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Celebrating

April

*April Fools' Day &
Fun at Work Day
(April 1)*

Daffodil Month

*National Walk to Work Day
April 4*

Poetry Month

*World Health Day
April 7*

*World's Largest Trivia Contest
April 11 – 13*

*Library Week
April 13 – 19*

*Passover Begins
Sunset, April 19*

*Earth Day
April 22*

*Volunteer Week
April 27 – May 3*

A Spring Miracle

“At a plain, black well-pump in the small southern town of Tuscumbia, Alabama, one of the world’s great miracles took place. Standing beside the totally blind and deaf 7-year-old Helen Keller was Anne Sullivan, steadily pumping cool water into one of the girl’s hands while repeatedly tapping out an alphabet code of five letters in the other – first slowly, then rapidly. Suddenly meaning dawned. She knew that ‘w-a-t-e-r’ meant the cool something flowing over her hand. Darkness began to melt from her mind like ice on a sunny day. By nightfall, Helen had learned 30 words.”

That’s how the website for Ivy Green, Helen Keller’s birthplace, describes the events of April 5, 1887, when the real “Miracle Worker” began. The play is still performed each summer at the original well.

Helen Keller was an intelligent child who grew to be a remarkable woman, but the “miracle worker” was her partially blind tutor, Anne Sullivan. Anne had been born into poverty on April 14, 1866. Blinded by a childhood infection that was later partially corrected by a series of operations, she spent years of her childhood in an almshouse for orphans. Like Helen, she was bright and strong-willed, and eventually graduated as valedictorian from the Perkins Institute for the Blind. Soon after, she was employed by the Kellers. That position led to a nearly four decades-long symbiotic relationship.

In time, under Anne’s devoted tutelage, Helen learned to read Braille, to speak, and use a typewriter. In 1904, with Anne’s help interpreting lectures and discussions, Helen graduated “cum laude” from Radcliffe College. Over the decades that followed, they would travel to dozens of countries on five continents. Among Helen’s admirers were numerous U.S. presidents, movie stars (Charlie Chaplin), and authors (Mark Twain), but for Helen, the woman to admire was Anne.

Resident Profile

Paulette Harris

Paulette was born in Chicago and raised by her grandparents. After school Paulette started to work in a grocery store to support her family.

Paulette has a nice memories about her life in Chicago. Everyone should visit this beautiful city, Paulette says, city, full of attractions, museums, theatres, parks, restaurants.

By the way Chicago is the third largest city in the United States. It's a city in the state of Illinois and the largest in the Midwest. Paulette also visited other beautiful American city San- Francisco.

Paulette has a lot of interests. She enjoys classical and popular music and her favorite program at Re kai Centre is Music Program with George and Mickey, our entertainers. She also likes good movies and enjoys sharing her life in Chicago.

We wish Paulette a happy life!



Creative Musings

Where is Spring?

Today I went out walking, looking everywhere for spring. I heard the robins chirping, while the church bells rang.

I saw along the pathway, tulips in a row
They raised their heads to greet me, peeping through the snow.

If spring were around the corner, surely I would know.

Instead of cold bare limbs on trees so far away,
Tender leaves of green were poking through today.

Looking here and there for any signs of spring,
My steps grew ever faster, beauty seen in everything.

Now I reached the corner; had I lost my way?
Spring could hide no longer; it was here to stay.
Little furry bunnies hopped among the trees.
I knew spring was nearer now; I felt it in the breeze. I peeked around the corner, as I stood in grass so green.

Beautiful sights had met my eyes, but none like this I'd seen. My walk through beauty ended, returning home again.

I had seen God's spring unfolding, even smelled it in the rain.

As I sat again that evening, alone but not in fear. I felt so good to know for sure that spring was really here.

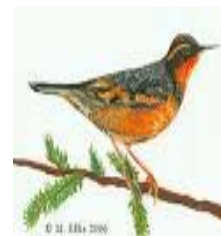
Spring, riding my bicycle

Play in the park and picnic

Ring toss on the grass
Inning of the first ball game

New grass starts to grow

Greetings from the first robin





Resident Page

April is here. All of nature's glories are preparing to unfurl their splendor. After a long winter with snow, storms and freezing temperature we will finally enjoy the sun, nice, inspiring April weather and blossoming of nature.

The first day of April is April Fool's Day. The day is marked by the hoaxes and other practical jokes or sending people on fool's errands, the aim of which is to embarrass the gullible.

In March we had our ongoing programs such as Lunch Club where everyone enjoyed a good food, Birthday Party with an entertainer James who showed us his talent in music and magic. We planted at Gardening Program, sang at Soul- O Theatre and exercised at Fitness Class.

In April we will have new and ongoing programs, Red Men Group will sing for us, also we will have Oriental Food for Chinese residents, Birthday Party with Helen and much more...

Everyone is welcome!

Have a great and healthy month!



Richter Scale Day

Charles Richter was a seismologist who invented a scale for measuring the strength of earthquakes in 1935. His birthday, April 26 (1900), is celebrated as Richter Scale Day in order to recognize his achievements.

The Richter Scale uses a seismograph to measure the height of seismic surface waves, or essentially how much the ground shakes and how far it moves at 100 kilometers (60 miles) from the epicenter. Each whole number increase represents a 10-fold increase in strength, meaning that a 7.0 magnitude earthquake is 10 times more powerful than a 6.0 earthquake, and 100 times more powerful than a 5.0 quake. An earthquake isn't considered moderate until it reaches 5.0 and isn't severe until it reaches 7.0.

Earthquakes release tremendous energy. The energy released by an earthquake increases 32-fold for each increase of 1 on the Richter Scale. Thus, an earthquake registering 7 on the Richter Scale releases 32 times as much energy as an earthquake registering 6, even though the earth moves only 10 times as far. Even an earthquake with a 4.3 magnitude releases as much energy as the atomic bomb that destroyed Hiroshima.

New Residents



Hua Li Zhu

Bi Zhen Wu

In Memory of

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Borbala Bojti





The World's Largest Library

April 13 - 19 is Library Week. The world's largest library, the Library

of Congress in Washington, D.C., got its start on April 24, 1800, when President John Adams approved legislation that appropriated \$5,000 to purchase "such books as may be necessary for the use of Congress." The initial collection, imported from London, consisted of 740 volumes and three maps. It's grown a bit since then. As of 2006, the library had 134,517,714 items in its collection, among which were:

- Over 20 million cataloged books in its regular collection
- Nearly 5 million maps
- 12.5 million photographs
- Half a million prints and drawings

Also, the library has 11 million digital files online. Wow!

April Birthdays

Because April includes Library Week, it is a good time to feature the birthdays of a few authors who live up to April's reputation for fostering creativity, a pioneering spirit, and a love of adventure. Do you share a birthday with any of them?

Bernadett Geeban	April 4
Dorothy Hall	April 4
Elsie Williamson	April 8
William Smith	April 8
Brian Gallagher	April 19
Lee Ann Cronsilver	April 14
Yeob So Im	April 27

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY!

