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THE VICTORIAN

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Daily Schedule

7:00-9:00- Breakfast

9:30-Catholic Communion
(Thurs)

11:00- Communion
Service
(First Wednesday)

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

Love is in the Air!!

The shortest month of the year, but not short on events! February starts with the Super Bowl (Sunday 3rd). I know many of you are planning to watch every single minute; the game starts at 6:30pm.

Entertainers this month include Ken LeRay-6th, Dave Andrews- 20th , Dan McCarthy- 27th. Dave is appearing for his first time with us.

Julie Charland is the entertainer for our Chinese New Year Party on the 15th. We are entering the year of the pig- if you wondered about the new name tags! The menu for that day is spectacular!

Children from the Unitarian Church will be visiting with Valentine cards for all on Sunday 10th. I suspect that Charley will have a little something special for you on Valentine's Day!

And to round the month out- my absolutely favorite event of the year- *The Oscars*- 24th-starting with the red carpet at 7pm and usually running all the way through midnight.

Enjoy!

Carolyn

Love is much nicer to be in than an automobile accident, a tight girdle, a higher tax bracket or a holding pattern over Philadelphia. ~Judith Viorst, Redbook, 1975

February 1st is Robinson Crusoe Day. If you were stranded on a desert island, what five things would you like to take with you?

1. Robert Redford 2. Bible 3. Water 4. Map (7 miles to the inch) 5. Matches – *Anon*

1. Food 2. Shelter 3. Solar-powered devices to call for help 4. Solar-powered device to call for help 5. Solar-powered device to call for help – *Joan*

1. The Bible 2. A flare to attract a passing ship 3. A desalination kit for the sea water 4. A large bowl of dried foods (so the water can be added) 5. A tarp or something that can be used as shade and long sleeved clothing – *Corinne*

[This question led to quite a discussion between Jack and Joan's friend Mary Anne. The rest of us just listened]

1. Bug Spray 2. Flashlight 3. Giant Box of Matches 4. Clothing 5. Hammock- *Barbara*

1. Hatchet (hammer and axe) 2. Swiss Army Knife 3. Fishing Pole 4. Matches 5. Nails – *George*



I don't understand why Cupid was chosen to represent Valentine's Day. When I think about romance, the last thing on my mind is a short, chubby toddler coming at me with a weapon. ~Author Unknown

The most serious charge which can be brought against New England is not Puritanism, but February.... Spring is too far away to comfort even by anticipation, and winter long ago lost the charm of novelty. This is the very three a.m. of the calendar. ~Joseph Wood Krutch

Have you ever seen a whale? Tell me about it!

Yes, I went out on a whale watching boat out of Barnstable Harbor. Passengers would move to whichever side a whale was spotted. And I've touched one! A dead whale on Corporation Beach in Dennis. Its belly was smooth to the touch. The skin wasn't straight across, it had a rippled look- *Corinne*

Yes, I was 9 years old, a very large whale was beached in West Dennis, many people were standing on it. The best experience was on a whale-watch boat. A mother whale allowed her little girl to play and show off for about half an hour, then mother decided her little girl had been allowed to show off long enough. What a great experience!- *Anon*

We went out of Chatham Harbor about five miles until we saw a pod of whales. As one breached, it was absolutely beautiful to watch this huge creature of the sea, with torrents of water coming off the whale and the mighty splash as its tail hit the water. It was nerve wracking to be so near- *Bob*

February is Library Lovers Month. What book, movie and music would you recommend to others?

Book-Gone with the Wind, Movie-Oklahoma, Music-Rhapsody in Blue-
Barbara

Book-Dickens' Great Expectations, Movie-The Godfather parts I and II, Music-the Pachelbel Canon- *Joan*

Book-Stones from the River [this won an award and was a choice for Oprah's book club], Movie-Gone with the Wind, Music-Handel's Hallelujah Chorus- *Corinne*

Book-The Bible (written word of God), Movie-Unconquered (forgave his trespasses), Music-the five hymns that changed the world (How Great Thou Art, It is well with my son, Silent Night, Amazing Grace, What a friend you have in Jesus)-
Tom

A Star is Born with Barbra Streisand and Kris Kristofferson. I was given it for Christmas on DVD by my son Mark. If you love Streisand this is the movie for you. The music is outstanding. Watch it with someone as it is very emotional- *Bev*

Without Valentine's Day, February would be... well, January. ~Jim Gaffigan



In the coldest February, as in every other month in every other year, the best thing to hold on to in this world is each other.

~Linda Ellerbee, Move On: Adventures in the Real World, 1991

My favorite series of books is the story of Jack Aubry, a British Naval Officer, written by Patrick O'Brien. Through twenty books and one last unfinished book, O'Brien traces the story of Aubrey and his friend and ship's surgeon, Stephen Maturin, from the end of the 18th century to well into the 19th century, presenting a picture of life of a naval officer aboard ship and ashore. The series presents a picture of life in those days including ornate meals, clothes and customs. My favorite parts are the battle sections which are well done and true to life. The series are the best "Sea Stories" I have ever read!-*George*



Helen's birthday is one day before mine and I joined her family for dinner. The next day her daughter had a balloon at my place. After dinner I decided to see if I could keep the balloon until Cynthia's birthday. Surprisingly it lasted. In the spirit she sent it to Beverly. Now we will see if it can last until Fran's birthday.

The balloon that wouldn't quit-quit! After gracing the birthday tables of four residents, the birthday balloon finally deflated-38days. Maybe a record?-George Fisk

**February 26th is 'Friends Forever Day'.
Tell me about one of your old friends.**

Jane Patterson was my best friend. We were teenagers when we met-she was a Cape Codder, me a wash-ashore. She introduced me to all the local guys and gals. Years went by, Jane met a young man at a dance. He lived in Nashville, TN. She fell in love. Drove her convertible to Nashville and stayed with Pat's family. Pat was discharged from the army. They married, stayed in Nashville for a few years and then moved back to Chatham to live a good life and raise three children. Our neighborhood was full of kids-all ages. When the school bus pulled up to let the kids off- they were all from our street. I think of Jane often and am sad that she died young. - *Bev*

My special lasting friendship (80 years) began in third grade in Bloomfield, CT. My friend Anne Carter and I took the same bus for the long -40 minute- drive from our houses to the grammar school in town. We lived way out in the country. We used to play dolls together, we had a wonderful doll house and some very old dolls. We eventually went to the same high school in West Hartford, CT which took us two city buses and our parents occasionally for the very long trip from our houses. We went to different colleges but still kept in touch. Then our marriages and living states apart, yet we wrote each other and used the phone. Now she is in Utah, and I on Cape Cod and we still call each other on the wonderful telephone. We each had four children and had deaths and losses occur in our lives. Yet our memories and giggles are

the same; now we are in our mid-eighties and we laugh about that. A real blessing of special friendship, very special indeed. Sincerely and oh so gratefully- *Pem*

My friend lived nearby. I was at her house when I saw a tree blow down. I immediately went home. It was the onset of the 1938 hurricane. When she moved out west, we corresponded. After some years, I received a letter from a friend of hers. She'd lost her long battle with cancer- *Corinne*



An old friend of mine is now a retired physician living in Cooperstown, NY, where she practised. We met when she was working for my husband on a study of retarded children in a state school – before she went to medical school. She enjoyed visiting our kids because they were ordinary (of course they were exceptional in our eyes!). We have been good friends for about 50 years now- *Joan*

It is frequently asked, "Why must February have only 28 days? Why can't you borrow one day from the end of January and one day from the beginning of March and make all three months 30 days long?" The answer is that while you can end January on the 30th, you can't begin March on the 2nd.
~*Robert Brault*



(Ralph, George, Smitty, Newt)

The best friend I ever had was Ralph. We met in the army where we were taking courses at St. Louis University. We quickly became close friends. Ralph came from Indianapolis, close enough to visit on a weekend so I got to know his family. The army abandoned the program and we were sent to a camp in Texas and within a month we moved again to advanced infantry camp. With each move, Ralph and I ended up in the same barracks. At the end of this program, we were given a furlough home and then told to report to Fort Meade, MD to go to Europe. In spite of coming from different directions we ended up in the same barracks again! Arriving in Germany, we were assigned to a regiment. Here Ralph and a few others were pulled out to be medics. At last the army had split us up! I was assigned to an infantry company and the next day Ralph appeared; he was assigned as the medic in my platoon! Ralph was an excellent medic. On the day I was hit, Ralph rebandaged my wound and fed me 'captured' bread and jelly while waiting for me to be evacuated. When I returned, the

Winners of Our January Quiz

Maryanne

Pem

Helen

George

Ted

Barbara

Joan

Corinne

Gene

Beverly

Rita

Fran

Dorothy

Cindy

Ann

Oliver and Jerry

Charley and Amy

fighting was over, but we were together again until it was time to go home. Our division was staying so we were split up to go home with different divisions. While we were at Le Havre waiting for ships, we met on the street and continued our long-running cribbage game. Once home, we visited each other often and we were 'Best Men' at each other's weddings. Over the years we visited each other and stayed in touch. Ralph died of cancer when we were sixty two. I had no siblings but I was as close to Ralph as a brother-
George

