

May 2019

# 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**

## In the Merry, Merry Month of May

Days are longer, the weather is warmer- Spring is here! The rocking chairs will soon be making their re-appearance on the porch. Hurrah!

The first weekend of May is a busy time with Cinco de Mayo and the Kentucky Derby on the same weekend. The Preakness follows on May 18<sup>th</sup>. I wonder if this year will see a Triple Crown Winner.

There are five entertainers this month. 1<sup>st</sup>- Kalifornia Karl, 8<sup>th</sup>- Ethan Stone, 15<sup>th</sup>- Harry French, 21<sup>st</sup>- Bill Ready and 29<sup>th</sup>-Paul Ashley. We are also lucky enough to have a presentation on May 17<sup>th</sup>: Kathy Schatzberg to talk about her 7 months in Jerusalem.

We celebrate Mother's Day on May 12<sup>th</sup> with a special lunch, and Memorial Day on May 27<sup>th</sup> will have Charley working the grill for a traditional cookout menu.

And a valuable tip for our gardeners:

*When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant. ~Author unknown*

*Carolyn*

**Fenway Park celebrated its birthday on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Tell me about a visit you made to this iconic park.**

I've only visited once and that will last me a lifetime!- *Jerry*

Living in the Springfield area, we were only two hours from Boston, so we visited Fenway Park on many occasions, especially when Carleton Fisk was playing for the Red Sox. Our favorite trip was a Sunday afternoon game and then dinner at Anthony's Pier Four. We never tired of the beautiful sight of the field when it first comes into view- *George*

I know Fenway is so important, and I know I've been there, but I don't remember, alas!- *Joan*

I went to Fenway with my husband and children. We sat next to the 'Green Monster' which is a great place to watch the game but also near the food . I went to watch the game but all the others went to eat. I saw Ted Williams play. Once the game ball rolled down the steps next to me. I picked it up and still have it. It is a Yankees' ball!- *Edie*

**We celebrate Mexico on May 5<sup>th</sup> - Cinco de Mayo. Tell me about your visit to Mexico.**

Nikki and I took two trips to Mexico. One was a cruise from L.A. to Coba San Lucas, the other was a land tour from Mexico City to Acapulco. We thoroughly enjoyed both of them. - *Rita and Nikki*

When I was on my honeymoon with my second husband we travelled much of California. While in San Diego we decided to visit the Mexican border. It was not a comfortable experience (December of 1982) because of the crowds of people and cars

*Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?  
Thou art more lovely and more temperate.  
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of  
May and summer's lease hath all too short  
a date.*-**William Shakespeare**

*Gardening is cheaper than therapy and  
you get tomatoes. ~Author Unknown*

with long lines to cross through the inspection stations with so many guards. We just drove to see the area and walk the grounds even though it was crowded and confusing. I think of this thirty-seven years later when we again see the border with the dilemma of people fleeing their homelands and trying to keep their families together, all trying to find safety and refuge- *Pem*

It was many years ago when Acapulco was a safe place to vacation. Very nice indeed- the children loved the small pool that came with each room at 'Las Brisas' (The Breezes)- *Joan*



## May 12<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day- do you have a story about your mother?

My mother had many beautiful gowns- *Jerry*

My mother (Elinor) always said, "It will become clear".- *Nick*

My mother had many roles. She worked in an insurance office, she braided a 9 x 12 rug for the living room (quite a feat), she made all our meals from scratch. She was Mama to us (my brother Donald and me) but her real name was Maybelle Carlota Wormwood. However, on a Thursday night with her friends she was someone different. They played poker at the kitchen table, smoking, glasses clinking and lots of fun. That was the other side of her. She was a loving mother who gave Don and myself a wonderful life before she died at age 82. It would be a compliment to be thought like her- *Bev*

My Mom had four children and she worked hard all her life. She waitressed until she was seventy-five, holding three plates on her arm. She collected cookbooks. On Christmas she herself cooked for the entire blended family, including children, step-children and grandchildren. My father died young and she put me through college- *Fran*

My mother was learning to drive. Downtown, at an intersection, she was bearing down on a policeman. Evidently Dad swore, and yelled, "For God's sake, stop Mary!" She got out, said, "It's your car, you drive it." And she never drove again- *Joan*

My mom said she learned how to swim. Someone took her out in the lake and threw her off the boat. That's how she learned how to swim. I said, 'Mom, they weren't trying to teach you how to swim.'-  
**Paula Poundstone**

The worst feature of a new baby is its mother's singing.- **Kin Hubbard**

**Our five senses are incomplete without the sixth, a sense of humor.**

My mother did not believe that only one day a year should be Mother's Day, she thought every day should be! We lived in a city and so would buy her a flower for that day as it became so popular.

However, my first husband's mother was a strong believer that this day was made to honor her. She insisted that we show up, cancelling any plans to do anything else. It coincided with a retreat that my boss organized to have his staff come to the Cape that weekend and I was laughed at as the person who could not attend this annual outing. In fairness, my mother-in-law's birthday closely coincided with Mother's Day. Our family had moved to the country and my children walked to and from school each day. My children were encouraged to understand that I did not want them to make a big deal on this day. They would find flowers in the fields and bring me sweet bouquets that they had made and I loved that- *Pem*

Mumps struck our family of six. My father, who had had them, stayed home from work and kept us fed. My mother was much sicker than we children were. I'll never forget her loud cry of pain when my father gave her a glass of orange juice. Evidently the acid in the orange juice caused pain to her swollen glands.- *Corinne*

**On May 21<sup>st</sup> 1927, the Spirit of St. Louis landed in Paris at the end of the first transatlantic flight. This plane is now in the Smithsonian. Have you visited any parts of that huge museum?**

I saw that plane and could not believe how small it was, hanging up on the ceiling of the museum. Wonderful! - *Betty*



Yes, and especially the National Gallery with its wonderful collections and special exhibits. It also used to have (probably still does) a great web page at [nga.gov](http://nga.gov)- *Joan*

They have a wonderful collection of Asian Screens- *Nick*

I visited The Smithsonian several times when I lived and worked in D.C. before World War II. My favorite part was the air museum and seeing the plane 'The Spirit of St. Louis' hanging from the ceiling- *Ted*



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## Winners of our April Scrabble Quiz

*Margaret*

*Helen*

*Edie*

*Charley and Amy*

*Fran*

*George*

*Maryanne*

*Pem*

*Bev*

*Rita*

*Joan*

*Corinne*

*Gene*

