

# NEWS and VIEWS



*A photo reminder of those days before Covid-19, when we got together for all sorts of fun times. (And when the pandemic is a memory, we'll go back to good times again.)*

Photo by Peggy Savage

## A Blast from the Past

By Peggy Savage

In case you hadn't noticed, things are getting a bit boring around here. The Covid-19 pandemic seems to be dragging on forever, and with it, our isolation. But don't forget. This Will End. We will get back to having a good time together. Many of us are looking forward to dining together, being

cheerfully served Raul's fabulous fare at beautifully set tables in the dining room. There were parties, holidays, trips and events.

Look inside for more photos of good times at Samaritan Village, just to remember what we can look forward to again . . .

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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

There are so many things going on right now and I am having difficulty focusing. We have the election which is going to finally happen next week. Will the nastiness of the last few days end abruptly, or will there be continuing bickering about the results? I remember when we had the Gore-Bush election. Our granddaughter was born November 8 of that year and we planned to visit three weeks later. We kept joking about how we would have a president by then and so we could celebrate twice over. As you recall, there was still "chad counting" going on and Bush became president several weeks later. Makes me chuckle to hear people complain that we might have to wait a few days to know who our next chief executive will be. And makes me nervous to think of what shenanigans might happen during the time of waiting.

We are also struggling with the Coronavirus and its physical effects as well as the effects on how we live our lives. I have stashed masks in my sweater pockets, my pant pockets and my coat pockets. I don't want to be outside and suddenly remember that I am supposed to wear a mask. I guess I will have finally adjusted when I find myself inside my house with a mask on washing the dishes.

But seriously, I am grateful to all the people who do wear their masks outside. I feel safe going to Safe-way and Rite-aid knowing that I will not infect anyone, and no one will infect me.

[Deacon Peggy Bernhard, 541-745-5816](tel:541-745-5816) - Call me whenever you'd like to talk. I'd love to hear from you.

I have difficulty understanding those who say they have a right not to wear a mask and thus a right to infect others. To me, the mask is a sign of love for myself and for others. I pray for a vaccine to help us all be safe.

To be honest I do not find much humor right now in all that's going on. The stress of listening to our leaders talking back and forth with no concern about courtesy or truth has worn me out. It is possible to disagree and discuss with respect and decency and I hope we will return to that standard before the examples have become part of our whole country. I am especially concerned about the young people who will come to accept this behavior as standard. We need to remind them that this does not have to be the way we treat people, and we need to be sure that we are not treating people this way.

The election will be over, the cold weather will have us hunkering down by choice and not just because of the virus, and hopefully, when we emerge the world will have become kinder, more respectful and gentler. Always good to start practicing for those days now.

I wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving, a time to remember the "good old days" and work on how we can make the new days ahead a blessing to all.

Deacon Peggy Bernhard, Chaplain

## Notary Public at Samaritan Village

We have a Notary Public here at Samaritan Village. If you need to have a document notarized, contact Marian Ely in #51 or at [marianely@peak.org](mailto:marianely@peak.org). My phone number is 541-602-8039. This is available for residents and staff. Charge is a \$5 donation to the Samaritan Village Transportation Fund. Be advised that the State of Oregon is one of the few states that does NOT require a Notary for a personal Will.



# Blast from the Past



Santa Ross and his elf, Ruthie, visit with Raul and sons at 2019 Christmas Party. BELOW: Anne, Sandy and Diane help Sarah celebrate at lunch.



Doris Cox, 100, votes on 5th grade entries from Ashbrook for our "When I am 100" writing contest.

**TOP RIGHT:** The Annual Christmas Faire bazaar.

**ABOVE RIGHT:** Lee Sansum enjoying one of the Winery Tours.

**RIGHT:** Vic and Margaret get into the Halloween spirit.



# NOVEMBER INDEPENDENCE DAY

*“The right to vote is the basic right without which all others are meaningless. It gives people, people as individuals, and control over their own destinies.” – Lyndon B, Johnson*

By Patricia Smith

It's none of your business. I couldn't believe my best friend, Paulette, had said that to me. All I'd asked is who she'd voted for. Paulette taught a civics class at the local college and explained, "One of the principles of our democracy is privacy when voting to protect anyone from retaliation by any person or political party. Therefore, it is none of anyone's business who anyone cast their ballot for."

That conversation was quite a few elections ago, but in today's contentious times it seems particularly wise and relevant.

*“Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage.” – Anais Nin*

Voting is, and has been, a serious matter to me. A few years ago, I got into a discussion with a gentleman here, it was an election year, and I was adamant about people voting. He reasoned it was a person's right not to vote. I asserted my zero-tolerance position on the issue. As a granddaughter of immigrants, I'd heard the many hardship stories that drove them to leave their beloved homelands. It took guts and courage to come to this new place, the United States of America. They spoke no English and knew no one. They left, however, countries where they were persecuted and most likely faced death. For them America represented liberty and safety.

What my grandparents, and others in the neighborhood, were most proud of was when their children (citizens) could first vote. In this arena, they were as good as any rich person. Amazing and wondrous!

I've learned a lot about our history, how long it took for Native Americans, women, and African Americans to get the right to vote. But now that by law all citizens have a right to vote, I explode when I think anyone would give up that right. Although the gentleman's argument was reasonable, I feel people who don't vote really care little about any issue they espouse are not very patriotic. I don't mind if people view the country differently, but they should put what they think on that ballot.

*“The right to vote is a terrible thing to waste.” – Various immigrant ancestors*

## CALL FOR SAMARITAN VILLAGE VAN SERVICE

Need a ride in Samaritan Village van? Rather than signing up for rides on the sheet in the lobby, **please call** instead. Our driver is Sandy, and her phone number is: **541-619-7771**.

Let Sandy know where you need to go and what day and time you need to be there.

**Our normal bus hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1 to 5 pm.**

We can also pick up groceries and run errands for you during those hours. If you don't have access to a computer, give Nick your grocery order and schedule pickup for after 1 pm the next day. In other words, call Nick the day before you need your groceries. Also, keep in mind that the office is open 8 am to 1 pm.



# What was life like here, before the pandemic?

By Diane Kinman

**A**re you ready to hibernate for the winter?

If the news about the virus is right, we could be masked and avoiding social contact until April 2021! People who moved here and expected to get to know Samaritan Villagers had a rude awakening!

Our normally vivacious group has burrowed in, with the exception of friendly greetings from Ross “what a beautiful day” Parkerson on the patio near the mailroom.

On warm days, people meet outside on the



*A young group of local Irish Dancers performs every year during our St. Patrick's Party at lunch.*

grass with chairs six feet apart and masks on. Cooler weather will put an end to that unless we wrap up and brave the chill! Some people opt to socially distance on their porch and share a toast or two.

## Newcomers ask: “What went on here before the pandemic?”

Here’s a list, below, of some of our activities and events, thanks to Pamela Tenny:

<b>House Committee events</b>	<b>Bus Committee events</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>You can always</b>
Arts & Crafts Show Chinese New Year Valentine’s Day Party St. Patrick’s Day Party Concert by OK Chorale Summer Potluck Picnic Raul’s 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Lunch Pie & Ice Cream Social Band performances Christmas Party	Cinco de Mayo party November Faire <b>Field trips</b> to various vineyards, Mary’s Peak, Siletz Pow Wow, Newport and Lincoln City, Cherry Orchard Chocolate Co., OSU Wave Lab, Quilt tour and Albany Carousel	Bingo <b>Games in Hideaway:</b> Poker, Mexican Train, Board games, Jigsaw puzzles. Ice Cream Sundays Movie Nights <b>Visit our SV Library:</b> Check out books and videos, read paper	Walk the dog Walk a friend Pick up the phone Check out our <i>Facebook</i> page at <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/SamVillage/">www.facebook.com/groups/SamVillage/</a> Use Osborn Aquatic Center

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## POETS CORNER

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### Passing Through

By Nick Nigro

The servant sun serves the tray of day,  
Rubs the back of the chilly wind,  
warms it to mellow air.  
It frolics about the room, bounds wall to wall,  
gambols on the bed ,  
fends off the immobility of despair.  
You awake to the gentle intonations  
of robins and wrens,  
the rude intrusions of crows,  
brash tires upon asphalt,  
the pot-bellied gardener of littered arteries  
leaf-blowing leaves clump to clump.  
You crawl from bed a slow worm  
feet to floor, you stumble about  
like a gooney bird's landing event.

With cheeks to the breeze and watery eyes  
you chug on to wins and losses of the fray.  
When the globe has spun out  
another diurnal concern before dark looms  
again,  
and the day is fully tucked in  
to lay its head upon a black pillow,  
as trees purr leaf to leaf,  
the sky clicks on its million billion  
winking bulbs hanging bright  
on the branches of night,  
meteors flash like fireflies,  
you cannot know, you can only hope  
you've done the right, loved the all  
of this awkward, wonderful,  
indecipherable thing,  
this brief passion – life.

## BOOK BLURB

By Margaret Parkerson

Kick and Fig had been down the hill path to the beach, intent on getting enough oysters clinging to the float log so that the family could add them to the shore dinner they planned.

We cousins had dug clams as well. The goal was a pot of Bouillabaisse.

Oh, the luxury of having books waiting to be read. One such was the Bloomsbury cookbook.

It was decided that perhaps their oyster feast would not be included as three people were served fifty raw oysters alongside brown bread and butter with lemon, pepper and vinegar as seasonings. A better guide was Elizabeth David's classic Mediterranean Food.

To accompany a classic bouillabaisse, she used a Provençal sauce for fish, Rouille.

A grilled red pepper was cleaned of burnt skin, rinsed and pounded with a garlic clove. A handful of breadcrumbs were soaked then squeezed dry and added to the red pepper. Four tablespoons of olive oil and a few spoons of fish stock created the perfect finishing flavors to family satisfaction.

### Editor's Note

*Do you enjoy writing poetry, (very) short stories or free verse? Please do send in your work, so we can publish it here.*

*- P.S.*

# Artists at Work

Featured Artist for November, VIC RUSSELL

Title: *Amaryllis*

Medium: Colored Pencil



**W**hile being stuck indoors early this year with nothing to do but watch this Amaryllis grow and blossom, I became fascinated by all the detail in the flower petals. I started making sketches in pencil and decided to do a drawing that concentrated on the fluid shapes, not the red color. The finished work looks like a flower carved from stone, something that would feel smooth to the touch.

- Vic Russell



# BUS COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT

## Income and Expenses September 2020

<b>09/01/20</b>	<b>Beginning Balance - Checking Account</b>	<b>6,206.30</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>		
	Bus Ticket Sales	30.00
	Daily Trips - Cash (+32 tickets use	40.00
	Outings - None	0.00
	Advertising on Bus	350.00
	Donation from Residents	<u>20.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>440.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
	Bus Driver (Diocese of Oregon)	<u>306.86</u>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b><u>306.86</u></b>
	<b>NET INCOME LESS EXPENSES:</b>	<b><u>133.14</u></b>
<b>09/30/20</b>	<b>Ending Balance - Checking Account</b>	<b><u><u>6,339.44</u></u></b>
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<b>09/30/20</b>	<b>Other Account Balances:</b>	
	Operational Money Market (Dividend: 0.37)	<b>8,889.86</b>
	New Bus Fund (Dvidend: 0.07)	<b>1,801.98</b>
	Business Savings Member Account	<u><b>5.00</b></u>
	<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS:</b>	<b><u><u>17,036.28</u></u></b>

**Summary:**

Due to ongoing Coronavirus restrictions\*, van ticket sales and daily trips continue to be low and there are no outings. Residents are encouraged to contact our driver, Sandy 541-619-7771, for rides, errands, grocery pick-ups, etc as outlined in previous communications. There were no Bargain Sales in September. There was only one expense for the month.

*\* Due to the Coronavirus and ongoing restrictions implemented by SV management as well as Federal and Oregon...the bus continues to be out of use and the van is used for essential trips only. A plan for van usage, including safety/health protocols as well as direct phone access to the driver (Sandy) for residents to schedule a ride, has been implemented and communicated to residents. Duration of these restrictions is based on how long the virus is active locally and nationally, with an unknown end date under current guidelines.*





# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Here's  
wishing  
a very



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to all our residents  
born in November:  
**Carol Bujwit**  
**Barbara J Steele**

## WHO IS THAT BABY?

Can you guess who this cute little girl is?

HINT: She is one of our friends here at Samaritan Village. Send in your guesses to Peggy Savage at [savagepj1@gmail.com](mailto:savagepj1@gmail.com) or call me at 971-322-6221, or leave a note in my door clip #45. The answer will be published in the November newsletter, along with the name of the first person to guess it right.

**OUR OCTOBER BABY WAS ROSS PARKERSON.** The first person to guess Ross's identity correctly was Janet Murphy.

**Editor's Note:** Our House Committee list for birthdays is out-of-date. New residents' birthdays are not on our birthday list. The only way we can add your names to our list is for you to contact me and ask to be added. You can decide if you want your birthday published here. The same goes for releasing your name, phone, and email to the House Committee for inclusion in the HC phone list.

If you've moved here within the past year, and want your name included, please contact Peggy Savage at 971-322-6221 or [savagepj1@gmail.com](mailto:savagepj1@gmail.com).

# NOVEMBER SPECIAL DAYS 2020

Contributed by Patricia Smith

**Sunday, November 1 - Daylight Savings Time Ends** - turn your clocks back one hour.

*"I like to think about it as one more hour of beauty sleep."* - Anon. Mattress clerk

**November 3 - U.S. GENERAL ELECTION DAY** - A day set by law for the election of federal public official and possible ordinances. This is year is a presidential election, so the weight and value of voting takes on more importance.

*Someone struggled for your right to vote. Use it!"* - Susan B. Anthony

*The most important office is, and the one which all of can and should fill, is that of private citizen."* - Louis Brandeis

*"Just because you don't take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you."* - Pericles

**November 11 - Veteran's Day** - It is a day we honor those who have served and had the good fortune to have come back home. Thanks to all courageous freedom fighters.

*"Courage is the resistance of fear, the mastery of fear - not absence of fear."* - Mark Twain

*"Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes a stand, the spines of others are often stiffened."* - Billy Graham

**November 14 - Hindu Diwali Day** - The day is celebrated by Hindus all over the world. It is an important five-day festival celebrating light over darkness, good over evil.

*May this Diwali bring you and your family peace, prosperity, happiness and good health!*  
- Traditional Greeting and Blessing

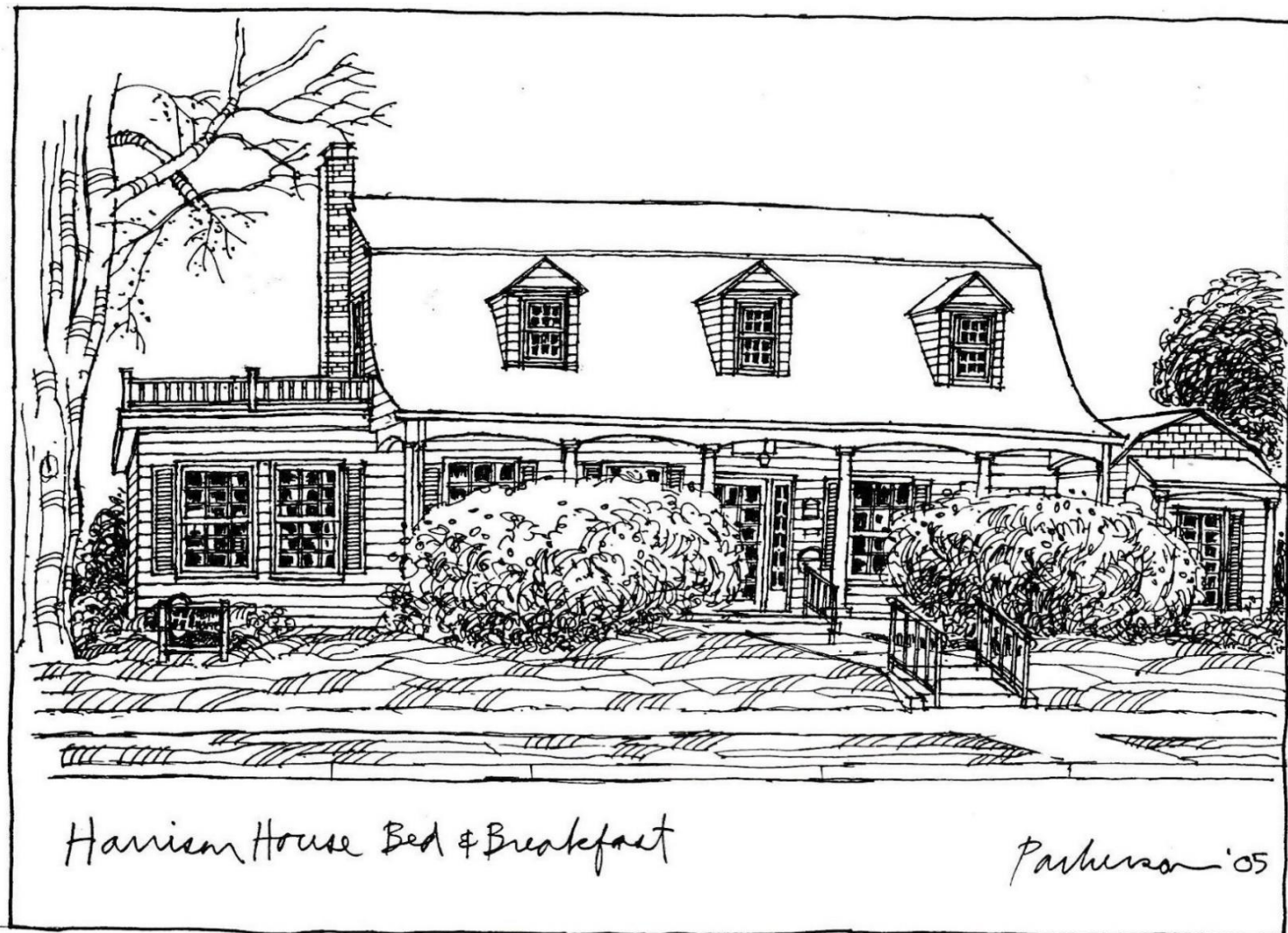
**November 16 - International Tolerance Day** - An annual observance declared by UNESCO in 1995.

*"Tolerance implies no lack of commitment to one's own beliefs. Rather it condemns the persecution of others."* - President John F. Kennedy

**November 26 - Thanksgiving Day**

*"Don't wait until the fourth Thursday in November to sit with family and friends to give thanks. Make every day a day of Thanksgiving!"* - Charmaine J. Forde

# Preserving History with his pen



## **HARRISON HOUSE Bed and Breakfast**

2310 NW Harrison Blvd, Corvallis.

Located two blocks from Oregon State University campus in the heart of the University District, Harrison House B&B is an historic 1939 Dutch Colonial home. Currently up for sale, the house has lovely grounds, including a private courtyard and herb garden.

Ross Parkerson drew this house in 2005, and he included it in the College Hill Walking Tour brochure for the Corvallis Historic Resources Commission.

## **House Committee Report**

While the Covid-19 pandemic is still raging, it's impossible to plan events, so our calendar is empty. Once we get the green light, we will bring back our SV community events and activities. And let the fun begin!

Financials: The current HC Account Balance is: \$ 878.01



## SAMARITAN VILLAGE

# BARGAIN CORNER

Items available on a first-come, first-served basis. 100% of all purchase funds donated to the Samaritan Village Bus Fund.

To either donate or to purchase an item, please contact Vic Russell at 541-745-8748 or Diane Kinman at 206-453-5800.

### Kitchen Island for Sale

Kitchen island with removable glass cutting board on top, has 3 small drawers on one side, pull-out bin on other.

\$25



- Juicer, a full juicer from Costco, originally \$100, plus all attachments and directions; \$25
- Gevalia Coffee Maker with glass pot, \$7
- Humidifier, Holmes, runs up to 24 hrs., \$7
- Oreck vacuum cleaner, \$15
- Full-length Wood Frame Mirror, 24"x28" Looks new, \$10
- Crock pot, large, lightly used, \$8
- Dark bronze floor lamp with cream color shade, \$15



Well-cared-for wooden corner hutch - \$25

**NEW:**

Chair with padded seat, back. \$10



Salad Spinner - \$3



Electric Tea Pot or Hot Water Pot – you choose - \$7

Harkening back to those romantic old novels we all grew up reading. . .

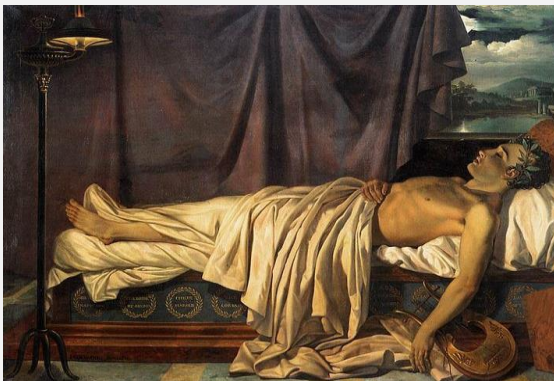
## The Things Women in Literature died from

- Reading too many novels
- Going outside at night in Italy
- Letter-reading fits
- A ripped bodice (We all know how *that* happens. . .)
- Cold hands
- Wrist fevers
- Naïveté (the options are endless)
- Beautiful face
- Haunted by ghost in her bedroom
- Unfaithful husband discovery
- Sherry served too cold
- Exhaustion from long pony ride
- Not enough pillows
- Drawing-room anguish
- Ship infidelity
- Someone said "No!" too loudly
- Cruel stepmother



- Flirting headaches
- Garden rendezvous gone wrong
- A rough carriage ride
- Overzealous clergyman
- Shawl insufficiency
- Pining for long-lost lover
- Left penniless and forced onto the streets (probably by cruel stepmother)

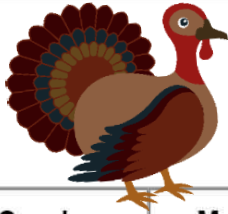
## The Things Men in Literature died from . . .



- Unfulfilled Passions
- Fighting off Pirates
- Marooned on a desert island
- Pushed off a cliff onto rocks far below
- The Black Plague

- Strange desires
- Poison (preferably arsenic)
- Bad companions
- Yellow Fever
- Protecting girl from fate worse than death
- The Guillotine
- Lured into Opium Dens
- Fighting Duels with pistols
- Fighting Duels with swords
- Stabbed by nefarious villain in dark alley
- Jealous wife
- Jealous mistress
- The drink
- Victim of scheming half-brother
- Really Reckless driving

- Contributed by Peggy Savage



# November 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS	2 NATIONAL DEVEILED EGGS DAY	3  ELECTION DAY	4	5 NATIONAL DOUGHNUT DAY	6	7
8	9	10	11  VETERANS' DAY	12 NATIONAL PIZZA WITH THE WORKS EXCEPT ANCHOVIES DAY	13	14
15 NATIONAL CLEAN OUT YOUR FRIDGE DAY	16 NATIONAL FASTFOOD DAY	17	18	19 GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 THANKS-GIVING DAY 	27 BLACK FRIDAY	28 NATIONAL FRENCH TOAST DAY
29 NATIONAL ELECTRONIC GREETINGS DAY	30 CYBER MONDAY					