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# HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY

## FROM THE DESK OF THE SOCIAL CLUB PRESIDENT:

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in making this last season a success! I look forward to another exciting season. We want to welcome all our new residents and hope they will join some of our activities. Please watch for the Social Club Emails and Facebook posts on the group page! We want to wish our snowbirds a safe return home!



See everyone soon!!

Betty Hindman, HLSC President

## HARBOR LIGHTS ASSOCIATION, INC (HOA):

HOA meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month, during the season, November to April.



These meetings are open to all residents of our park who own a mobile. Please plan to attend next fall.

## MAY DAY TRADITION:

Passing out May baskets is a traditional May Day (May 1st) custom used to celebrate the arrival of spring, spread cheer, and express affection or romantic interest. The tradition involves leaving small baskets filled with flowers, treats, or homemade gifts on friends' and neighbors' doorsteps, often anonymously.

### Key aspects of the May basket tradition include:

- Welcoming Spring: Rooted in ancient European pagan customs, the baskets celebrate the return of spring, fertility, and renewal.
- The "Secret" Delivery: Traditionally, you hang the basket on the doorknob, knock, shout "May basket!", and run away.

### Common contents of a May basket:

- Freshly picked wildflowers (like daisies or lilacs) or flowers in pots.
- Candies, popcorn, pretzels, or homemade cookies.
- Small gifts, notes, or handmade crafts.

While the popularity of this tradition faded in the mid-20th century, it is still practiced in some parts of the United States and has seen a minor resurgence as a way to build community and show kindness to neighbors.

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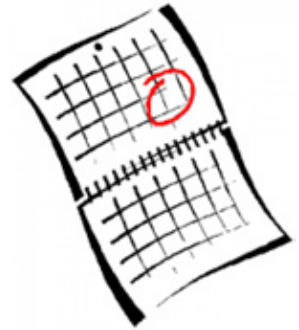


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	Power Walk and Yoga	10:00am
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<b>Wednesdays</b>	Water Aerobics	8:30am
	Social Hour	9:00am
	Social Club Meeting	9:30am
	Bingo	7:00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Water Aerobics	9:00am
	Power Walk and Yoga	10:00am
	Euchre/Game night	7:00pm
<b>Friday</b>	Water Aerobics	9:00am
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## MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCES:

**H**istory and the Meaning of Memorial Day

The meaning of Memorial Day sometimes get's lost in translation. Memorial Day is often misunderstood, and its deeper significance sometimes gets overlooked. While it's known for marking the unofficial start of summer with barbecues and gatherings, the history of Memorial Day holds a much more profound meaning. This day is dedicated to honoring the men and women who have given their lives in service to the U.S. military. Below, we'll explore the Memorial Day meaning, history, traditions, and purpose of Memorial Day so you can fully appreciate its significance and understand why we honor the brave souls who made the ultimate sacrifice.

the ultimate sacrifice.

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. It's difficult to prove the origins of this day as over two dozen towns and cities lay claim to be the birthplace. In May 1966, President Lyndon Johnson stepped in and officially declared Waterloo N.Y. the birthplace of Memorial Day.

Regardless of the location of origins or the exact date, one thing is crystal clear – Memorial

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Day was borne out of the Civil War (which ended in 1865) and a desire to honor our dead. On the 5th of May in 1868, General John Logan who was the national commander of the Grand Army of the republic, officially proclaimed it in his General Order No. 11.

Part of the history of Memorial Day meaning will show that in the Order, the General proclaimed, “The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land.” Because the day wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle, the General called it, The date of Decoration Day.

On the first Decoration Day, 5,000 participants decorated the graves of 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried at Arlington Cemetery while General James Garfield made a historic speech.

New York was the first state to officially recognize the holiday in 1873. It was recognized by all northern states by 1890. Differently, the South refused to acknowledge the day and honored their dead on separate days. This went on until after World War I when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war.

With the Congressional passage of the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 – 363), it is now observed on the last Monday in May by almost every state.

This helped ensure a three day weekend (Memorial Day Weekend) for Federal holidays. In addition, several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19th in Texas; April 26th in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10th in South Carolina; and June 3rd (Jefferson Davis’ birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

### **History and the Meaning of Memorial Day: Red Poppies**

In 1915, inspired by the poem “In Flanders Fields,” Moina Michael replied with her own poem:

*We cherish too, the Poppy red That grows on fields where valor led, It seems to signal to the skies That blood of heroes never dies.*

She then conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need. See more on the significance of the Red Poppy.

Later a Madam Guerin from France was visiting the United States and learned of this new custom started by Ms. Michael. When she returned to France she made artificial red poppies to raise money for war orphaned children and widowed women. This tradition spread to other countries. In 1921, the Franco-American Children’s League sold poppies nationally to benefit war orphans of France and Belgium. The League disbanded a year later and Madam Guerin approached the VFW for help.

Shortly before Memorial Day in 1922 the VFW became the first veterans’ organization to

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ationally sell poppies. Two years later their “Buddy” Poppy program was selling artificial poppies made by disabled veterans. In 1948 the US Post Office honored Ms. Michael for her role in founding the National Poppy movement by issuing a red 3 cent postage stamp with her likeness on it.

### **National Moment of Remembrance**

The meaning of Memorial day and history couldn't be complete without the birth of the “National Moment of Remembrance”, which was a resolution passed on Dec 2000 which asks that at 3 p.m. local time, for all Americans “To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a Moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to ‘Taps.’”

## **WEEKS AND OBSERVANCES:**

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May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> – Hurricane Preparedness Week/National Small Business Week

May 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Appreciation Week

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Aerobics 9:00am Walk and Yoga  5  Cinco De Mayo	Water Aerobics 8:30am Social Hour 9:00am (coffee & donuts) Social Club Meeting 9:30am Bingo 7:00pm  6	Water Aerobics 9:00am Power Walk and Yoga 10:00am Euchre/Game night 7:00pm  7  National Day of Prayer	Water Aerobics 9:00am Bocce 6:00pm  8	Pancake Breakfast 9:00am \$5.00  9
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4. spoon the mixture into the muffin tin, filling each cup about ¾ full
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Social Club ideas:

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How to make it special:

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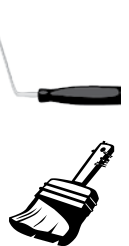
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## The absent-minded composer

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The famous composer Ludwig von Beethoven once went to a restaurant for some dinner, but being very absent-minded he forgot what he actually came there for. A waiter asked him several times what he would like to order, but Beethoven paid him no attention.

After an hour Beethoven called the waiter and asked him, “How much do I pay?”

The waiter replied, “Sir, you haven’t ordered anything yet. What I can do for you?”

Frustrated, Beethoven snapped back, “Oh, just bring whatever you want and leave me alone!”

## Einstein: A genius with a human touch

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Albert Einstein was a scientific genius, and stories about him are legendary. Three stories illustrate that he was as human as the rest of us:

- When Einstein went to Princeton University in 1953, someone asked what he would need for his office. His reply: “A desk, some pads and a pencil, and a large wastebasket to hold all of my mistakes.”
- A student visited Einstein in his Princeton office one day with a copy of this year’s final exam in his hand. “Professor, all the questions on this year’s test are the same as last year!” “Yes,” Einstein replied, “but this year all the answers are different.”
- After finishing a paper, Einstein and his assistant could find only one paper clip in his office to hold the pages together. Unfortunately, it was bent out of shape and impossible to use. They searched the desk for something to use as a tool to straighten the clip, and found a full box of paper clips in one drawer. Instead of taking one of those clips, Einstein used one as a tool to straighten out the bent clip.

The assistant asked why he didn’t just use one of the fresh clips. Einstein answered, “Once I am set on a goal it becomes difficult to deflect me.”

## Quote

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To hell with facts! We need stories!  
—Ken Kesey

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## ACROSS

1. Clutch
6. Engage in
10. Combines
14. Eagle's home
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17. Coniferous forest
18. Regrets
19. Bay
20. Stuporous
22. Detail
23. Not new
24. Low point
26. Worldwide
30. Stash
32. Scrutinize
33. Pomp
37. Pretentious person
38. Desert watering holes
39. You (archaic)
40. Idioms
42. Offering little or no hope
43. Twiddled one's thumbs
44. Purchasers
45. Chocolate source
47. Not thin
48. Roman robe
49. Hyperactive
56. Wicked
57. Knockout
58. Custom
59. Peddle
60. Distinctive flair
61. Genus of heath
62. 3
63. Break
64. Adjust again

## DOWN

1. An international trade treaty
2. Towards the back
3. Diva's solo
4. Portent or omen
5. Navy jacket
6. Planet
7. African sheep
8. Nerd
9. Flavoring extracts
10. Without intention
11. Hindu loincloth
12. Scuba user
13. Flower stalk
21. Addition
25. Revelation response
26. Sharp intake of breath
27. Moon goddess
28. Scent
29. According to the Bible
30. Enclosed
31. Anagram of "Sage"
33. Rate
34. You (archaic)
35. Big laugh
36. Guffaws
38. Witness
41. American Dental Association
42. Meat retailer
44. Sheep sound
45. Shroud
46. Nimble
47. Not back
48. Exam
50. Low-lying area
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## A lesson in taking chances

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A story from the book *Art and Fear*, by David Bayles and Ted Orland (Image Continuum Press), illustrates the power of taking chances and risking failure when you're trying to achieve something of quality:

On the first day of class, a ceramics teacher announced that he was putting his students into two groups. Half the students would be graded on quantity of works produced, the other half on the quality of just one work. On the final day of class, the instructor looked at the pots from both groups and realized that the best pots—those with the most creative designs and those that seemed most beautiful—all came from the group graded on quantity.

As the authors put it: “It seems that while the ‘quantity’ group was busily churning out piles of work—and learning from their mistakes—the ‘quality’ group had sat theorizing about perfection, and in the end had little more to show for their efforts than grandiose theories and a pile of dead clay.”

## Take a fresh approach to solving problems

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You don't always want the same old solutions to everyday problems. Sometimes you want to try something different. From the *Fast Company* website comes these ideas for finding a fresh approach:

- **Rephrase the question.** The way you frame the problem may limit your options. Teach yourself to expand the scope. Instead of, “How can we throw a great birthday party for Ted?” Ask, “What can we do to make this a memorable birthday?”
- **Look for bad ideas.** Seeking perfect solutions can put too much pressure on your creativity. Give yourself a break and try coming up with some bad ideas. You'll get them out of the way quickly, and sometimes a bad idea can lead to something new and exciting.
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