

MARCH 2018

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Celebrating March

March

Entertainment:

03/07 Gary Sredzeinski

03/13 Journey Song

03/14 March Madness

03/16 Irish Classics
With JuBilly

03/21 Cat Faulkner

03/26 Bethene

03/28 Wayne From
Maine

Featured Movies & Documentaries:

03/04 "Citizen Kane"

03/11 "Love Affair"

03/18 "Wuthering
Heights"

03/25 "Breakfast at
Tiffany's"



Happy St. Patty's Day
March 17th!

March Birthday's

03/04 Sylvia MacKay and Rick Perry (1950) In 2017, Donald Trump named Rick, the well-known politician, as the U.S. Secretary of Energy. In 2018, Sylvia is named the chairperson of birthday energy and governess of cake and ice cream.

Resident of the Month:

Eveline Geller

Eveline was born and grew up in Waltham, Mass . After finishing school, Eveline worked in retail until she met William Davin. They fell in love and she married at 18! She has two



daughters, Christine and Kathy, three granddaughters and four great grandchildren who just love their G.G! One of Eveline's favorite memories was going to Ireland with her daughters, drinking lots of mead, shopping and learning about the family heritage on her fathers side. Eveline was a young widow, until she remarried her wonderful second husband, Phil, and added two stepchildren and two wonderful granddaughters to her family. Eveline is very creative and enjoyed sewing, making dance costumes and knitting. She enjoys old movies with handsome leading men or reading lots of books! You can find Eveline going for walks around Wentworth Home or with family when they come to visit awith her granddog Daisy!

Looking Back...

Valentine Craft Ethel had fun making a Valentine craft and Claire likes her butterfly with the candy wings.



Valentine's Celebration

Jackie was very creative frosting her Valentine cookies. After the cookies, Duke Snyder played piano and we sang love songs together. It was a perfect day.



Winter Olympics

The event started with a torch relay. Donald, Pat and Jackie were gold medal winners at WH Olympics.



Leprechaun Door Hanger Craft

Peggy made a leprechaun for her door and it is adorable!

Upcoming Events

Making Birdhouses 03/02
Create a Spring Craft 03/09
Go Irish Green Week!
03/12- 03/17



The Irish River Dancers from the McDonough and Grimes Studio 03/12
Irish Bingo 03/13
March Madness Melodies 03/14
Classic Irish Music by JuBilly 03/16
Happy St. Patrick's Day! 03/17

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**First Day of Spring Social 03/20**  
**March Birthday Party 03/23**  
**Easter Egg Hunt 03/30**



## February's Birthday Party

This February's birthday party had a special prayer answered, when Gert prayed for carrot cake and she got it! Peggy just wanted to party. Mission accomplished!

## St. Paddy's Pastimes Debunked



They say that everyone is a little bit Irish on St. Patrick's Day, and the world will be draped in green on March 17, when St. Patrick's Day celebrations take place across the globe in honor of the patron saint of Ireland. But if you really want to celebrate the right way, be sure to take a look at these

facts behind St. Patrick.

St. Patrick may be one of Ireland's patron saints (along with St. Brigid and St. Columcille), but he was not Irish. Evidence suggests that he was, in fact, British. By some accounts, he was born with the name Maewyn Succat in either Scotland or Wales. Yet it is important to realize that even though St. Patrick may have been born in Britain in the year 390, at the time of his birth, Britain was occupied by the Romans. Thus, it is very likely that Patrick's family was from Roman aristocracy. Indeed, Ireland's precious St. Patrick may well have been Italian.

But don't trade in Irish green for Italy's tricolor green, white, and red just yet. The true color of Ireland might be blue. King Henry VIII flew a blue flag over Ireland during the 16th century. Knights of the Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, a society of Irish knights founded by King George III in 1783, wore a light blue color known as St. Patrick's blue. The Irish president flies a blue flag with a harp. So when did green become the color of Ireland? During the Great Irish Rebellion of 1641, Irishmen flew a green flag against King James. Green became the color of Irish nationalism and independence during the Irish Rebellion of 1798, a notion promulgated in the ballad "The Wearing of the Green."

So whether you're marching in Dublin, raising a pint of Guinness in New York, Irish dancing in Sydney, or eating corned beef and cabbage in Montreal, just remember that none of these pastimes come from the original St. Patrick's Day. The Roman Catholic feast day was

## The Boston Massacre

It was a cold, snowy night in Boston on March 5, 1770. Despite the weather, American colonists (calling themselves patriots) gathered outside Boston's Customs House to taunt the British troops who had been stationed in the city to enforce newly decreed taxation measures. When the redcoats affixed bayonets to their rifles, the Americans responded by throwing snowballs and rocks. Moments later, shots were fired. Five Americans were the first fatalities of the American Revolutionary War in what would become known as the Boston Massacre. What is often forgotten in this episode of American Independence is how avowed patriot and future president John Adams, a lawyer, defended the British soldiers who were subsequently put on trial. Two of the eight were convicted of manslaughter, but for many Americans, justice was far from done. Paul Revere, famed for his midnight ride, turned the Boston Massacre into a provocative engraving, creating an effective piece of propaganda that helped turn Americans against the British.

## A Doll's Life



March 3 is a special day in Japan. *Hinamatsuri*, known as both Doll's Day and Girls' Day, is a day to celebrate girls and pray for their health and happiness. The most interesting part of Hinamatsuri is the elaborate dolls

displayed on red-carpeted, stepped platforms. Families either buy a set of dolls when their first daughter is born or receive a set handed down from generation to generation. Sets include a male and female dressed in Imperial attire, representing the emperor and empress, accompanied by three court ladies, five musicians, and other court attendants. The dolls are arranged in order of importance from the top step down and displays are placed in the home for all to see. This tradition has roots in an ancient belief that dolls could attract and contain bad spirits. It was once common practice for the dolls, and any ill fortune, to be tossed into rivers

## The Colors of Devotion



March 1 and 2 bring India's most famous Hindu holiday, Holi, which is known as the "festival of love" or the "festival of color," but it is really a festival that celebrates the victory of good over evil. Hindu scriptures tell of the arrogant Demon King Hiranyakashyap,

whose own son, Prahlad, refused to worship him in favor of Vishnu. The Demon King called on his sister Holika to

sit with Prahlad atop a burning pyre. Thanks to Prahlad's prayers to Vishnu, he survived, but Holika, who thought herself immune to the fire, was consumed. It is through this story we learn how the virtues of goodness, faith, and devotion are used to conquer forces of evil. This story is so important that before this holiday was called Holi, it was called Holika after the Demon King's sister.

The first day of Holi sees the ritual burning of pyres, with celebrants daring to race through the flames, hoping to emerge as unscathed as Prahlad. The fire purifies the spirit, proving one's devotion and reaffirming the triumph of good over evil. But the story of Holi does not end here. The second day of the holiday is perhaps the most well-known. On this day, celebrants gather in massive crowds and throw colored powder at each other. This practice, too, has its roots in Hindu mythology.

The supreme deity Krishna fell in love with the goddess Radha but was concerned that they would be a poor match because his skin was blue. Krishna's mother advised him to paint her face in order to erase their differences. Like Krishna, celebrants joyfully paint each other in a rainbow of colors, erasing any and all notions of caste or ethnicity. During this celebration, it becomes nearly impossible to recognize others, so all are loved equally. Furthermore, colored powders are often made of crushed medicinal herbs such as bilva, haldi, kumkum, and neem. Throwing these healing herbs is reminiscent of the healing nature of the holiday—the power of spring and the vigor, purity, youth, and

## March Birthdays

In astrology, those born between March 1–20 are Pisces. Friendly and selfless, Fish are always willing to help others with their hearts on their sleeves. Thanks to an intuitive understanding of life, Pisces make deep connections with other living beings. Aries' Rams are born between March 21–31. As the first sign of the zodiac, Aries are energetic and assertive initiators. With bravery, zeal, and speed, they jump headfirst into life, confident that they can navigate any challenges.

Desi Arnaz (actor) – March 2, 1917  
Knut Rockne (coach) – March 4, 1888  
Lou Costello (comedian) – March 6, 1906  
Yuri Gagarin (astronaut) – March 9, 1934  
Liza Minnelli (entertainer) – March 12, 1946  
Hank Ketcham (cartoonist) – March 14, 1920  
Wyatt Earp (cowboy) – March 19, 1848  
Fred Rogers (actor) – March 20, 1928  
Marcel Marceau (mime) – March 22, 1923  
Gutzon Borglum (sculptor) – March 25, 1867  
Reba McEntire (musician) – March 28, 1955  
Warren Beatty (actor) – March 30, 1937

## Don't Fear the Ides



It was William Shakespeare, via his play *Julius Caesar*, who warned that the Ides of March, on March 15, were cursed. Indeed, while Caesar was murdered by a group of political conspirators on March 15,

the Ides of any month are not particularly evil or ignominious. The words *Ides*, *Kalends*, and *Nones* are terms used to describe any month's phases

of the moon. *Ides* simply means the first full moon of the month, so in reality the Ides of March technically takes place this year on March 31. Likewise, the *Kalends* marks the month's first new moon, which is on March 17, and the *Nones* is the moon's first quarter, on March 24. Far from cursed, March's Ides were particularly joyful because they also heralded