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**Netherlands Liberation Day (May 5th, 1945)**



**Tineke:** “Even living in a free country for 80 years, we want to celebrate the freedom we have now thanks to the Allied troops, especially the Canadian Veterans.

**Detje (Detty):** “It was a beautiful day in early spring, 1945in the country where I lived in the Netherlands.

My parents were very excited,

something must be happening.

A few days later in front of our home,

tanks came rolling down the lane

covered with orange drapery

in honor of the Royal House of the Netherlands.

“The Canadian soldiers were arriving!”

Liberating us.

Soon after, the Netherlands was liberated.

It will be 80 years ago on May 5th, 2025.”

**Please join Tineke and Detty in a toast to freedom and friendship**

**on Liberation Day at dinner, where they will provide the wine.**

**At 1pm in the library, Tineke will host a short You Tube video regarding Liberation Day as well as some associated music of the times.**

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**LIBERATION DAY**

Liberation Day is a public holiday in the Netherlands to mark the end of the Nazi occupation of the country during the Second World War. It follows the Remembrance of the Dead, on 4 May.

Canada played a key role in liberating the Netherlands, particularly in the final months of World War II. The First Canadian Army, along with other Allied forces, cleared much of the country from Nazi occupation in the period between October 1944 and May 1945. German forces in the Netherlands officially surrendered on May 5, 1945, after which Canada continued to provide assistance and aid to the Dutch people.

Canada gave refuge to the Dutch Royal Family during the War and Princess Margriet was born in the Ottawa Civic Hospital. After the War, the Dutch, including Princess Juliana, expressed they’re thanks to Canada by sending tulips as a lasting symbol of gratitude and friendship stemming from their shared history during World War II. The gifting of tulips has continued annually, leading to the creation of the Canadian Tulip Festival in Ottawa. It is the largest festival of its kind and features over one million tulips.



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| **Mother’s Day Tea** In honor of all mothers and grandmothers, you are cordially invited to a Mother’s Day Tea on Sunday May 11th at 11:30am. Please sign up and let us know if you intend to bring a guest.  **Victoria Day Hotdog Lunch**  We will once again be hosting our hot dog lunch on Monday May 19th at 11:30 am. There is a $6.00 charge for this prepaid event, to cover the cost of the food. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board by the office and money can be paid to the office. Guests welcome.  **REMINDER**  Please inform the office by noon if you will not be in the dining room for dinner.  **Bingo Results for April**  Sally, Helen and Summer each won a game. Jim was the big winner this month with a win for game three and a shared win on game 2 with Terry & game 6 with Hilary.  **Help celebrate Jim’s Birthday**  **May 31st 1-3 pm in the dining room.** | **What’s Happening this Month:**  May 11: **Mother’s Day Tea @ 11:30AM**  May 13: Resident’s Coffee Meeting  @ 10:30 AM  May 15: **11 AM Garden Planting**  May 17: Bingo at 1:30 PM  May 19: **Victoria Day Lunch @ 11:30AM**  May 20: Residents Coffee Meeting  At 10:30 AM  May 25: Resident’s Fund Hosts  Wine with Dinner  May 27: Happy Birthday Summer  May 29: **Live Music at 1PM**  **Donna & Evan**  64 MAXINE OLD AGE ideas | maxine, bones funny, senior humor |
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| HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS  IN MAY   * May 1, 1931 – The Empire State Building opened for the first time. * May 2, 2011 – US Special Forces killed Osama bin Laden during a raid in Abbottabad, Pakistan. * May 3, 1979 – Margaret Thatcher became the first female Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. * May 7, 1945 – Nazi Germany surrendered to the Allies at Rheims and World War II ended. * May 14, 1796 - The smallpox vaccine was first discovered and developed by English physician Edward Jenner. * May 19, 1536 – Henry VIII had his wife, Anne Boleyn, beheaded and he remarried 11 days later. * May 27, 1937 – The Golden Gate Bridge opened in San Francisco. It is 1.7 miles long and 746 feet at the tallest point. * May 30, 1939 – Detective Comics No. 27 appears on the newsstands, introducing a new superhero, the Batman. | **A LITTLE LAUGH**  A man describes his daughters, saying, “They are all blonde, but two; all brunette but two; and all redhead but two.” How many daughters does he have?  Three, A blonde, a brunette, and a redhead.  **BRAIN TEASER**  What is 3/7 chicken, 2/3 cat and 2/4 goat?  **See Sue for the answer** |
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| **VICTORIA DAY**  Victoria Day began as a celebration to honor Queen Victoria’s birthday. Queen Victoria reigned from 1837 to 1901, oversaw a period of significant industrial, social, and territorial expansion for the British Empire, becoming a symbol of the era named after her, the Victoria Age.  Canada still honors the Monarch because it personifies the state and is the personal symbol of allegiance, unity and authority for all Canadians  **Interesting facts about Queen Victoria**  \*Victoria moved the Royals to Buckingham Palace.  \*Victoria kept a journal starting when she was 13 years old. By the time of her death, she had written 43,000 pages.  \*Victoria was a carrier for the royal disease, hemophilia.  \*Victoria survived 6 assassination attempts.  \*Victoria was the first to wear white on her wedding day which began a tradition of white wedding dresses that continues today.  \*Victoria spoke English, German, some French, Italian, Latin and Hindustani. | Full Flower Moon  **May’s Flower Moon name should be no surprise; flowers spring forth across North America in abundance this month.**  **May’s full Moon appears on Monday, May 12, and will be below the horizon at this time, so for the best view of this full Moon, step outside on the night of the 12th or the 13th and look for that big, bright, shining lunar disk!**  **The full moon names used by *The Old Farmer’s Almanac* come from many places, including Native American, Colonial American, and European sources. Traditionally, each full Moon name was applied to the entire lunar month in which it occurred, not solely to the full moon.** |
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| 125 Perfect Mother's Day Quotes | Proflowers  **MOMS**  **“If at first you don’t succeed, try doing it the way mom told you to in the beginning.”**  **When you're a child she walks before you to set an example.**  **When you're a teenager she walks behind you to be there should you need her.**  **When you're an adult she walks beside you. so that as two friends you can enjoy life together.**  **—Unknown** | |
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