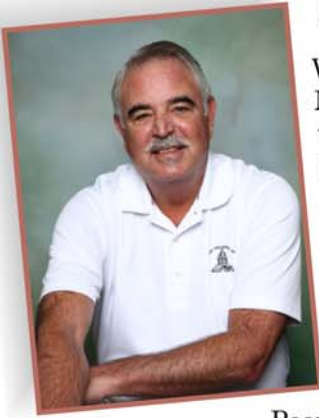


A word or two from our Editor



Welcome to the March issue of *Village News Magazine*. Isn't March just the best month? Not too cold. Flowers beginning to bloom and a freshness in the air that isn't found during any other month of the year.

Wednesday, March 17th is St. Patrick's Day. The first official celebration of St. Patrick's Day in the United States occurred in Morristown, New Jersey in 1780. It was authorized by George Washington. Today St. Patrick's Day is celebrated by the Irish as well as many Americans with parades, parties, wearing of green, Irish songs and jigs.

People wear green on this day to represent the lushness of Ireland - The Emerald Isle. No matter your background, this is one day where everyone is just a little wee-bit Irish!

Spring Forward: March 14th begins Daylight Savings Time. More time in the evening for long walks, extra holes of golf and activities outside. Everything just seems a little more "right" with the world during these extra hours during the day.

In the information file of things you may or may not have wanted to know, the month of March celebrates: Peanut Butter Love's Day, Dr. Seuss's Birthday, National Anthem adopted by Congress in 1931, Dentist Day, Oreo Cookies first sold in March 1912, Barbie Doll's introduced 1959, First paper money issued 1862, Girl Scouts founded 1912, Albert Einstein born 1879, Rubber Band invented 1845, the first walk in space occurred 1965, March 20th is the first day of Spring, Harry Houdini's birthday 1874, Pancakes first made in NY City, 1882, March 29th Passover begins, Coca-Cola invented in 1886, Pencil with eraser patented 1858, Alaska entered the union in 1959 (you can see Russia from your back porch), Chocolate Covered Raisin Day comes in March, and finally, March is National Potato Chip month. All great things to ponder. We hope you enjoy this month's read!

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