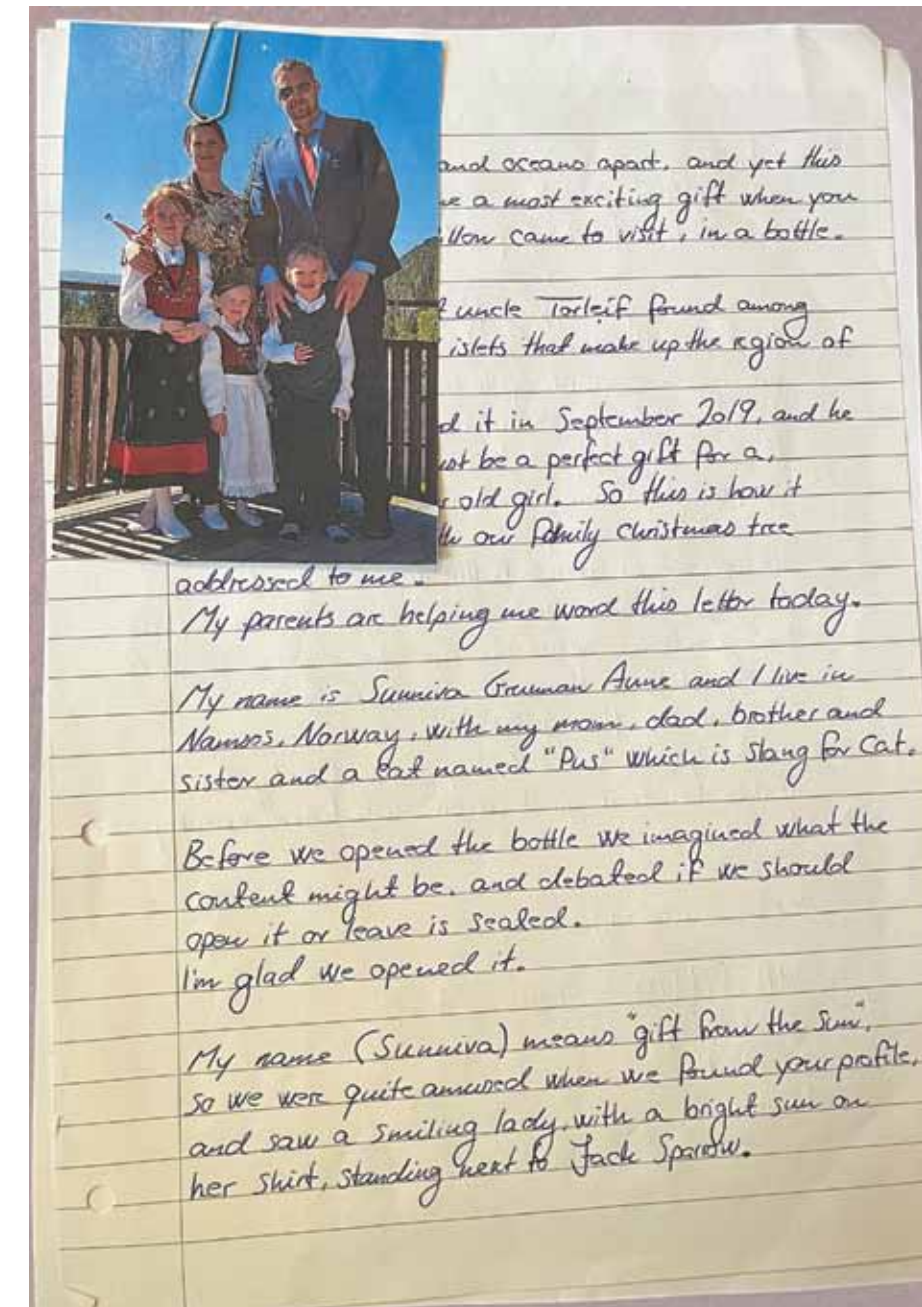
Over the last 10 years Pare has launched 20 special bottles into the current and 7 have rewarded her with responses from near and far. The bottles are unique crescent moon shaped. In years

past, she would find them in yard sales and thrift stores. Now they are rare to find around town and the fancy bottles likely come from Amazon. The messages vary, some are hand written and some printed out. Each one tell a little bit about Pare and the Keys and encourages the reader to let her know who they are and where they found the bottle.

The project has become a family affair. Son, Jim Warnaar, seals the bottles carefully so they make the trip across the seas. Grandson, Captain and Mate Dillon Warnaar launches the bottle from the Fantastic II sport fishing charter, where he works with Captain Justin Hopper. If



Janice Pare with one of her unique message bottles.



Hello, My name is Janice Pare. I am 79 years old. I live in Key Largo Florida.. In the fabulous Florida Keys. Just below Miami.

If you find this message in a bottle, please call me at 305-451-3528. If it is found in many years from now and I am not around, please call my grand son Dillon Warnaar, at 305-407-0842. He is also in Key Largo, Florida.

I am doing this for fun and want to see how far my message in a bottle travels.. I have so far had four found. Two near Miami, one on Grand Turk Island and the farthest was found in Norway.

I hope this will be fun for you and you will enjoy telling everyone about it..

Cordially, Janice Pare

they have a young fisher-person on that day, they get the honor of tossing the bottle into the current. With 5 grandchildren, 3 greats - and twins on the way - this Keys family tradition could go on for a very long time.

Seven bottles of the 20, often floating for years, have been found and people responded to the message. Usually an excited phone call will prompt an hour-long conversation and a new long-distance friendship. As expected bottles are found either on a beach or sparkling in the ocean. As one would expect, several bottles were found along the Florida coast: Caesar's Creek/Dade County,

Key Biscayne, Daytona and Jupiter. A little farther away, one bottle was found by a couple on Corolla Beach in North Carolina and Grand Turks Island.

The most surprising find was noted in a letter from Norway. The 9 year old girl wrote eloquently about her great-uncle finding the bottle along their shoreline and saving it as a Christmas gift for his niece. She appreciated the romance and adventure that the bottle contained. "We are generations and oceans apart, and yet this Christmas you sent me a most exciting gift when you and your grandson came to visit - in a bottle."