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THE VICTORIAN

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Daily Schedule

7:00-9:00- Breakfast

**9:30-Catholic Communion
(Thurs)**

11:00- Word Game

**11:00- Exercise Group
(Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)**

12:00-1:00- Lunch

1:30- See Calendar

**4:00- Sing Along
(Monday)**

4:00- Word Challenge

5:00-6:00 – Supper

June Is Bustin' Out All Over!

At last the warm weather is here and we can spend lazy afternoons on the porch, just watching the world go by!

To Charley's relief the only planned special event is our Father's Day lunch on June 17th, after our multitude of events in May. However, plans are well underway for our huge picnic on July 3rd.

Entertainers this month include The Victrola Society- 13th, Julie Charland-20th, Dan McCarthy- 27th and The Harper and The Minstrel on Thursday, June 7th. They will be performing at 11am to sing us into lunch!

Out and about days will take us to various favorite spots in and around Chatham. I will check with the local museums as to programs and new exhibits. Unfortunately, one of our favorite spots on Morris Island was washed away in a March storm.

As I write this, I know that the window boxes and hanging baskets will soon be blooming as well as the hydrangeas and roses in the gardens. The summer birds all seem to be back and enjoying the feeders.

If a June night could talk, it would probably boast it invented romance. ~Bern Williams

See you on the porch!

Carolyn

**Tell me a story about your mother
(continued from last month)**

My mother was ten years old when she left England with her mother and three younger siblings for the USA. The children had a great time on the ship and the Captain thought they were wonderful. He liked them so much that he visited them every time he had a trip to New York, as they had settled in New Jersey close to New York. The captain, Mr. Aspinall, became a very lasting and fond friend- *Laurie*

My mother, who'd never worked, got a job after my father died. She prepared supper for the nurses who lived in the nurses' home adjacent to the hospital. She didn't have to travel.....she lived next door- *Corinnne*

My mother went to law school after she was married- very unusual for the 1920's. She passed the bar exam- the same year I was born-but never practiced law.- *Joan*

Like Maya Angelou, my mom, a pastry cook, was a phenomenal woman. When I look back on her now what I remember most is that and the beautiful gardens she and my Dad created every summer that brought the birds, bees, flowers, veggies, fruit and food for the season. What we loved most was the tender white midget corn and cinnamon rolls for breakfast or pie or shortcake for dinner- *Judi*

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken. ~James Dent

Do you have a baseball player you particularly admire?

My favorite baseball player is 'Mookie' Betts. Not just this year when he is certainly one of the top candidates for MVP, but for several years. When he first came to the Red Sox I liked his skills and the joy he took in playing the game!- *George*

Yes, Ralph Kiner. Pittsburg Pirates, Rah!- *Jerry*

I think Ted Williams was a terrific player for the Red Sox. But there was also Dom DiMaggio, another outstanding player- *Rita*

Ted Williams-*Edie and Chris*

Jackie Robinson. He was a black baseball player in the major leagues. He faced much discrimination, yet he was always a gentleman- *Corinne*
Amen! And also Lou Gehrig who was so cheerful in the face of ALS- *Joan*

My Dad loved the Red Sox. He would go into Boston on his day off and sit in the bleachers. I liked Ted Williams and Mickey Mantle- *Bev*

June 2nd is Italy's National day. Have you ever visited Italy?

Yes, for three weeks from the top to the bottom of the country- *Patty*

Three times- once with friends, once alone and once with my husband. Travelling the same route each time- but very different trips- *Joan*

I've never been to Italy. However, the small town where I grew up had a large Italian population. I learned how to pronounce and spell their names. There were some tricky pronunciations. *Corinne*

Yes- have a friend who lives in Rome- *Jerry*

Yes, several times. I visited Rome, Venice, Tuscany, Amalfi Coast. All at different times. We loved it!- *Rita*

In the late summer of 1953 my uncle took me on a trip to visit Italy and Switzerland. In Italy we visited Milan and toured the cathedral there. On entering the cathedral, a guard stopped us and told us I could not enter because of the way I was dressed. It was hot and I had a sundress with bare shoulders and I had no hat on. So my uncle said, "She can put my handkerchief on her head and wear my jacket." I was thoroughly embarrassed to put him through this but the guard said fine, so I did. My uncle was an Episcopal Bishop in the US and he understood the protocol for a Roman Catholic cathedral near Rome. Then we walked the streets and passed many cafes

It was June, and the world smelled of roses. The sunshine was like powdered gold over the grassy hillside. ~Maud Hart Lovelace, *Betsy-Tacy and Tib*, 1941

with men at sidewalk tables and my uncle warned me that the Italian men may smile, whistle and wave as we strolled along. He was correct. They did all those things. Again I was an embarrassed 17-year-old for sure, but survived it all and Uncle Don was very good-natured about everything, much to my relief. Sincerely, quite a memory of Italy. Wish I could have seen more of that beautiful country- *Pem*

The first Transcontinental Express train arrived in San Francisco on June 4th 1876. Have you been on a train journey?

I crossed from Boston to San Diego in 1946. My husband was in the Navy. I travelled with another Navy wife. I remember, in a stopover in Wyoming, we got off the train to see some cowboys. What a laugh!- *Rita*

Yes. The best one was an overnight trip from Newcastle upon Tyne to London. It was June and stayed light very late, and there were wonderful views of the East Coast. Just before we got to London, the attendant woke me, with a cup of tea! - *Joan*

I came from Ireland. I have been on quite a few trains and airlines but now I am happy to walk- *Joan*

My first train ride was when I was quite young. It was a small train line. We called it the "Toonerville Trolley". We clanked and clattered to our destination. Many years later, I went from Hartford to New York a number of times. Not to shop; my mother was in a hospital there- *Corinne*

We took the TransCanada train from Montreal to Vancouver, BC- out the southern route through Banff and Lake Louise and back the northern route through Jasper National Park. Incredible- *Dorothy*

My father was in the Canadian Airforce in 1943, stationed in London. My mother, brother, sister and I took a train from Waterville, NS to Boston MA that year- *Edie*

When my Dad was transferred from NJ Bell telephone to their plant in Chicago, we found a home in Oak Park, IL where I went to school. We lived there for eight years. But my mother, sister and I returned to NJ for 2-3 weeks each summer to visit family and old friends. The most fun for my sister and me was the overnight train trip on the 20th century Limited, riding in a compartment. If we entered a town we would push up the curtain enough to peek out. They were the best train rides, and none overnight or so exciting since- *Laurie*



Many years ago I went to Jackson, FL with my Dad to my cousin's wedding. We stayed five days and came home on a train. My dad loved trains and would walk to the train station every night to see the trains. Ron had stayed behind with my Mom to look after the boys. On return he whispered to me, "Never, never, never again!" It was a wonderful trip with my Dad, one to remember- *Bev*



Winners of our May Quiz

Dorothy
Maryanne
Corinne
Joan
Helen
Laurie
Bev
Jerry
Jane
Pem
Gene
Fran with Pam
Amy and Charley
Edie