

The Motivator

Exchange Club of Lake Tansi

Club #2359 Div XII TN-KY

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Our Mission: *Exchange, inspiring communities to become better places to live.*

Our Vision: *A strong America, safe communities, and unified people.*

Our Motto: *Unity for Service*

We missed you all after having no meetings in March. Based on the email Tim sent out yesterday, April is going to be a wash too. Given current events, I think it's the smart thing to do. Please stay home and stay safe and healthy. We're not going out much here. I've made a couple trips into town for prescriptions and necessities over the last week and a half, but Tim is hanging close to home, since he hits 3 of the high risk red flags and the only one I have is being over 60 years old. I take a handful of disinfecting wipes, take care of my business and get home.

If you enjoy a night off from cooking, or two or three, don't forget to support our restaurants here in Lake Tansi both are offering carry out and curbside pick up and Lake Tansi Restaurant and Bar is offering delivery within Tansi. Let's support our local businesses. Looks like lake Tansi Catering will be delivering again on Monday, too.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Due to health concerns, the annual Blue Ribbon Event has been cancelled. I haven't heard anything about pinwheels to date.

In conjunction with National Child Abuse Prevention Month, Exchange Club members are encouraged to wear blue on Mondays during the month of April. The Blue Mondays project originated in 2012. National Exchange President Sidney Mobley began the initiative as a visual reminder to the community of the importance of united and continued prevention of child abuse efforts. Blue Mondays encourages everyone to wear blue every Monday in April as a way to inspire discussion and awareness and to share Exchange's efforts about raising awareness and promoting healthy families.

Our spaghetti dinner has been cancelled for this year. We are still hopeful that we'll be able to have our Golf Tournament in June. Since face to face meetings are out for now the Golf Committee may try a Zoom meeting online to discuss the feasibility of going through with the tournament or alternative dates later in the year or just what to do in general. Linda has a freezer full of pork butt that has to go somewhere. Also, this is one of our bigger fundraisers.

Since there was not a lot else to write this month, in the course of looking up National Child Abuse Prevention month, and I guess I needed some diversion, I also found April is National Humor Month, National Poetry Month and National Pecan Month. In addition to the "Month" observances there are also daily observances. Dozens of them, so why not have some fun.

April 1st – April Fool's Day

April 2nd - National Peanut butter and jelly day – no official designation, it just "is"

April 3rd – National Walk to Work Day – established as the first Friday in April by U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy G. Thompson in 2004.

April 4th – World Rat Day - World Rat Day was created in 2002 by James Kitlock and Robyn Arthur. They felt the need to have a holiday to give recognition to the fancy rat. A fancy rat is a rat kept as a pet. (Not to be confused with Pack Rat day on May 17th - it's a thing, Google it!)

April 5th – In 2020, April 5th is Palm Sunday. It's also National Dandelion Day – another observance with no "official" origin, it just "is".

April 6th – National Tartan Day – established by Senate resolution in 1998. (really!?!)

April 7th – World Health Day - This day celebrates the anniversary of the founding of the UN's World Health Organization on April 7, 1948.

April 8th – Passover begins at sundown. Date varies depending on the lunar calendar but in 2020 it falls on April 7th.

April 9th – Winston Churchill Day - Winston Churchill Day celebrates the day he was made an honorary US citizen by President John F. Kennedy in 1963.

April 10th – Good Friday (2020)

April 11th – Barbershop Quartet Day - Barbershop Quartet Day honors four guys with great voices. This day celebrates the founding of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America in Tulsa, Oklahoma on April 11, 1938.

April 12th – Easter Sunday (2020)

April 13th – National Peach Cobbler Day - Peach Cobbler Day was created by the Georgia Peach Council in the 1950's, to promote the consumption of canned peaches. There is no official declaration.

April 14th – International Moment of Laughter Day - Humorologist Izzy Gesell created Moment of Laughter Day to encourage people to laugh. It sure would be nice to meet the creator of this day in person, so we could share a laugh together. Got to keep your sense of humor – especially these days!

April 15th – Titanic Remembrance Day - Titanic Remembrance Day is dedicated to the memory of the Titanic, and over 1500 people who died on this day in 1912.

It's also World Art Day - This special day was created in 2011, at the General Assembly of the International Association of Art in Guadalajara, Mexico. April 15th was chosen because it's also Leonardo DaVinci's birthday.

April 16th – National Bean Counter Day – Another unofficial observance that celebrates the end of “Tax Season”, so send your favorite accountant a bottle of wine then leave them alone! He/she needs a break!

April 17th – Bat Appreciation Day – a day to better understand and appreciate the good qualities of bats

April 18th – International Juggler's Day - International Jugglers Day celebrates the skill of juggling, and those talented people who can juggle many balls and objects at a time. Also applies to multi-tasking office workers.

April 19th – National Garlic Day – Promotes the many uses of garlic.

April 20th – Volunteer Recognition Day – This is an “unofficial” observance, believe it or not. Volunteer Recognition Day honors the legions of volunteers who dedicate themselves to causes and helping others. They are making big and small differences in the lives of millions of people all over the world. They are saving lives. They are improving lives and providing comfort. They assist people, animals, and nature.

April 21st – Kindergarten Day - Kindergarten Day is celebrated in honor of Friedrich Froebel. He was born on this day in 1782. In 1837, he started the first Kindergarten in Germany.

April 22nd – Earth Day - The first Earth Day was observed April 22, 1970. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was formed as a direct result of this first Earth Day in 1970.

April 23rd – Ramadan – Begins at sundown, date varies. It is a time of fasting, worship, and renewal of family ties. Fasting lasts the entire month and Muslims cannot eat during daylight hours.

April 24th – National Arbor Day - National Arbor Day is always the last Friday in April. Observance by individual states varies depending on the best tree planting times in their area. Tennessee observes the first Friday in March.

April 25th – World Penguin Awareness Day - World Penguin Day coincides with the annual northward migration of penguins.

April 26th – National Pretzel Day - Pretzels are believed to be the world's oldest snack. Pretzels date back to 610AD in Southern France. Monks baked thin strips of dough into the shape of a child's arms folded in prayer.

April 27th – National Prime Rib Day – The kind of day you can sink your teeth into.

April 28th – Kiss Your Mate Day – It's also Great Poetry Reading Day, so share a kiss then read a poem.

April 29th – National Zipper Day – Marks the date Elias Howe applied for a patent for the "Continuous Clothing Closure" in 1851.

April 30th – National Honesty Day - M. Hirsh Goldberg, former press secretary to a governor of Maryland created National Honesty Day in the early 1990s after spending four years researching and writing The Book of Lies (Morrow). Goldberg created this day, because he felt that the month of April, which begins with a big day of lying (April Fool's Day), should end on a higher moral note. It's also Hairstyle Appreciation Day, Which could lead to some awkward moments.

In order to be a true National day of Observance there needs to be either a signed Proclamation by the President, or an Act of Congress – a legislator proposes a day and Congress votes approval. The majority of the observances listed above are not true National days of Observance, even some that have national in their name. All you need to get a calendar day for your cause of choice is to feel strongly about it, pick a day and get enough people to buy into your idea to get someone to put it on a calendar. Then hope it catches on from there. Anyway.....hope you enjoyed my ramble for today.

Lake Tansi Exchange Club member Ashley Clark had heart surgery in early March. She's doing well and recovering at home. Get well cards can be sent to Ashley at 1222 Natchez Trace, Crossville, TN 38572.

Please continue to keep Pat Camachi in your thoughts and prayers. Pat has been moved from Cookeville to a nursing facility in Michigan closer to her family. Pat loves getting mail and is happy that her Exchange friends are still keeping in touch. If you'd like to drop her a note or send a card, her address is:

Pat Camacci
555 Highland Ave.
Room 416
Milford, MI 48381

She would be happy to receive mail from any us, whether you know her well or not.

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April Exchange membership anniversaries:



- Jack Bidwell – 1 year
- Phyllis Bidwell – 1 year
- Michele MacDonald – 1 year
- Star Realty – 1 year
- Jan Hurley – 5 years
- Ellen Cooke – 8 years
- John Lyon – 20 years



April Birthdays:

- 4/2 – Ashley Clark
- 4/15 – John Lyon
- 4/16 – Jack Bidwell
- 4/20 – Carol Konkol
- 4/24 – Paul Durland
- 4/25 – Pat Schloerke



April Anniversaries:

4/4 – Les and Judi Elam

If you have a birthday or anniversary that I have missed, please let me know.