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## Celebrating April

**Poetry Month**

**Kite Month**

**April Fools' Day**

*April 1*

**International Pillow**

**Fight Day**

*April 2*

**Scrabble Day**

*April 13*

**Passover**

*April 15–23*

**Easter**

*April 17*

**Earth Day**

*April 22*

**Dance Week**

*April 22–30*

**Arbor Day**

*April 29*

### **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

## Season Fit for a King

April in the Netherlands brings a joyous spring sight. It's tulip season! And there may be no better place to watch these beautiful flowers bloom than Keukenhof Garden just outside of Amsterdam. Garden beds are blanketed with tens of thousands of tulips in a staggering variety of vibrant colors. Keukenhof is not the only place to find tulips. There are hundreds of vast tulip fields throughout the Netherlands, which is why the nation is known as the "Tulip Capital of the World," despite the fact that tulips are not native to the Netherlands at all.

Tulips are believed to have originated in the high mountain plateaus of Central Asia. Gardeners throughout the Ottoman Empire cultivated the flowers, which were originally known not for their wonderful colors but their heady perfumes. Historians suspect that an ambassador to the court of Suleiman the Magnificent first brought tulips back to Europe in the late 16th century. The exotic flowers became such a coveted luxury item that by 1637, tulip bulbs were being sold for 10 times the annual income of a skilled worker. This hysteria is remembered as Tulip Mania, and both the economic collapse that followed and the mass hysteria the tulips craze induced are still taught in economics and psychology courses today.

For those keen to avoid tulips altogether (and any mania it might induce), there is Koningsdag, or King's Day, on April 27. This national holiday celebrates the birthday of King Willem-Alexander of the royal House of Orange. The holiday's date changes according to the birthday of the reigning monarch. Of course, it is traditional to wear orange clothes and even orange wigs on this day of national pride, and streets are flooded with the bright color. It has been decreed that no one needs a permit to sell their wares on the street on this day, so flea markets abound along avenues and in parks. Parties are common, with pastries slathered with orange icing and toasts made with glasses filled with Orange bitter, a local liqueur. And, you guessed it, there is no better gift to give than a bouquet of orange tulips.

## Party Time

April 3 is World Party Day, which provides humankind with an opportunity to coordinate our efforts to throw a worldwide simultaneous celebration. The idea of a global celebration originated in the book *Flight*, by Vanna Bonta, which ends with the entire world counting down to a worldwide party on April 3, 2000. Readers were so inspired by her vision that they could not wait until the year 2000. Instead, they organized the first World Party Day on April 3, 1996.

What is it about humans and their need to throw a good party? Anthropologist and evolutionary psychologist Robin Dunbar believes that partying is a primal human instinct that we have been compelled to satisfy for millennia. What sets the human species apart from other animals is its massive brain volume. Evolutionarily speaking, our large brains demand lots of attention. Brains require a massive amount of energy, and so we need to fuel them with food. Once they are fueled, our brains allow us to manage incredible social complexities and build massive social communities. Mr. Dunbar argues that as group size increases, it becomes harder and harder to establish and maintain social cohesion and relationships. Partying is our species' unique solution to this problem.

Social practices associated with parties—eating, laughter, singing, and dancing—stimulate the release of endorphins in our brains, reinforcing good feelings and promoting community. Dunbar even goes as far as suggesting that music and dancing in particular are still more likely to take place in the evening, corresponding to another instinctual drive to gather, sing, and dance around fires.



**Welcome!!!**

**Delores Lee to Fountain View!**

**We are so glad that you are here!**



Barbara Rosenberg.....2

Freda Laug.....21

Kimberly Havens.....23



## Flying Fish



The Flora-Bama Lounge is found on a sandy stretch of beach straddling Orange Beach, Alabama, and Perdido Key, Florida. At the end of April each year since 1986, thousands have flocked to the state line for the world-renowned Interstate Mullet

Toss. No, these athletes aren't chucking bad '80s haircuts (although plenty of attendees arrive sporting mullets or wearing mullet wigs). These *mullets* are common tropical fish found in the Gulf Coast waters. Inconceivably, the fish toss spans three whole days, from Friday to Sunday on April 22 to 24, for six hours each day, for throwers of all ages. The beach party is all for a good cause, and each year the Mullet Toss raises \$20,000 for local charities. A record-shattering toss of 189 feet, eight inches was set in 2018.

**Amber & Andrea celebrate their same day birthdays!!**



Potato planting day! Thanks Lucy & Sue!



Playing a little "golf" with the ladies in B3!



## The Ballad of Casey Jones

The name Casey Jones echoes in the American imagination alongside the names of Johnny Appleseed and John Henry. In 1891, Jones achieved his lifelong goal of becoming an expert locomotive engineer. He was known to be so punctual with his arrival times that you could set your watch by him. Jones was also an expert with the train whistle. His signature calls let everyone within hearing distance know that it was Casey Jones riding by. He was even known as a hero, once saving a girl stuck on the tracks from an oncoming train. But Jones is most famous for his fatal run on April 30, 1900.

Casey took the controls of a train already 75 minutes behind schedule. Ideal weather and rail conditions, as well as a top-notch crew, pushed Jones to make a record-setting pace from Memphis, Tennessee, to Canton, Mississippi. Records show that Jones was on track to erase the 75-minute deficit, but in Vaughn, Mississippi, a massive freight train had stopped with cars on the main track. When Casey came bearing down on the cars, he let loose the whistle, shouted to his fireman to leap to safety, and slammed the brakes. It was too late. The collision demolished the freight cars and Jones, but his actions saved everyone else on board. Casey Jones has been remembered as a hero ever since.

## We will sadly miss...

**Ruth Langlois, Shirley Cunningham, Evelyn Battige, and Gene Wessels. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of their families and friends. May eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.**



## Chicken Wing donations:

- Southside Bar & Grill
- Coopersville Brewing Co.
- 327 Pizza & Pub
- Champs Bar & Grill
- Ravenna Pub
- Coopersville Family Fare

**Thank you all SO MUCH!!**

We couldn't have done it without these business contributors!



**Proud winners: Ajay and Andrea!!  
Raised the most money for the facility of all  
the Baruch homes & 17 other teams!!  
We plan to put in a patio & outdoor area for  
the residents who live in building #3!**



**Thank you Taren & Braden for your  
contributions!!! You did awesome!!**



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Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

