

“Mothers  
are like glue.  
Even when  
you can’t see  
them, they are  
still holding  
the family  
together.”

~ Susan Gale ~



*Welcome to  
Our Newest  
Tenant*



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### Musings about Mother's Day...

Even though Mother's Day was declared a national observance on the second Sunday in May by President Woodrow Wilson in 1915 the celebration was much more personal and limited in scope than it has become in recent years.

As a child in the 40's I remember all girls and women wearing a carnation on Mother's Day, red if their mother was alive, white if she wasn't. In school we made cards or simple gifts as a surprise for our mothers. A popular one was the child's hand print cast in a circle of plaster of paris, sometimes with an attached ribbon for hanging. Another favorite was making pencil holders from tin cans covered with something to disguise their origin – wallpaper samples, construction paper, or even straws cut to the right length. Many teachers were very creative. Of course when a mother had multiple children it must have become a burden to use or display all of these wonderful gifts so no child felt slighted.



I'm sure the greeting card companies were instrumental in developing the tradition of fancy cards for Mom – what a boon to their business, another holiday to capitalize on. As the cards increased in their elaborateness (and expense) it also became customary to give gifts and flowers to mothers.

Father's Day was founded in 1910 but never achieved the prominence of Mother's Day, perhaps because it comes in June when children are usually not in school where teachers can guide their card and gift making efforts. It was not official nationally until 1966 when President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation that the third Sunday of June should be recognized as Father's Day. It was another 6 years before President Richard Nixon established Father's Day as a permanent national holiday on the third Sunday of June.

~ Barb Breckenridge

**Join us for a Mother's Day Tea Party on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 2PM in the Dining Room. Dress up in pearls, hats or fascinators—or just something cheerful—and let's celebrate all mothers! EVERYONE is welcome, not just mothers!**



# PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!

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| MLC Library Outreach                                 | 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| Joke Club  | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |
| 500 Card Party                                       | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |
| Sing Along with Dana Funk                            | 4 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Chautauqua: Katie Brusven<br>Adult Community Center  | 5 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Tenant Meeting                                       | 6 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Coloring Fun   | 6 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Craft: Fascinator Party Hats                         | 7 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Bus to Holy Redeemer<br>Salad Luncheon               | 8 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Music: Justine Dambrotten                            | 8 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Card Makers  | 9 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup> |
| Bus to Holy Redeemer<br>School May Crowning          | 9 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Mother's Day Tea Party                               | 9 <sup>th</sup>  |
| BINGO Night with Lorenzo's                           | 10 <sup>th</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup>                                  |
| Hope Harbor Outdoor Fun                              | 13 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Lunch Outing: The Fairway                            | 14 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Men's Group: Woodcarving<br>Demo with David Haen     | 14 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Musical Memories                                     | 15 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Brain Games  | 16 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>                 |
| Tenant-Led Happy Hour                                | 16 <sup>th</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>                                  |
| Movie: Roman Holiday                                 | 17 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Indoor Volleyball                                    | 19 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Planting Butterfly Garden<br>with Catholic Daughters | 21 <sup>st</sup>   |
| Game Day: Ponytail Canasta                           | 21 <sup>st</sup>   |
| Monthly Birthday Party                               | 22 <sup>nd</sup>   |
| Memorial Day-Office Closed                           | 26 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Virtual Voyage:<br>Remembering Vietnam               | 27 <sup>th</sup>   |
| PO•KE•NO 50¢ to play                                 | 28 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Wii Bowling  | 29 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Fold & Deliver                                       | 30 <sup>th</sup>   |

## Highlights of May . . .

**Page Turners Book Club** - will be reading *Birds of a Feather* by Jacqueline Winspear. If you would like a copy, stop into the Activities Office. Join us for a discussion in the Pool Table Room on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Intergenerational Fun** - Last chance before summer! Holy Redeemer 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade will pray the Rosary on May 1<sup>st</sup>. • Come listen to Holy Redeemer 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Readers at 8:30 Tues. mornings Mrs. Rettey's class on May 6<sup>th</sup> and Mrs. Klaith's class is here on May 13<sup>th</sup>. • On May 9<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Lenz' 1<sup>st</sup> Grade music students will sing for us and on May 16<sup>th</sup> HRS Kindergarteners will sing. • We are invited to the HRS May Crowning on May 9<sup>th</sup>. **Craft** - On May 7<sup>th</sup>, we'll be making fascinator party hats in honor of Mother's Day. EVERYONE welcome! We will assist those who need an extra helping hand. Sign up on the board.

## Last Month at a Glance . . .





Do you have a spot for old unmatched socks? Do you hold out hope of someday reuniting those single socks with their lost matches? Chances are you may never see those lost socks again, since many fall over of the top of washing machine tubs and are sucked into the drain.

On May 9—Lost Sock Memorial Day—take the time to say goodbye to those missing socks, wherever they may be. Perhaps the best way to celebrate this strange holiday is to take those unmatched socks out of the back of the drawer and wear them! Restore them to their former glory, and go unmatched for a day.

## May Word Search

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| Butterfly | May Day |
| Celebrate | Maypole |
| Fertility | Outside |
| May Queen | Rainbow |
| Raindrops | Ribbons |
| Tradition | Singing |
| Children  | Basket  |
| Festival  | Colors  |
| Laughter  | Parade  |
| Puritans  | Romans  |
| Sunshine  | Spring  |
| Ancient   | Bloom   |
| Beltane   | Buds    |
| Blossom   | Fun     |
| Flowers   |         |

## More than Margaritas

~ *Activity Connection*

Cinco de Mayo—which is Spanish for “Fifth of May”—is often a cause for celebration among Mexicans and most anyone else interested in Mexican food, drink, and music. Some less-informed revelers will claim Cinco de Mayo as the day of Mexico’s independence. Those in the know will tell you it celebrates the Mexican army’s 1862 victory of the French at the Battle of Puebla, led by General Zaragoza.

In 1862, Mexico had just gained its independence from Spain. France seized this as an opportunity to expand its empire and launched an assault at Veracruz, a 600-mile march from Mexico City. An underwhelming Mexican militia of 4,500 led by Zaragoza met the 8,000 well-armed French troops at Puebla. Though the French army was considered the greatest fighting force in the world, the Mexicans defeated the French. Six years later, Mexicans defeated the French. Six years later, France withdrew its claim on the country. But it was this May 5 David-versus-Goliath moment that instilled a sense of patriotism and national pride in the young country of Mexico.



# Twix Caramel Apple Salad



## Ingredients:

- 1 small package instant vanilla pudding
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 large tub Cool Whip
- 1 to 2 packages of TWIX Bites
- 3 to 4 Granny Smith Apples
- Optional: caramel sauce

## Instructions:

1. Prepare the vanilla pudding according to the box instructions but only using 1/4 cup of milk and immediately add the tub of cool whip in it before it sets.
2. Dice the TWIX Bites into halves. Dice the apples. Mix all the ingredients together.
3. Allow it to set in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes. Drizzle with caramel sauce.

*The following poems were composed at  
Hill Street Place's  
Heart of Haiku Poetry Event*

Growing plants and crops  
New beginnings in the spring  
Fresh grass smell



The warm weather  
Attracts birds to the bath  
Yellow, red, blue tulips

Leaves through the trees  
The pollen shows its head  
Washing the windows



The cool breeze with rain  
Brings new beginnings  
Ready to plant gardens

Flowers start again  
Lavender, white, yellow, blue  
Orchids blossoming



Early spring frost  
Window fog on the outside  
Shoo off the exports

Flowers spring eternal  
Iris, daffodils, tulips, lilac  
The fresh smell of spring



IF YOU FIND HIM, TUG  
ON THE ROPE, AND WE'LL  
PULL YOU BOTH OUT

