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## Celebrating March

**Irish American Heritage  
Month**

**Craft Month**

**Women's History Month**

**Mardi Gras**  
*March 1*

**International Women's Day**  
*March 8*

**St. Patrick's Day**  
*March 17*

**Worldwide Quilting Day**  
*March 19*

**World Poetry Day**  
*March 21*

**Little Red Wagon Day**  
*March 30*

### **Dates to Remember:**

**Family Picnic "Fiesta"**  
Thu., June 16  
5:30 & 6:00

**Ice Cream Social & Car Show**  
Wed., August 3  
6:30-8:00

**Summerfest Yard sale  
Fundraiser**  
Aug. 10-12

## Wing-a-thon Fundraiser

Help us raise money for a new outdoor area for our memory-care bldg! All funds raised will remain here at Fountain View! Donations can be in **cash**, **check** or online.



**Team: "Wing & A Prayer" (Andrea & Ajay)**  
**Kindful donation page:**

<http://baruchsls-fv-coopersville.kindful.com/?campaign=1181029>

Or

**Wing-a-thon Event page:**

<https://baruchseniorministries.regfox.com/wing-a-thon-fundraiser>

All are welcome to come cheer participants on!

**FRIDAY, MARCH 25 @ 2:30 IN BLDG. #2**



## History in Bloom



On March 27, 1912, Mayor Yukio Ozaki of Tokyo gifted 3,020 cherry trees to Washington, D.C., as a gesture of friendship and cooperation between Japan and the United States. Over 100 years

later, Washington's Cherry Blossom Festival remains one of the capital's most beloved events, drawing over one million visitors each year.

The story of the cherry trees began in 1885 with author, geographer, and photographer Eliza Ruhamah Scidmore. Scidmore often accompanied her brother, a diplomat, on assignments to the Far East, enjoying access to parts of countries that ordinary travelers could only dream of. It was Scidmore who, upon her return to Washington D.C. from Japan, first floated the idea of planting cherry trees along the Potomac River. Scidmore's ideas were rebuffed, but she was persistent.

In 1909, Scidmore wrote a letter to the new first lady, Helen Herron Taft, informing the president's wife of her intention to raise money to purchase and donate cherry trees to the city. The first lady was more than receptive. As luck would have it, a Japanese delegation was present in Washington. Hearing of the plan, the delegates graciously offered 2,000 trees, which the first lady accepted. Unfortunately, these trees arrived in America infested with insects and parasites. All 2,000 had to be destroyed. The idea, however, did not die. Japanese officials announced that another 3,020 trees would be shipped to Washington.

It was on March 27 that First Lady Helen Taft and Viscountess Chinda, wife of the Japanese ambassador, planted the first two Yoshino cherry trees on the north bank of the Tidal Basin. Additional trees were planted around the Basin, in East Potomac Park, and at the White House. Many of the original trees, despite being over 150 years old, still bloom each year in Washington to the surprise and delight of botanists. The cherry trees are the most pampered in Washington, getting expert care from National Park Service horticulturalists. The tree crews are tending not only to the trees but also to American history.

## Total Bummer

Whether you call it by its original name, the "Bum Bag," or its current name, the "Cross-Body Bag," this fabulous (and some would say unflattering) fashion accessory will forever be known as the fanny pack. Try one on for size on March 12, International Fanny Pack Day.

While some claim that Australian Melba Stone invented the first fanny pack in 1962, Ötzi the Iceman, the prehistoric human found packed in alpine ice, wore a belt pouch 5,000 years ago. Modern iterations of the leather fanny pack first emerged in the 1950s after World War II, when travelers wore them while skiing European peaks. But it wasn't until the 1980s and '90s that fanny packs, manufactured in outlandish neon synthetic fabric, hit peak popularity. Just as rapidly, though, they became the butt of jokes. To wear one was considered unspeakably nerdy. But all fashion is cyclical. As many '90s trends reemerge, so too does the fanny pack! Today, celebrities are spotted wearing versions manufactured by Louis Vuitton. Perhaps to avoid fashion faux pas of the past, these bags are not worn at the waist or fanny, but across the body. We are not fooled. They'll always be fanny packs to us.

**Donna wearing the birthday hat on her 98th birthday! Beautiful!**



## Puppetry for the People

Since 2003, March 21 has been celebrated as World Puppetry Day. Puppetry is one of humanity's most ancient art forms. As a form of theater, historians believe that puppets were used on stage even before human actors. Puppets have been discovered in the ancient civilizations of Egypt, India, China, and Greece, offering evidence that puppetry is a universal art form dear to all cultures.



What is it about puppetry that makes it so special? As children, it is common to imbue our toys with life, emotion, and drama and play with them. Some could argue that every child who has ever played with a doll or teddy bear is an amateur puppeteer. Child psychologists and educators have taken notice of the power of puppetry. Puppets are often used as a form of art therapy to help children identify their feelings and communicate with others. This sort of play demonstrates the power of puppetry, our ability to transfer ourselves, our personality, our feelings, our thoughts, our voice, our movements, into the object of the puppet. It takes extraordinary empathy to bring a puppet to life, not to mention the skill it takes for a puppeteer to show how their puppet reacts to others. Yet, even if the puppet is acting out an uncomfortable or disarming emotion, puppets offer safety. The puppeteer, after all, is always in control.

Puppets are inanimate vessels brought to life by puppeteers, but only the most skilled puppeteers can make an audience believe that the puppet is more than stuffing and fabric, that the puppet is truly capable of interacting with others. Some puppets have become celebrities in their own right, largely thanks to the expertise of their puppeteers. Howdy Doody was the star of a television series that ran for 13 years. The sock puppet Lamb Chop, played by Shari Lewis, won an Emmy in 1973. Jim Henson's puppets are so popular that they are known by their own name, the Muppets. Henson's perennial collaborator, Frank Oz, performed as the Jedi Master Yoda in George Lucas' *The Empire Strikes Back*.



**Earl Meerman.....18th**

**Marjorie Cristell.....19th**



Carolyn Stewart, Phyllis "PJ" Jones, Edna Cheyne, Amy Whiteman, Agnes Cheyne to Fountain View. We are so glad that you are here!



## Radio Reassurances



Eight days after taking office, on March 12, 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt delivered the first of his evening radio addresses, warmly known as *fireside chats*. At the time, nearly all of America's banks had closed after a panicked public rushed to make mass withdrawals. It was the lowest point of the Great Depression, with 15 million Americans unemployed. Roosevelt's first fireside chat was meant to calm the public by offering a plan to restore the banking system. Using radio as an effective form of mass media, Roosevelt made 30 fireside chats. He was able to dispel rumors, counter political opposition, and explain his policy decisions. During a time of uncertainty, Roosevelt's voice projected self-assurance and promised steady leadership.

Balloons from our wonderful community!!!



Cards, Candy and Cookies from friends!



BUNCO Blast!!!

## Leadership Team

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**We will sadly miss.....**

**Gerald Walt, Myla Jean Harter and Eugene Helsen** who recently passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

