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"Mother's Day"

It seems we all spend a lot of time and effort honoring veterans, mostly whom are men. But with Mother's Day right around the corner, let's honor MOTHERS.

And I will start with my own. My mom was born in Boonville, Indiana, December 2nd, 1920. It was cold, being December, and she was a premature baby—a "7 months" baby, or as we say today a "preemie." My grandmother says she didn't unwrap my mom until June! With all the attention to my father during the time of the documentary, I left mom's story to be told later.

Later came about a year ago. With tape recorder in hand, I began asking my mom questions about her! Her childhood, her first memory, her first date, her first kiss, what did she wear at Easter, and so on. I realized that even though decades separate us, in many respects we women are all the same inside. We all had a first date or a first boyfriend we will never forget. We all wanted a pretty dress for Easter or to be liked at school. We all have insecurities, joys, fears, and...

diaries. Whether we are American, European, Chinese, Indian or Iraqi, we still cherish our families, nurture our loved ones, and we all hide money!

So this Mother's Day, let's celebrate Mothers—and wives. If your Mother is deceased, close your eyes on May 9th, and remember your Mom—some advice she gave you, how you mimic your mom, her smile when you went to the Prom. Know that she is with you today, and every day. And be joyous of her memories.

If your Mother is still around—call her, hug her, and tell her thanks. Thanks for always loving you, for helping you with your homework, for teaching you how to do a load of laundry.

And remember—Mothers don't come with instructions. So forgive them of their mistakes and honor them with gratitude. Laugh with them, cry with them, and rejoice with them.

Thanks, Mom.

History of Mother's Day:

The earliest Mother's Day celebrations can be traced back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece in honor of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 1600's, England celebrated a day called "Mothering Sunday." Celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent, "Mothering Sunday" honored the mothers of England.

During this time many of England's poor worked as servants for the wealthy. As most jobs were located far from their homes, the servants would live at the houses of their employers. On Mothering Sunday, the servants would have the day off and were encouraged to return home and spend the day with their mothers. A special cake, called the "mothering cake," was often brought along to provide a festive touch.

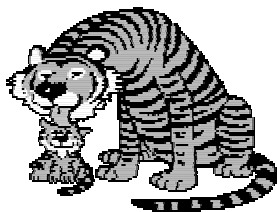
As Christianity spread throughout Europe, the celebration changed to honor the "Mother Church" - the spiritual power that gave them

life and protected them from harm. Over time the church festival blended with the Mothering Sunday celebration. People began honoring their mothers as well as the church.

In the United States, Mother's Day was first suggested in 1872 by Julia Ward Howe (who wrote the words to the Battle hymn of the Republic) as a day dedicated to peace. Ms. Howe would hold organized Mother's Day meetings in Boston, MA every year.

In 1907 Ana Jarvis, from Philadelphia, began a campaign to establish a national Mother's Day. Ms. Jarvis persuaded her mother's church in Grafton, WV to celebrate Mother's Day on the second anniversary of her mother's death, the second Sunday of May. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson made the official announcement proclaiming Mother's Day as a national holiday that was to be held each year on the second Sunday of May.

While many countries of the world celebrate their own Mother's Day at different times throughout the year, there are some countries such as Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia, and Belgium which also celebrate Mother's Day on the second Sunday of May.



Happy
Mother's Day

"M" is for the million things she gave me,

"O" means only that she's growing old,

"T" is for the tears she shed to save me,

"H" is for her heart of purest gold;

"E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining,

"R" means right, and right she'll always be,

Put them all together, they spell

" M O T H E R "

A word that means the world to me.

—Howard Johnson (c. 1915)

Traditional Recipe for
"Mothering Cake"

3/4 c. butter or margarine
2 c. sugar
2 1/4 c. flour
4 eggs
1/3 c. shredded orange and lemon peel
1 c. currants
1/2 of 7 oz. package almond paste
1 tsp almond extract

Cream butter and sugar, add almond paste and almond extract. Blend well. Add eggs, beating in one at a time until smooth and fluffy.

Add flour 1/2 cup at a time and blend in. Dust currants with

flour and add with orange and lemon peel. Stir to mix. Makes a heavy unleavened batter that bakes slowly. Grease and flour 9 or 10 inch spring form or angel food pan. Pour in cake batter. Bake at 350 degrees one hour or more until straw comes out clean. Take out of pan before completely cool or it may stick.

Glaze:
1 c. sugar
1/3 c. water
1 Tbsp butter
1/2 tsp almond extract

Bring to boil and spread over cake—half while cake is still in the pan and the rest after you remove cake from the pan.

NEWS:



Did You Know.....

Linda and Ron's company produced another documentary that aired on The History Channel on March 20th called "Inside Baghdad." It was an up close look at the activities that go on in Baghdad every day. It seems all we hear about or see on the news is war. But the citizens of Baghdad are much like people everywhere.

They have family dinners and worry about the kids going to school. "Inside Baghdad" takes you to the heart of the city. And guess who went to Baghdad, with camera in hand—our very own Matthew. At the reunion, we will air the documentary and have Matthew tell us all about it.

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Did You Know.....

Yet another shipmate has been found!! Duncan Robey found **JOHN STANLEY PRIMMER** this past January. I am waiting to hear back from him and if he sends a picture, I will put it in the newsletter.

Did You Know.....

Our reunion is July 18—July 22 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mark your calendars and plan on attending. It promises to be one of our best reunions. My sister Cindy will be there with her husband Reggie and her two kids, Weston and Diego.

We will take a tour of Philadelphia and our Sunday morning speaker will be Matthew talking about his trip to Iraq—to Baghdad, shooting the documentary.

SIGN UP NOW! By calling Linda Gunjak at 1-800-228-5870.

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WEBSITE UPDATE:

www.lst534.com

The LST 534 website has suffered a setback and has not been updated in over five months. Our webmistress, Darleen Olson Mead, is no longer available to handle the site and I have no one to take her place. I'm trying to decide what to do so if any of you want to help out, give me a call, or send me an email at LKA62@aol.com.

HOLIDAYS—DAYS TO CELEBRATE AND REMEMBER

April

1 April Fool's Day
6 Passover
11 Easter
22 Earth Day

May

1 May Day
5 Cinco De Mayo
9 Mother's Day
15 Armed Forces Day
31 Memorial Day

June

6 D-Day
14 Flag Day
20 Father's Day

July

4 Independence Day
25 Parents' Day



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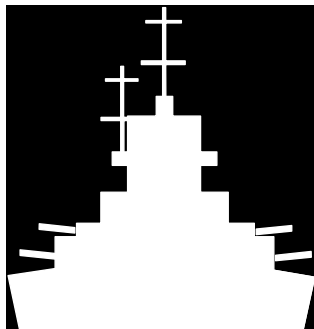
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Just for Fun
is a column
meaning just
that – FUN.

Jim Sarres has
graciously
volunteered to
keep this
column going.

We all know
how Judge
Sarres can
keep us
laughing!

Thanks Jim.

Just for Fun

Rodney Dangerfield's One-Liners:

A girl phoned me the other day and said, "Come on over; nobody's home." I went over. Nobody was home.

I'm so ugly....My father carries around a picture of the kid who came with his wallet.

Once when I was lost, I saw a policeman and asked him to help me find my parents. I said to him, "Do you think we'll ever find them?" He said, "I don't know kid. There's so many places they can hide."

Nautical Terms:

*In memory of James Richard Drew who
contributed to this column until his passing.
Contributed by Willie Gunn.*

Galley—Place where food is prepared.

Hull—Main body of the ship.

Weather Deck—All parts of the ship exposed to weather.

Quarter Deck—Location on or below main deck designated by C.O. for Captain's Mast or ceremonies.

Poop Deck—Main deck at stern.

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