



**Celebrating
July**

Picnic Month

Recreation & Parks Month

Anti-Boredom Month

Canada Day

July 1

U.S.: Independence Day

July 4

**Hop-a-Park Day &
Clerihew Day**

July 10

France: Bastille Day

July 14

Cow Appreciation Day

July 17

Ugly Truck Day

July 20

Hammock Day

July 22

Cheesecake Day

July 30

The National Anthem

The Star-Spangled Banner

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming.

And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.

Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen, thro' the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?

Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream;

'Tis the star-spangled banner: oh, long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
A home and a country should leave us no more?

Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave,
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Oh, thus be it ever when free men shall stand,
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation;

Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land
Praise the Power that has made and preserved us as a nation.

Then conquer we must, when our cause is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust";
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Written by Francis Scott Key on September 14th, 1814.

Barbershop Songs

“Let Freedom Sing!” That’s the motto of the Barbershop Harmony Society for their international convention from June 28-July 4 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

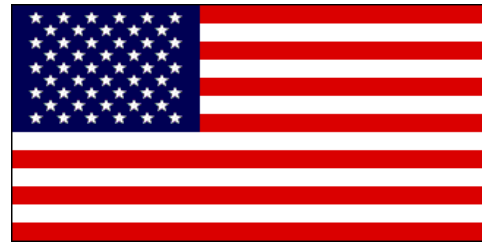
This unique “a cappella” music originated in the barbershops of black communities. African-American gospel singers gathered in local barbershops to rehearse their singing for church. What makes barbershop music unique is the “ringing chord.” When the four voices in the quartet harmonize perfectly, the illusion of a fifth singer is created, producing a distinct sound known as “the angel’s voice.” Barbershop quartets practice endlessly to attain this difficult and elusive chord.



With the advent of radio, live performances went out of fashion and barbershop quartets were on the verge of extinction, but a lawyer and singer named Owen C. Cash acted to make sure the barbershop sound was preserved. On April 11, 1938, he gathered friends on the rooftop garden of a Tulsa, Oklahoma hotel. They burst into singing, stopping traffic on the street below and warranting a visit by local police, who told them to keep it down. But the Barbershop Harmony Society was founded and soon even women were forming their own “beautyshop quartets.”

In appreciation of the barbershop quartet, gather three of your friends, unite your voices, and belt out a tune, perhaps a barbershop favorite, “Down by the Old Mill Stream.”

*My darling I am dreaming of the days gone by,
When you and I were sweethearts beneath the
summer sky;
Your hair has turned to silver the gold has faded
too;
But still I will remember, where I first met you.*



**We at Oakwood Terrace would like to
take a moment to thank our veterans
here in our community and all the
service men and women, past and
present—especially those who paid the
utmost sacrifice so that we may enjoy the
freedom we
Now share.
We thank you
And
Salute you!**

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Awards and Honors

The Medal of Honor is the highest military honor awarded in the United States. It is awarded for “gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States.” This distinguished medal was established on July 12, 1862, by President Abraham Lincoln, and it was originally intended to be awarded only to those fighting in the Civil War.

The first recipient of the Medal of Honor was General Winfield Scott, a 75-year-old Civil War general who was so overweight he could not even mount a horse. Scott, who some people thought was senile, devised the plan that would eventually help to defeat the Confederacy. When the Medal of Honor was first proposed, General Scott did not like it. He opposed the European idea of receiving awards for heroism, yet thanks to his plan the Union was preserved.

Pack Your Picnic Basket

July is Picnic Month, and there is no better month for packing your basket full of goodies, laying a blanket over the soft, green grass, and enjoying food, friendship, and fresh air.



The first picnics were not held outdoors at all. The first usage of the word was in 1692, in a French dictionary, where the word “pique-nique” was

used to describe a group of people who brought their own wine into a restaurant. It was not until the mid-1700s that the word picnic referred to a fun meal eaten outdoors. Still, no one knows where the French got the rhyming term “pick-nick,” although many rumors of its origin exist.

In the early 1800s, a group of Londoners formed an official “Picnic Society,” where each member agreed to bring a different dish, as in a potluck. More recently, in the year 2000, the French formed a 600-mile-long picnic to celebrate the first Bastille Day of the new millennium. Towns from coast-to-coast participated, using over 400 miles of red-checked tablecloth.

July 10 is the Teddy Bears’ Picnic Day, a day honoring both picnics and the classic tune by John Walter Bratton and Jimmy Kennedy. This marks the perfect day for children to gather their teddy bears, lay down a blanket, and eat some snacks with their stuffed friends. They can even sing the song that made that day famous. Here’s the first verse:

*If you go out in the woods today,
You're sure of a big surprise.
If you go out in the woods today,
You'd better go in disguise.*

*For every bear that ever there was □
Will gather there for certain, because □
Today's the day the teddy bears have their
picnic.*



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Madeline W. 7/1
Elizabeth C. 7/7
Joan Da. 7/20
Joan Dr. 7/30
Elizabeth E. 7/30

HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

July Birthdays

If you were born from June 22-July 22, you are a Cancer, the crab. If you were born from July 23-August 22, you are a Leo, the lion. A Cancer can be highly emotional, caring, generous, and intuitive. Leos are creative, enthusiastic, charismatic, and ambitious.

Ann Landers (advice columnist)	July 4, 1918
Doc Severinsen (band leader)	July 7, 1927
Phyllis Diller (comedienne)	July 17, 1917
“Red” Skelton (clown)	July 18, 1913
Natalie Wood (actress)	July 20, 1938
Don Drysdale (pitcher)	July 23, 1936
Paul Anka (singer/songwriter)	July 30, 1941

THANK YOU!



A heartfelt thank you to Jane and Jack Helcoski for allowing Oakwood Terrace’s Recreation Department to be the recipient of over \$1,200 in donations in memory of Leonard “Mac” McAndrew. A miniature golf course will soon be purchased in loving memory of Mac.



Accolades to Josh Wagner (Claire’s Grandson), Old Forge School 5th Grade Student, who recently painted two beautiful murals in the Pine House. Both the forest and beach scenes are truly works of art! Josh was featured on WNEP-TV16’s June 7th newscast for his community service.



Thank you to all who purchased basket raffle tickets. Priscilla from Allentown won the “Memorial Day Theme” Basket. Over \$60 was raised to benefit Eddie Derwin, who had surgery.