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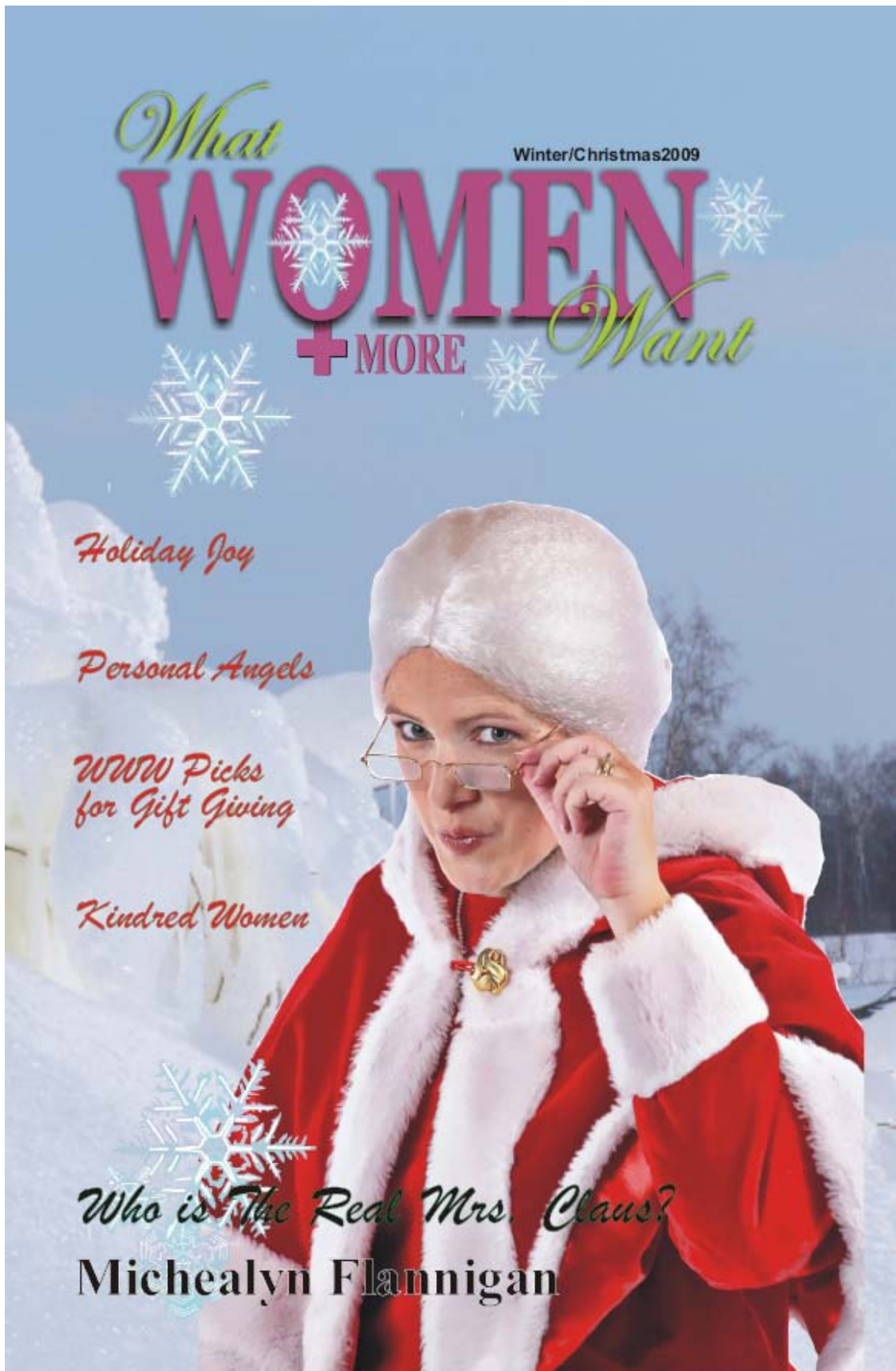
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Kindred Women

Who is The Real Mrs. Claus?

Michealyn Flannigan



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BEHIND EVERY successful man there's a strong woman. Gone are the days when Mrs. Claus' duties were to bake cookies and tend to the piles of elves' laundry. This modern day Mrs. Claus has a multitude of tasks helping her jolly old husband with his business. During the rest of the year, her husband is also Soupy the Clown, and the resident Lumber Jack at the Great Wolf Lodge in Niagara Falls.

Soupy the Clown's business has evolved from performing at children's parties to dressing up as various characters, and his wife, Michealyn, accompanies him to most functions as Beep the Clown and Cinderella.

We sat down with Mrs. Claus just 2 weeks after the birth of her newest little "elf", Bailey, to find out what her life is really like - they have 4 children with ages ranging from 17 years down to 2 weeks.

WWW + More: What is it like being married to a famous man?

Mrs. C: It's so much fun! We have the opportunity to interact with so many wonderful people that we wouldn't otherwise have met. It's a full time circus at our house with something new to see and experience.

WWW+ More: Do you ever feel you are being overshadowed?

Mrs. C: No, never. We work as a team. Even when he's alone in the

spotlight, I'm behind the scenes making sure everything runs smoothly. Santa says I am the glue that holds it all together.

WWW+More: How do you balance home and work?

Mrs. C: We rely on each other and I make sure to ask for help when I need it. We also involve our kids as much as possible with our shows. We have a lot of fun performing as a family. I feel our children grow from this experience and it enhances their imaginations greatly.

WWW+More: What is a special treat for you?

Mrs. C: Family night at the movies, or when Santa and I sneak away for a pedicure. Santa and I also love to watch our favourite hockey team, the Toronto Maple Leafs. Our love together is the most special gift of all.

WWW+More: What advice can you give to busy women?

Mrs. C: Try not to do it alone, and make sure you play as hard as you work. We try to have weekly mom/dad nights. Now that we have a new baby, we make date nights with our older kids so they get special time alone with us.

WWW+More: How did it evolve into you becoming

Mrs. Claus?

Mrs. C: At first, I looked after the administration and other behind-the-scenes duties. We had a client request that Mrs. Claus accompany Santa to their function and I've never looked back!



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