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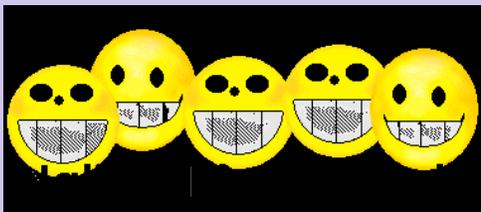
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Celebrating May

National Smile Month



Be Kind to Animals Week

May 5-11

Teacher Day

May 7

Mother's Day

May 12

Nylon Stockings Day

May 15

Memorial Day: U.S.

May 27

Paper Clip Day

May 29

!!!!!! 25 Years Of Service!!!!!!



In April we all said THANK YOU to Edith our ever smiling CMT, for 25 years of loyal and dedicated service to Raphael House.

In recognition of her service she received a letter of appreciation from Leila Finucane, the President of Victory Housing Inc, a glass engraved plaque and a monetary award.

A Big Thank You!

In May We Celebrate Mothers

MOTHER'S DAY May 12th, 2019

Do you know that Mother's Day is celebrated on different days in different countries?

It is held on **the** second Sunday of May **in** many countries, such as Australia, Canada and **the** United States. It is held exactly three weeks before Easter Sunday **in the** United Kingdom.

Does Mother's Day change every year?

Yes the date **changes every year** because it is linked to the Christian calendar but usually falls in late March or early April. Mothering Sunday – as it is traditionally known – is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent, which is three weeks before Easter Sunday.

How did Mother's Day start?

Mother's Day started as an anti-war movement. Anna Jarvis is most often credited with founding **Mother's Day** in the United States. Designated as the second



Mother's love is peace.



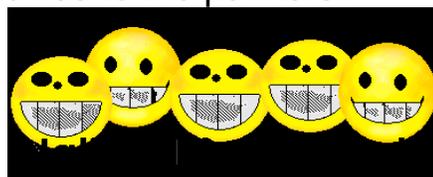
“All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel **mother**”.
Abraham Lincoln....

Dancing With The Stars



Work In Progress

Our building is getting an exterior facelift. We are painting and this has turned out to be an exciting activity for our residents who are never short of advice to the painters!!



The Big Cheese



Every May a wide field of contestants converges on Cooper's Hill outside the small village of Gloucester in England. They will throw themselves down the 650-

foot hill, risking life and limb, to chase a rolling nine-pound wheel of double Gloucester cheese. This is the extreme sport of cheese rolling.

No one knows how this strange pastime originated. Some say that it came from an ancient pagan rite of spring, where bundles of burning brushwood were rolled down the hillside to represent the rebirth of spring after the dead of winter. After the burning bundle was rolled down the hill, buns, biscuits, and sweets were scattered over the hilltop as an offering to the spirits and to ensure a plentiful harvest.

The event is rather simple. Contestants assemble at the top of Cooper's Hill and wait for the master of ceremonies to push the cheese down the slope. A second after the cheese is released, the contestants follow. The first to grab the cheese is the winner. However, the cheese may reach speeds of up to 70 mph, so usually no one catches the cheese. In that case, the first to cross the finish line is declared the winner.

As simple as the competition sounds, there is nothing easy about chasing the cheese down the hill.

May Birthdays

In astrology, those born May 1–20 are Bulls of Taurus. Bulls are stable, reliable, patient, and determined. They will work hard and finish the job no matter what gets in their way, but they expect to be rewarded! Those born May 21–31 are Gemini's Twins. Twins seem to have two personalities and can blend into any situation. They have an energetic and fun-loving side that is the life of the party but also a deep and emotional side that needs love and nurturing.

Raphael House Residents

May Birthdays

- ❖ Irene K May 4
- ❖ Ruth B May 6
- ❖ Beth T May 14

