



TEAM MATE

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THOUGHTS OF THE MONTH

No one is quite sure today, but it is thought that the Greek goddess Maia was chosen as the patron of the month of May. It certainly makes sense because she was a goddess of spring. By Zeus, she was the mother of Hermes or Mercury, the messenger god. Some confuse her with Persephone, another goddess of spring. Because of Maia's disdain for marriage, it is thought by some to be bad luck to marry during May.

The Roman-Gallic word "May" replaced the Old English name in England after the Norman Conquest. *Primilcemeant* "the month in which cows can be milked three times in a day." May has always had 31 days, unlike other months that have varied over the past three millenia.

May is crowded with holidays and observances. The first day of May is called May Day and has significance in much of the Western World. It is descended from spring festivals that were held in Roman, Teutonic and Celtic regions. Celebration is characterized by maidens dancing around a maypole and both sexes engaging in various frolicking pursuits. A rather idealized depiction of the occupation called going a-Maying is depicted in the musical Camelot (1982). May Day became an important socialist/communist holiday as well because it commemorated a resolution to reduce working hours in industry.

Cinco de Mayo (5th of May) is celebrated in Mexico as well as parts of the United States. It commemorates a battle when the Mexican army defeated the French at the battle of Puebla in 1862. It is celebrated with parades, dancing, mariachi music and other festivities. Mother's day is celebrated on the second Sunday in May. It was begun by Ana Jarvis who wished to honor her mother. In 1907 she talked her church into observing the day. The next year all of Philadelphia observed it. By 1911 most of the states had declared their own Mother's Day. Woodrow Wilson made it a national observance in 1914. It is typically celebrated by giving mother's a day off from daily chores and pampering them for a day.

Memorial Day is held on the last Monday in May. This is to make the National holiday into a three day weekend. Previous to 1971 it had been observed on May 30th.-The day is set aside to honor members of the military who died in service to their country. It is marked by parades, displays of the flag, visits to cemeteries, and other solemn activities. Typically, it is also thought of as the kickoff to the summer season when school is no longer in session and families take vacations.

This month has also been adopted by many organizations for special observances of Asian Awareness Month, Egg Month, Historic Preservation Month, Older American Month, Teacher Appreciation Month and many more.

In the northern latitudes, May is a time when Spring is in full swing. The abundance of new life and flowers prompted the old saying attributed to Thomas Tusser (1524?-1580), "April showers bring May flowers".

The birthstone for May is the emerald

TOOTSIE POP MONTH

May is Tootsie Pop month. Funds collected from the state wide Tootsie Pop drive are used throughout the state to support Camp Lions, screening buses and other detection, treatment, and rehabilitation of visual and hearing impairments. As an Illinois Lions Club, we join with all the Illinois clubs in the state to support this fund raiser. Since we are currently limited to 1 event soliciting funds on Village streets the Board of Directors have decided to suspend public solicitation. During the two meetings in May, the 9th and 22nd, we will be soliciting donations from the members for this worthy cause. Make checks payable to "Mount Prospect Lions Charities, Inc." in order to get a tax deduction. If you will not be at these meetings, please send a check to the Mt. Prospect Lions Club, P.O. Box 332, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056, Attn. Lion Rick Bowman.

SHORTS

Village of Mount Prospect Public Works Open House was on Saturday, May 16th, time 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. The Lions served the refreshment consisting of sweet rolls, cookies, hot dogs, chips, coffee and pop. We served close to 1400 hot dogs in the new kitchen arrangement which was more efficient than previous year in handling the crowd. Our head hot dog cook and bottle washer, Lion Don Geisler would like to thank all the Lions and friends that worked their tails off to serve the public.

DO NOT forget to send back your Directory update sheet to Lion Tony Baumstark. Especially your e-mail address if you wish to receive the monthly Team Mate. See attached form.

Remember the May 28th meeting is the President Elect Roast Night. Come prepared to roast our newly elected President Lion Fred Steinmiller.

The Club will be marching in the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25th at 8:45 AM by the Village Hall. Parade starts at 9:00 AM. After the Parade the Club has been invited to a luncheon at Rob Roy Country Club sponsored by the VFW.

SMILE

A lady is having a bad day at the tables in Vegas. Down to her last \$100, completely exasperated, she cries, "What rotten luck! What in the world should I do now?" A gent next to her, trying to calm her down a bit, calmly suggests, "I don't know... Why don't you play your age?" He walks away. Moments later, he is intrigued to hear a great commotion at the roulette table. Maybe, she won! Rushing back to the table and pushing his way through the crowd, he is stunned to see the lady lying limp on the floor, with the table operator kneeling over her. He asks, "What happened? Is she all right?" The operator replies, "I don't know, buddy.... She put all her money on 29. When 36 came up she fainted!"

A man was walking home alone one night when he heard a "BUMP...BUMP...BUMP..." behind him. Walking faster, he looked back, making out an image of an upright coffin banging its way down the middle of the street towards him...."BUMP...BUMP...BUMP..." The man began to run toward his home, and the coffin bounced after him faster....faster...BUMP BUMP BUMP. He ran up to his door, fumbled with his keys, opened the door, rushed in, and locked it behind him. The coffin crashed through his door, with the lid of the coffin clapping BUMP...BUMP...BUMP... on the heels of the terrified man. The man rushed upstairs to the bathroom and locked himself in, heart pounding. With a CRASH, the coffin broke down the door, coming slowly toward him. The man while screaming, reached for something, anything...all he can find was a box of cough drops which he hurled at the coffin...and suddenly "the coffin stops."

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