



THE CRIER

June 2023

BOARD PRESIDENT

Leslie Beecher



THE LONG HOT SUMMER
...It started EARLY this
year...

This month I will focus on
GLENDA TINSLEY and her
decorating committee of
VOLUNTEERS. Glenda does

such a great job decorating our clubhouse for
EVENTS. Do you ever walk into an event and
think “What a fun and festive atmosphere!” So,
the mood is set for fun (thank Glenda for that).

On another note, Glenda could certainly use
VOLUNTEERS to help with the initial
decorating and clean up afterwards. She is kind
of like a ONE WOMAN SHOW! So, please call
her and VOLUNTEER for an EVENT!

Our 2nd ANNUAL ART and WINE FAIRE was
a huge success again this year! Since this was a
major FUNDRAISER, all the money earned
minus expenses goes straight into the general
association fund. I am proud to report that
approximately \$1,600 net will be deposited this
year!

I want to take a moment to thank and
acknowledge the various residents and
sponsors who helped to make this a HUGE
SUCCESS!

- THE ARTISTS
- DIANE PERRY (her Waitresses and crew)
- RENEE SCHOCH (the Raffle)
- SUE READER/KAREN LESSER (Barmaids)

- KAREN HELLAR/CAROLYN Z. (Smooth Jazz)
- LAURIE SKAHILL (2023 Commemorative
Wine glasses)
- GAYLE WILSON (Ticket sales)
- DENNIS FORD (Posters)
- GLENDA TINSLEY (Decorations)
- PEGGY HILLIS/JUDY WILSON (2023
Wine Glass sales)

In addition, various businesses sponsored gift
certificates this year.

Lava Cap Winery, Gold Hill Winery, Twisted
Scissors Salon, URBANOS Mexican Restaurant,
Java Cherry Coffee, Crystal Image Band, and
LAKEVIEW MANAGEMENT!

Thank you again to everyone for your very
generous donations of wine, food, baskets, time
and talent! You make this a great community,
and I am proud to be your president!

The May ASSOCIATION MEETING was a lively
one indeed with Ashley Feeney (Citrus Heights
City Manager) giving us the latest update on the
SUNRISE MALL and other projects happening
in Citrus Heights currently.

Note that two committees have name changes
in effect. These were voted on and added as
amendments to the current By Laws in place.

- Computer Users Group (now...
(TECH4SENIORS)
- Welcome Committee (now...New Resident
Committee)

Upcoming Board EVENTS...

- JUNE 17...Parking Lot Sale
- 4th of JULY PARADE
(details to follow)

FROM THE EDITOR

Linda Evans



This month we officially welcome summer, something many have been looking forward to an end to those dark, damp and chilly days for a while.

Also, this month Anne Sandler introduces you to our new assistant editor, D'Arcy Hale. After reading her column below you'll understand why we've been so excited to have D'Arcy join our Crier team. She will be a great asset to the group.

Happy Father's Day to all of our Lakeview dads. Enjoy your special day when it rolls around.

SPOTLIGHT ON...

Anne Sandler



D'Arcy Hale

Busy hardly describes our new Crier Assistant Editor. D'Arcy Hale not only has her own business, but she also scours antique shops, has two elderly pets that need care, has home projects to complete and then there's her hobbies! Can you keep up with her?



At 72 years young (73 in July) it's easy to get caught up with her exuberance for life. Retired from Environmental Chemical Corporation, Burlingame, she is now consulting for them, preparing requests for proposals for government projects.

"I've been doing this since the '90s," she says. "I wrote my first proposal when I was 21 years old. This was before computers and I used a typewriter and galleys for the text, and a light table for the drawings. I also did board art at Aerojet when Apple computers first came in."

It's great when you love your work and still want to do it after you officially retire. "I loved my work and still love it. My co-workers are like family. I enjoy consulting for the company. Since my work is computer based, I can work from home," she says.

With this background, you can see why she was recruited to assist our wonderful editor, Linda Evans. "I love doing the typesetting on the Crier," says D'Arcy.

While D'Arcy thinks of her co-workers as family, her own family is at the forefront of her life. "I've been married four times. My most recent husband, Charlie, died 4 1/2 years ago. I miss him. He was a character and always made me laugh," she says. "My daughter, Diana, and her husband Evan live close by in Antelope. I also have four stepchildren, two with which I am close, Shay lives in New Hampshire and Dani lives in Georgia.

It was Diana who encouraged her mom to move to Lakeview Village. Once the move was over and D'Arcy had settled in, she decided it was a great decision.

"I was still working full time when I moved here in May of 2021, working from home. Six months later I began consulting for the company," she says. "I love it here. There are more than enough activities to keep you busy." "People are so friendly and wave to you while they walk their dogs. And I love hearing the turkeys. They make me giggle. Fortunately, I've never had any problems with them."

D'Arcy also loves all animals and has adopted two elderly dogs. "I only take in rescues. Some have been mistreated or unwanted. They are my heart," she says.

However, there was one animal that came into D'Arcy's home that was not wanted. "A skunk had come in through a doggy door. I opened the door to the room and saw it. I quickly closed the door. After the intruder left, I permanently closed the dog door," says D'Arcy.

We've talked about her pets, wanted and unwanted (the skunk) work and her volunteering for the Crier, but that's not all that keeps D'Arcy busy.

"I love to read and usually have two books going. Knowledge is power. The more you know, the more you interesting you are. I also have projects to do. I collect antiques and they need refinishing. They have a history and tell stories."

"I enjoy going to garage sales and getting into mischief with my friend Rhonda. We will go out for the day and enjoy the spontaneity of finding treasures."

But even D'Arcy needs down time. "When I need to meditate, I like to color mandalas," she says.

Thinking about today's pressures, D'Arcy has a bit of sage advice to our young people. "Surround yourself with positive people and know the difference between friends and acquaintances. Figure out how to love yourself, with all your warts and flaws. Don't depend on other people to validate you. Always keep your sense of humor," she says.

Is this advice just for young people or can all of us at Lakeview Village benefit from listening to it. Let's continue to keep the fun and laughter in our community!

OUT FROM BEHIND SHENANIGANS



BAR
Al Fichera,
Shenanigans Bar
Manager

al.fichera@gmail.com

In case you've never looked into what a Luau

is or how it got started, I've got you covered. I've read that more than likely the first luau was held in 1819 by King Kamehameha II, who broke the ancient taboo from men and women eating together. So that's the dude, huh!

Not that you will be feasting the following at our Shenanigans Luau, here's what the King might have served, chicken baked in coconut milk wrapped in taro leaves. Oh, yum! (*Sarcasm!*) So, when did they get to using pigs? That's what I want to know. Well, I did find out that the Kalua pig was slow roasted in a ground oven called an "imu." I guess most of us that have been to a real Luau, have seen that ground oven and feasted on succulent pig and poi. I can still taste it, and it's been a couple of years for me.

Anyhow, these feasts were used to unify people and celebrate special occasions with singing, dancing, and storytelling. Now, that's up my alley! The Luau also gave the indigenous people of the Pacific Islands a chance to show off their handicrafts such as wood tiki carvings, and fabric weavings. We might need to skip that part; don't think we have any traditional tiki carvers in the neighborhood.

Well on to Shenanigans' Luau on June 10th, we are pleased to let you know it will be one hour longer, it's gonna be a "Happy3Hours" event and I bet one that you'll never forget! We hope to see all of our guests dressed in their favorite Hawaiian clothes, and we will once again provide silk flower leis for the first 100 guests to arrive.

We will once again offer my own Mai Tai recipe, that contains three tropical fruits and two rums. Color me crazy, because I'm still planning on selling them to you at our two for five-dollar price. (*Hard to find for less than \$8.00 or more, anywhere else.*) Now if you are one of those, nah, no rum and fruit drinks for me types, yeah, there are some of you out there; Gus our Mixologist will offer you his own "Shark Bite" cocktail. Any of you familiar with Joe's Crab Shack, that's their \$12.00 signature cocktail, well Gus has the recipe, and we have a better price. Of course, there's also the Blue

Hawaii and the Blue Hawaiian (*\$11.50 at Joe's Crab Shack*), two cocktails that are also related to Luaus, we will offer our Blue Hawaiian for the Elvis Concert, which by now is over, sorry about that and we offered them for only \$3.00 at Shenanigans. (*Just another Shenanigans money saving tip for you.*)

Diane Perry plus her Kitchen Magicians will be on hand with Hawaiian inspired appetizers for us. My mouth is drooling just thinking about them. We will have live music provided by Karen Hellar and her musicians, and I'm betting on a couple of contests with prizes to award. Please book Saturday, June 10th for the luau, you won't want to miss it with a silly vacation or something like that.

I have given out my own Mai Tai recipe before, so I'll let you know just how much love goes into building these for you. There are seven ingredients, which are about four more than most bars offer as a Mai Tai. These are the ingredients I use: Pineapple juice, Mango puree, Guava puree, Orgeat syrup, Roses Lime juice, Bacardi Gold Rum, and Meyers Dark Rum. And if you are wearing your Hawaiian clothes, expect a stemmed cherry on top. Once you've had one of my Mai Tais, you will begin to have lovely dreams of Hawaiian shores and swaying coconut palms, or something like that, I'm kinda sure. See you at the Luau!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Peggy Hillis



Summer weather is here! Temperatures are in the 80's, gardens are growing and flowering plants are producing the most beautiful flowers I've ever seen. Hello summer!

May's Seis de Mayo happy hour was so much fun! Diane out did herself again with

appetizers that evening, and we all had a wonderful time. If you didn't make it to Seis De Mayo, there is another opportunity this month. Al is having his annual Luau. Mark your calendar for June 10th and dig out your hula skirt and coconut bras. There was no potluck in May. June's potluck will have an Italian theme. So, look through your favorite Italian recipes to make and bring it to share with others.

I am writing this article before Elvis's performance on Sunday, May 21st. I can tell you that the performance was sold out in three days! I will give you an update in July's Crier.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming June events: **June 10th**, Happy 3 Hour Luau from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., **June 14th**, Social Committee Meeting at 10:00 a.m., **June 17th**, Association Parking Lot Sale from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., **June 21st**, Board Meeting at 10:00 a.m., Friday, **June 23rd**, Italian Potluck at 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., and the Fiddlers on **June 24th**, at 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Also, don't forget the Farmers Market is every Friday at 10:00 a.m. All the donated vegetables, bread, and other items are **FREE**.

JULY event calendar: Tuesday, **July 4th** parade and lunch at the clubhouse, Saturday, **July 8th** Christmas in July Craft Fair, Friday, **July 15th** Happy 3 Hour Pizza Karaoke.

Thank you to everyone that attends every event and helps volunteer to clean up after each event. We appreciate you!

Starting in June the Social Committee meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of every month. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. and adjourn at 11:00 a.m. The monthly board meeting will follow the Social Committee meeting at 11:30 a.m. on the same day. Please mark your calendars for the third Wednesday. Hope to see you at our next meeting.

NEW RESIDENT COMMITTEE

Peggy Hillis

As of today, May 15, 2023, there are 7 homes for sale, 7 homes pending, and 13 homes have closed since January 1, 2023. The committee is currently meeting and greeting new homeowners and working hard to make sure new residents feel comfortable attending a social event. The market is constantly changing, and we see it here at Lakeview Village. By tomorrow all the numbers will be different.

Please invite a new neighbor to one of our social activities. Being with a friend is always easier than going alone for the first time. We would like new residents to become active in the community.

TECH4SENIORS

Rosalie Ingle



We are now officially known as Tech4Seniors. Please join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, June 7th at 10 a.m. in the clubhouse.

FROM DIANE'S KITCHEN

Diane Perry



Mini Mushroom Tarts – I've been asked to share the recipe for the mushroom appetizer served at the Art & Wine Faire. Hope you enjoy them.

Mini Mushroom Tarts Ingredients

- 3 Packages *Athens Phyllo Shells* (15 per package, available at Raley's & Bel Air)
- 1 cube butter
- 4 cups chopped mushrooms, Baby Bellas
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup dry sherry

- 1/3 cup fresh grated parmesan
- 2 teaspoons fresh thyme, minced
- Salt & pepper to taste

Directions

1. Crisp phyllo shells in 350° oven. This will take 3 – 5 minutes.
2. Melt butter in a skillet over medium heat; cook and stir mushrooms, garlic, and thyme in the melted butter for about 1 minute. Pour in the dry sherry; cook and stir until all the liquid has evaporated, about 5 minutes. Taste and add salt and pepper to taste.
3. Fill each phyllo shell and top with parmesan cheese. Cook for about 10 minutes in a 350° oven.

Notes

Use real butter. The mushrooms need to be chopped small, but they will shrink so don't mince. If you hate to chop fresh thyme (I do) you can throw a couple of sprigs in the pan. Just remember to remove them. Grate your own parmesan, the pre-grated stuff doesn't melt properly.

Kitchen Fundraiser Jam Sales – I still have homemade jam for sale. Hopefully apricots, blackberries, and peaches will be available soon. I spoke to someone at the Sunrise Farmer's Market, and she said stone fruits are delayed about 1 month. Call me at 916-745-1099, or email dperry98@hotmail.com or text me at 408-242-3502 to find out what's available. All jams are \$5.00 and 100% of the sale price goes to the Lakeview Village Association for kitchen equipment. Thank you to everyone who has purchased or donated.

Water Aerobics – Water Aerobics is tentatively scheduled to begin on July 3 in the pool. Classes will be on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30. Come and join this fun group for some low impact exercise.

BOCCE BALL

Renée and Norm Schoch



Well, if you are reading this article, we have already started playing Bocce Ball on May 23rd. Were you there for our premiere beginning? I

hope you were. If not, you missed out on visiting with old and new friends, great coffee and even greater doughnuts.

I do want to say that we are missing one important person on our Bocce Ball team. We have lost Mike Vogel, and we really miss him. He was always there to help us set up and tear down. And he always helped me with the tournament and the scoring. Rest in peace Mike. We miss you.

So, every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. we hope to see you at the Bocce Ball courts.

Come to play, eat or schmooze or to meet new friends. See you there.

NEIGHBORHOOD AWARENESS

Gary Kiddie (916) 847-4909

Hello Fellow Residents,

First, I want to thank Leslie for facilitating the May meeting, as Janet and I were committed to another activity. I had arranged for one of the officers from the Citrus Heights Police Department to join us and say a few words. Much to my surprise, we had two officers who spent about an hour and a half with great information and answering questions.

The Police Department enjoys their visits with us and is very appreciative of our residents' involvement. They assured us they will come to our meetings periodically. Although their dispatching of officers is sometimes dependent upon what calls they may already be out on, they will endeavor to serve us the best they can at any time. We must keep in mind the severity

of our calls, however. If there is a foreseeable chance of danger or injury to someone or potential property damage, don't hesitate to call them and please make it clear to the dispatcher. If it is simply some unknown person walking through our Park at a reasonable time of day, call one of us on the Committee listed below first. If you are uneasy and feel that it may be significant, call them anyways so they have a record of the call and what it was about. Yes, if it is later in the evening hours or early morning, we need to take a more serious approach and contact the police department at 916-727-5500 at once, then one of us.

I am attempting to secure a speaker on Self Defense measures in the near future. If anyone has a contact, please let me know. If anyone has any other suggestions of possible speakers on subjects that would be related to Neighborhood Awareness, please share with me.

Don't forget we are arranging a 4th of July Parade in the park so please plan to join us.

Hope all of you are enjoying this warmer weather. If any of you have any questions, especially new residents, please do not hesitate to call or text me.

Jay Gluck	(916) 728-6194
Victor Michael	(916) 704-1816
Judy Wilson	(916) 878-7125
Dave Wheeler	(707) 292-0777
Rick Shafer	(916) 485-2523

BUNCO

Beulah Radcliff and Cindy Cronk



Join us on the third Tuesday in June for an exciting game of Bunco. It is easy, fun to play and only costs \$5; all money is distributed in prizes. Our next Bunco will be on Tuesday, June 20th at 1:00 p.m. in the clubhouse.

Questions: **Cindy at 916-390-7726 or Beulah at 916-725-4928**

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Norm Schoch (Hazardous Hairy)



Hello fellow Lakeview Village residents. Unfortunately, we have to change our HAZMAT collection. Last month the waste-site turned Ken Ingle away and he had to take his load to the Fruitridge Rd. site. We

were told they can only take one load per resident, and we could not collect from others.

I will attempt to get a waiver so that we can go back to our original plan but until then I will continue to collect on the last Saturday of the month but will be limited to 15 gallons of liquid and 125 lbs. of solids. I will be in front of the clubhouse from 11:30 a.m. until noon or until I reach the limit on Saturday June 24th. I will have Linda send an email if and when things change. Thanks for your patience.

Norm Schoch aka Hazardous Hairy

BOTTLES AND CANS

Jeff Petersen

The next pick up will be Tuesday, June 13th. Please have your cans and bottles out by 9 a.m. Thank you.

VETERANS' GROUP

Diane Weber

Lakeview Village Veterans' group. Please join us in the clubhouse on Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. If you have questions, please call Diane Weber at 530-828-5777.

BOOK CLUB

Glenda Tinsley



"Show me a family of readers, and I will show you the people who move the world." – Napoleon Bonaparte

Read the selected 'Book of the Month' and come to the *Lakeview Village Book Club* to share your thoughts. ***We will meet this month on June 23, 10:00 a.m. sharp, in the clubhouse.*** Books selected to read/discuss are in a variety of genres and are loaned to club members at no charge, courtesy of the Sylvan Oaks Public Library's free service of *Book Club in a Box*.

For complete information, contact LV book club leader, **Glenda (831) 252-9440 or (916) 599-7727.**

LIBRARY

Betty Rentsch

It was a busy month at the library as we received many new books and tons of tapes and videos. Someone must have cleaned out their parent's home and gifted Lakeview's library with the contents. Thank you to our library assistants who sorted through the bags and separated the contents to take to recycle, Sylvan Library and file on our shelves. You are appreciated.

Have had a puzzle in the works all month which is fun to watch. I met a resident who was adding pieces and she told me our mailman helps put the puzzles together while on breaks or at lunch. Thank you to our marvelous mailman, he is appreciated also.

Great to have warm weather and sunshine finally, now we can sit outside and read.

THIS VILLAGE IS GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH

Carol Spiker



In case you need another reason to congratulate yourself for living in Lakeview Village, I want to share with you new research that has hit all the news media recently. Radio and television outlets have begun to report on a study on the effects of loneliness. It seems that

the pandemic intensified concerns that already existed on how loneliness can affect your health.

People in all age groups are spending an awful lot of time on their devices--computers, television, cell phones, and not enough time with each other. Experts are concerned that our younger generation is even more apt to suffer from this phenomenon!

According to recent studies, lonely people are twice as likely to develop dementia! Who wants that? They are 30% more likely to have a heart attack or a stroke!

Oh, my goodness! But I look around at our Happy Hours, our potlucks, book club, Bingo nights, craft groups. I never see anyone on their cell phones or other devices! I see us talking and laughing and doing things together!

O.K. So now it's Mother's Day and my precious daughter came up from the Bay area to celebrate with me. I whipped out this article for her to weigh in on. (She's a clinical social worker, so she's really into people!) She liked what I'd written but suggested adding a thought or two. I handed her a pen and now you can know what she had to add. Here's her paragraph:

“Devices are not all bad. Social media applications used in moderation, help to connect people and decrease social isolation. This is especially true for people who can't leave home for medical reasons. It also helps particular groups of people find support, such as parents of disabled children, adults with autism, newly divorced, and recently widowed.”

What a daughter!!!

Even so living in Lakeview Village turns out to be good for your health! If you would like to push away dementia and other health problems, get even more active in your village! And then figure out how to help your kids and grandkids deal with loneliness!

BINGO

Judy Wilson

Bingo is played every other Thursday. Come at 5:30 p.m. to get your paper and the game starts at 6:30 p.m. This month, Bingo will be on the 8th and 22nd of June.

CRIBBAGE

Val Lea

The dates for Cribbage in June are as follows, June 6th and June 20th. Both are Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. till approximately 8:30 p.m. and cribbage is held in the clubhouse. All levels of players are welcome and come even if you have never played before, it is a fun game to learn and play. See you there **Val 408-460-6345**.



*Loving memories never die,
As years roll on and days pass by.
In our hearts a memory is kept,
Of ones we loved and will never forget.*

Larry Fix

Rhonda Hunsucker

Frenecia Herrick



THE ADVOCATES

Roger Johnson

You are invited to a meeting of the Lakeview Village Advocacy Association (a.k.a. The Advocates). This meeting is open to all Lakeview Village residents to discuss any issues or topics of concern. There are NO MEMBERSHIP FEES - ALL RESIDENTS ARE MEMBERS! Come join us to discuss what You want. The meeting will be held at the clubhouse on Wednesday June 28, 2023 from 6:30 p.m. to

8:00 p.m. We will be discussing topics of interest to Lakeview Village homeowners. ALL homeowners are invited to attend.

Water and coffee will be available. Look forward to seeing You there.

PARKING LOT SALE! **Sandra Huddleston**



The association is holding a parking lot sale on Saturday, June 17th from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the clubhouse parking lot. Residents who would like to participate must bring their own table, chairs and canopy. Set up can be done Friday afternoon. Pick any parking spot or two they are free. There will be coffee, sodas, hot dogs, chips, and donuts starting at 9:00 a.m. There will be an association table if you would like to donate something for the fund raiser. Please bring donations to the clubhouse and leave them on the back counter in the coffee room. Questions contact Sandra Huddleston 916-844-4636.

We ask all participants to clean up their area before they leave for the day. There will be garbage cans and containers to dispose of bottles and cans around the parking lot area.

ARTS AND CRAFTS **Sandra Huddleston**

The group got together to decoupage hangers. As you can see the creativity was amazing. Vickie lead us in this group activity and the results were beautiful. The group meets every



Thursday from 10 a.m. until noon in the clubhouse. Bring whatever project you are working on and sit with us chitchatting and having fun. Any questions please feel free to call Sandra Huddleston at 916-844-4636.

DID YOU KNOW... **Wanda Johnson**

Two round purse mirrors (or others) under your candlesticks contribute to a nice look to your table setting. There should always be something in the middle of the table besides space.

Place a damp cloth under your mixing bowl to keep it steady on a slippery work surface.

Baking soda as a cleanser will restore the transparency of the glass door in the oven. You will then be able to watch your pies burning.

For fried foods that require flouring, try using pancake flour or mix instead of regular flour. You will be pleased with the better flavor.

To give iced beverages eye appeal, use cubes to which were added a leaf of mint, a slice of lemon rind or half a cherry before they were frozen.

Other: While I was applying my face cream, my husband asked our granddaughter what I was doing. She yelled back, "she's applying Oil of Delay".

CHRISTMAS IN JULY **Cathy Wheeler**

Hi Lakeview villagers, we have sold out all the tables, thank you all so much. We have started a waiting list if for some reason there is a cancellation. Call if you'd like to be added. And a reminder of the bake sale we've added this year, we would so appreciate your donation.

Cathy Wheeler 707-292-2440
Sam Kuykendahl 916-715-5915

FRIENDS AND COMPANY

Hello out there!

I can't be the only one out there when "life happened" and left me here alone.

Are there some of you would like to form some friendships to maybe share a meal out "dutch" of course, watch an old movie on TV and eat popcorn, sit on the porch and just talk, share books, garden tips, recipes, sit with at social functions, go for short walks (subject to change) or sip a beverage of choice.

If any of this sounds like "You", call me at 916-242-0664 Wanda

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A DATING SITE.....THIS IS NOT IT!!



**COME ALONG ON A CRUISE
TO THE
LARKS CHORUS
CABARET!
AND A STORY THAT
GOES TO THE
CARIBBEAN ISLANDS!**

SUNDAY, JULY 30TH 3:00 p.m. FOOD

- Enjoy platters of fruit
- cheese and crackers
- desserts
- punch and coffee
- **Still only \$10.00**

3:30 p.m., SHOWTIME!

Hear Great Songs
that you'll know and love!
And sing along to some.

CORNHOLE WINNERS

Laurie Skahill, Elaine Mattes, Delores Evarts and Judy Vollmer winners of 2022-2023 Cornhole. See you next season.



DECIDING WHO TO MARRY:

(Written by kids)

1. You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming.--Alan, age 10

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with.--Kristen, age 10

2. WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED?

Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then.--Camille, age 10

3. HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF TWO PEOPLE ARE MARRIED?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids. --Derrick, age 8

4. WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MOM AND DAD HAVE IN COMMON?

Both don't want any more kids.--Lori, age 8

5. WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough.--

Lynnette, age 8 (isn't she a treasure?)

On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date.--**Martin, age 10**

6. WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

When they're rich. --**Pam, age 7** (Love her)

The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that.--**Curt, age 7**

The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do.--**Howard, age 8**

7. IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them.--**Anita, age 9** (bless you child)

8. HOW WOULD THE WORLD BE DIFFERENT IF PEOPLE DIDN'T GET MARRIED?

There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there?--**Kelvin**

And the #1 Favorite is.....

9. HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK?

Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a dump truck.--**Ricky, age 9**

Father's Day in the United States

There are two stories of when the first Father's Day was celebrated. According to some accounts, the first Father's Day was celebrated in Washington state on June 19, 1910. A woman

by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd came up with the idea of honoring and celebrating her father while listening to a Mother's Day sermon at church in 1909. She felt as though mothers were getting all the acclaim while fathers were equally deserving of a day of praise (She would probably be displeased that Mother's Day still gets the lion's share of attention).

Sonora's dad was quite a man. William Smart, a veteran of the Civil War, was left a widower when his wife died while giving birth to their sixth child. He went on to raise the six children by himself on their small farm in Washington. To show her appreciation for all the hard work and love William gave to her and her siblings, Sonora thought there should be a day to pay homage to him and other dads like him. She initially suggested June 5th, the anniversary of her father's death to be the designated day to celebrate Father's Day, but due to some bad planning, the celebration in Spokane, Washington was deferred to the third Sunday in June.

The other story of the first Father's Day in America happened all the way on the other side of the country in Fairmont, West Virginia on July 5, 1908. Grace Golden Clayton suggested to the minister of the local Methodist church that they hold services to celebrate fathers after a deadly mine explosion killed 361 men.

While Father's Day was celebrated locally in several communities across the country, unofficial support to make the celebration a national holiday began almost immediately. William Jennings Bryant was one of its staunchest proponents. In 1924, President Calvin "Silent Cal" Coolidge recommended that Father's Day become a national holiday. But no official action was taken.

In 1966, Lyndon B. Johnson, through an executive order, designated the third Sunday in June as the official day to celebrate Father's Day. However, it wasn't until 1972, during the Nixon administration, that Father's Day was officially recognized as a national holiday.

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