

# ICC NEWSLETTER

March, April and May

2024

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*Come for the Fun, Stay for the Friendships!*

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## "President's Column"

As I sit here in the middle of winter, and we have not seen sunshine in a few weeks, I start to feel better when I know that Spring is only about 48 days away and our first campout is 93 days away! Well, I hope the weather will cooperate so we can get a couple in sooner? We are looking to have a very busy camping schedule this year, but always hope for more!

I hope you all are looking forward to the Rally in Kingston this year. We are working with Heather on all the details and finalizing the schedule. I hope to have as many members as possible attend as this is the first Rally without regions and we need everyone to pitch in and help.

I also want to ask all members to work on inviting new members to join us. We all have family and friends that also camp, so let's see what we can do to increase our membership. I am always open to any ideas!

Tim & Kathy Nowak  
ICC President



## "Chaplain's Corner"

### Loving Friendship

*By M. M. Mathewson*

"We meet and seem at once to feel  
Our hearts and minds respond.  
The blessing of God's love within  
Cements our friendship bond.  
From our treasure of God's love  
We share what's in our hearts –  
Comfort, warmth and kindness,  
And encouraging support.  
We stand in faith beside our friend,  
Expressing loyalty,  
And our optimistic view  
Of good that is to be.  
We give our friend a listening ear  
And lend a helping hand...  
But most of all, we offer  
Love that will understand."

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"A faithful friend  
is a sturdy shelter;  
he who finds one  
finds a treasure."

*Sirach 6:14*



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*This is your newsletter about your club!  
If you have news, recipes,  
stories; let us know!*

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## "Chaplain's Corner"

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We are very thankful for our faithful ICC friends! Maple sugaring time will soon be here! At this moment, we are getting snow again! Next week, it could rain and feel like spring! Happy 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Miss Olivia Muthig, on January 23rd! Time flies! Easter will soon be upon us, and the snowbirds will flock to home! Safe travels to all. Until we meet again...

Cheryl Muthig, Chaplain



*Members of the Sheriff's Office stopped by this afternoon to wish Olivia Muthig a happy 7th birthday!*

The little sash coming out of a Hershey's Kiss is called the "niggly wiggly."

## What a Difference 45 Years Makes



| 1978                      | 2023                     |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Long hair                 | Longing for hair         |
| 8 Tracks                  | Cataracts                |
| KEGs                      | EKGs                     |
| Streaking                 | Leaking                  |
| Acid Rock                 | Acid Reflux              |
| Seeds and stems           | Fiber                    |
| Stayin' Alive (the song)  | Stayin' Alive (the goal) |
| Hoping for a BMW          | Hoping for a BM          |
| Going to a new, hip joint | Getting a new hip joint  |
| Rolling Stones            | Kidney Stones            |
| Bell bottoms              | Big bottoms              |
| Disco                     | Costco                   |
| Whatever                  | Depends                  |
| Rock n' roll all night    | Sleep through the night  |
| Think you know everything | Think you know your name |

### A Welsh Joke

Two American tourists, traveling through Wales, stopped at a restaurant in the town of Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch and asked the waitress, "Before we order, could you pronounce the name of where we are, very slowly?"

The waitress answers, "Burrrr Gerrrrr Kiiinnng."

## International Rally 51 ~ Registration Form

Notice: the registration form is in this newsletter for the July International Rally in Kingston, Ontario.

Although everyone attending the Rally will be making their own camping reservations with Rideau Acres, there will also be a **\$40 USD fee** to cover costs, and everyone attending needs to fill out the

form enclosed and send it along with their fee to treasurer, Kathy Hoff, by **June 1, 2024**.

The fee can be paid by check (made out to the **I.C.C.**) or by Zelle, Venmo or PayPal (the email for electronic payment is [ICCPay123@gmail.com](mailto:ICCPay123@gmail.com)).

## A Note From The Secretary

It's the end of February and there are still a few members who have not yet paid their 2024 dues. If you have not yet paid your dues PLEASE send it in now. If you have misplaced the form you can contact me by email and I can send you another one.

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Remember you can pay by check,  
payable to:  
I.C.C. or International Camper Club  
and mail to Kathy Hoff.

Or by Zelle, PayPal, or Venmo.  
The email for **electronic payments**:  
[ICCPay123@gmail.com](mailto:ICCPay123@gmail.com)

- \* Whether you mail your payment or make electronic payments- **please** fill out the contact information and verify birthdays and anniversary dates, and send that in.
- \* The forms help me to update the ICC Directory at least on a yearly basis.

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In this newsletter you will find the registration form for the July International Rally 51. It will be a fun Rally in Kingston, Ontario! If you haven't already, get your site or cabin reserved soon, and email Heather and Rob with your info. Then send your registration form and \$40 USD fee to Kathy Hoff. See page 10 for more information.

Note: This year we will have a major change to the Rally schedule- Wednesday will now be the day for grocery Bingo, a Bring-Your-Own-Brown-Bag lunch & Social Hour, the ICC dinner, and the awards and closing ceremonies; and Thursday will be a free day.

Tim and I will need to be near Wayland, Michigan before Saturday, July 20 for our niece, Gracie's wedding! So, we will be leaving the rally Thursday morning.

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It has been a long winter! We are missing our camper and camping very much. The one thing helping to pass the cold months has been visiting our son, daughter-in-law, and grandkids! I wrote an article (on page 9) about the fun we had at Christmas, but we also had a great opportunity in mid-January when our son, Randy was going up to Grand Rapids so he brought Lila with him and she stayed overnight with us. It snowed several inches the night before and I have never been so happy to have snow. Tim got her bundled up and took her out on Randy's old sled.



Keep on campin' and see you down the road!

Tim & Kathy Nowak  
ICC Secretary

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What do you call a fake noodle? An impasta.

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May the leprechauns dance  
over your bed  
and bring you sweet dreams.  
~Irish Blessing



St. Patrick's Day 3/17

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## Notes from North Carolina

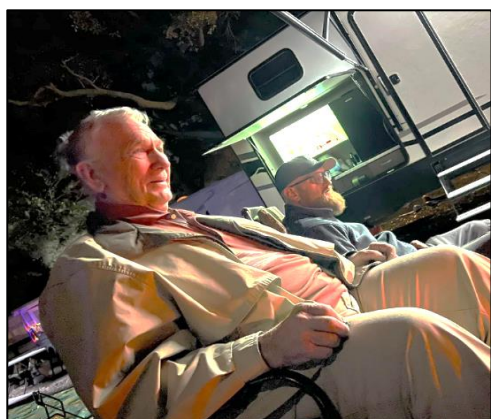
from Ann Sprinkle

I am so disappointed in my northern friends and my Canadian friends. I would have thought by now you would have sent me some snow. So far all we have is 7 inches of rain for January 2024. Oh well, there's still time for you all to get started on sending me some. Sooner than later I hope. I hope everyone had a wonderful and exciting Christmas and New Year.

Lenny Harris and family had lots of family time over the holidays. During the Thanksgiving break they camped at Myrtle Beach SC.



Then during the Christmas season they gathered at the Harris home for more celebrations. Fun was definitely had by all.



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## Notes from North Carolina

from Ann Sprinkle



Miss Ann  
"Pokey"



Some of you know my youngest son, Taylor, got engaged while they were in Italy this past October. The wedding is set for August 10 in Sedalia, Colorado. Billy and I plan on leaving the Rally and heading to Castle Pines, arriving on August 3rd. Helping with a wedding this far away from me is nerve wrenching for sure, but exciting. Here is a picture of them...



On January 25th Lenny and Kathy Harris celebrated 55 years of marriage with a luncheon with their children and grandchildren.

Congratulations to them both. Praying for many more years ahead for the two of them.



For the first time in 5 years both sons with their fiancés came home for Christmas. Parker has been engaged for 5 years and just hasn't taken the leap yet. Hoping after he finishes his PHD they will take the leap. We decided to have a dinner at our home for the four of them. There were 60 people who came from across the state to celebrate with them. Family and friends brought their favorite soup or chill for

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"Blessed are those who have not seen  
and have yet believed."

~ John 20:29



Easter, 3/31

**Notes from North Carolina**  
*from Ann Sprinkle*

everyone to sample. Of course, Billy made 5 gallons of chicken stew in hoping we would have some left over for the winter, but needless to say I had 2 quarts left to freeze. My future daughters-in-law made a charcuterie tray. It was 10ft long! Everyone had so much fun and lots of memories were made.



Hint for my northern and Canadian friends: We still have 2 plus months of winter left, so I can wait for my snow. I know most of you can't wait til Spring so you can uncover your campers and begin your camping adventures.

Stay warm, healthy and safe.  
Spring is just around the corner.

Ann & Billy



## PEI to Arizona via the Gulf of Mexico in Texas

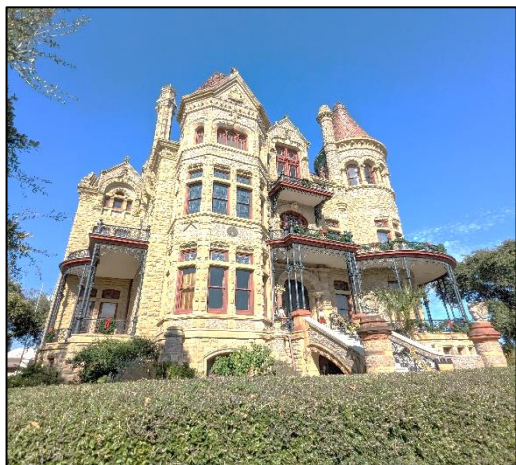
from Ellen Bates

Scott and I were headed from Prince Edward Island to Arizona mid-December and chose to head south to Georgia before heading west for better weather. We overnighted in some State and County parks in addition to using a few Harvest Host locations for one night stays.

Having never been to Texas, we decided to see what the Gulf Coast is like and planned 4 nights in Galveston Island State Park as well as 4 nights in Padre Island National Seashore.

Rather than get close to Houston we took the coast road to Port Bolivar and the free, quick, frequent ferry over to Galveston. We drive a 35' A class towing a car and it was no problem to drive on without unhitching. Definitely a fun way to arrive in Galveston.

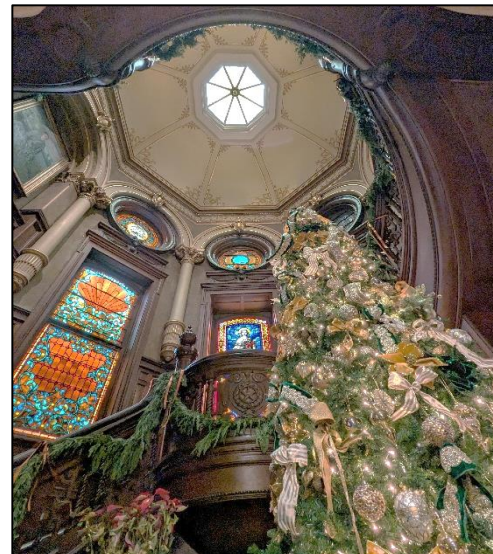
Galveston Island State Park has both Gulf side and Bay side camping. We were on the Bay side. The sites were spacious with pretty level concrete pads, water and electric \$30/night. There is a small but interesting visitor centre on the Bayside, a couple of hiking trails (swarms of mosquitos on trails when we were there, just before Christmas) and we could easily bike around both sides of the park (either side of the main road). The weather was clear but cool so no beaching for us, we visited Galveston several times to sightsee and for the inevitable RV part needed to complete the repair of the day ( 😊 ). Luckily it was a relatively easy one - blower motor for dash heat / air.



*The Bishop's Palace*

The Bishop's Palace was my favourite tourist stop. Unbelievable architecture and design, inside and out.

*The Bishop's Palace Decorated for Christmas*



The travel day between Galveston and Padre Island was long enough that we opted to book one night at Padre Balli County Park rather than risk 'first come first serve' in Padre Island National Seashore. We needn't have worried but you never know. Padre Balli is close to the beach however there is are sand dunes blocking the view. The campground has two sections. One, the old, closer to the beach, \$25/night 30 amp electric/water, is where we stayed. It is very old, full of potholes but okay for the night. I imagine they will close this section down at some point - it has been badly damaged by storms over the years. The new section is a little further back, more protected with very nice sites and the accompanying increase in price to \$50/night.

We were up and going early the next day to snag a dry, first come, first serve site at either Malaquite (Gulf side) or Bird Island Basin (Bay side) Campgrounds. Our first choice was Malaquite and we had no trouble getting a spot. This is dry camping with views of and easy

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**PEI to Arizona via the Gulf of Mexico in Texas**  
*from Ellen Bates*

walking to the beach. \$14/night plus Park entry (you can use the America the Beautiful National Park pass for the entry and if you have the Lifetime Seniors pass would be eligible for discounted camping). The campground is basically a newly paved parking lot on one side and gravel sites in the beach side, all generous width and with picnic tables. A couple of miles further along the road there was access for beach camping if you dare. The tide comes up fairly high and we wouldn't dare although there were many who did.

We loved riding our e-bikes on the hard beach. Apparently if you watch the tides and have a 4 wheel drive vehicle you can go much further (I think up to 60 miles).



Watching the browns pelicans flying just above the waves and diving for dinner was fun. We checked out Bird Island Basin campground (dry \$8/night) in. More birds here (even saw a family of Crested Carcacas and a coyote), and great for fishing or kayaking but we were happy with our decision to stay at Malaquite.

Highly recommend. Hopefully we'll go that way again and stay longer.

Ellen & Scott



< Snowy Egret -  
*Bad Hair Day!*  
 v Crested  
 Carcaca  
 vv Brown  
 Pelican -  
*Crusing the Waves*



*Bayside Campsite at Galveston Island State Park*



## Nowak/Hire Christmas

from Kathy Nowak

Well, although I am very tired of this winter already, I must say it has been a good few months. In mid-December we had the Nowak/Hire Christmas at Mike and Cindy's house in St. Joseph, Michigan. The matriarch, Mary held court over the festivities- even enjoying a sit down with Santa (Mike!).



everyone together!



Finally- pictures of Santa with Mary's great-grands. First Louie and Lila, Randy and Jena's kids and Tim and Kathy's grands.



Then Santa took two of her kids on his knees, Nancy and Tim sure look naughty- but where is Mike? Is he hiding from Santa?

On top of the next column is a picture of four of Mary's five grands- Amanda, Randy, Gracie, and Ashley. Andrew and his family are still in Guam. Hoping next Christmas everyone will be in the United States and Mary can have



And second, Quinn (the youngest ICC member!), Ashley and Caleb's son, and Nancy and Rod's grandson. We all had a great time with yummy snacks, fun presents, decorating

gingerbread houses- and the visit from Santa!

Kathy & Tim

## International Rally 51 - 2024

"Limestone and Locks - Welcome to Kingston!"

We are excited for the International Rally in Kingston, Ontario coming up in July! Here are a few things to know for the upcoming rally!

### Cost of the Rally

The fee for the Rally is \$40 USD per unit again this year. Be sure to send in the registration form and your fee before June 1st! The form is in this newsletter.

### Get Your Site/Cabin Reserved!

Time to get your site or cabin reserved if you haven't already. It's going to be a great time! Rideau Acres Campground information is below.

### Offices Up For Election This Year

This year the offices of President and Treasurer will be voted on. Nominations will be taken Sunday night at the General Meeting. If you want to run for an office please let Vice

President, Keith Hoff know any time before the meeting. If you would like to nominate someone be ready to speak up at the meeting.

### Meals, Meals, Meals

The exact meal schedule for the rally is still being worked on! We are looking at shared dinners on Monday and Wednesday, and a burrito breakfast. More to come!

### Games, Games, Games

We have several games on the schedule and if you have an extra set of horseshoes, ladder golf, or bocce ball please bring them with.

### Free Day

*(moved to Thursday, July 18th!)*

It's not too early to start planning your Free Day activities or places to visit before or after the rally-

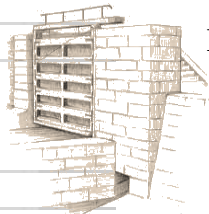
### 9 Places to Eat Around Kingston, Ontario

*~ from the KOA Kingston, Ontario website ~*

1. Kame Sushi - 156 Division Street *Modern, snug Japanese featuring bento boxes and sushi*
2. Dianne's Fish Shack & Smokehouse - 195 Ontario Street *seafood with a Baja Mexican twist and East Coast chicken*
3. Bayview Farms Restaurant - 4085 Bath Road *Intimate & inviting, captures Kingston's food scene*
4. Wok-In - 30 Montreal Street *delicious Cambodian and Thai food at low prices*
5. Chez Piggy - 68 Princess Street *popular, upscale, with a subtle French influence*
6. Wooden Heads - 192 Ontario Street *trendy Italian, serving vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free*
7. Atomica Gourmet Pizza and Wine Bar - 71 Brock Street *fantastic meat and pasta options as well as delicious pizza*
8. Amadeus Café - 170 Princess Street *beer, and Austrian & German dishes made from scratch*
9. The Common Market - 136 Ontario Street *Kingston's best espresso bar, Cappuccinos, matcha, mochas and iced drinks*

International Rally 51  
July 14 thru 18, 2024

"Limestone and Locks - Welcome to Kingston!"



Rideau Acres Campground  
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Kingston, Ontario  
Canada

Phone: 613-546-2711

Email: [info@rideauacres.com](mailto:info@rideauacres.com)

Website: [rideauacres.com](http://rideauacres.com)

Book online, and in Special Requests say  
"ICC Rally attn Sue or Pam"

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Once booked please email  
Heather & Rob Edwards  
with site information!

[internationalcampclub@gmail.com](mailto:internationalcampclub@gmail.com)

*more information in next newsletter*

Plan ahead and enjoy!

## Easter Quiz

from [TonerGiant.co.uk](http://TonerGiant.co.uk)

1. Easter Sunday is preceded by a 40 day period known as...
  - a. Advent
  - b. Whitsun
  - c. Lent
2. The origins of the Easter Bunny can be traced back to the region of...
  - a. Germany
  - b. England
  - c. America
3. The Thursday immediately before Easter Sunday is known as 'Maundy Thursday'...
  - a. True
  - b. False
4. The type of bun is traditionally eaten during Easter...
  - a. Cinnamon Bun
  - b. Hot Cross Bun
  - c. Brioche Bun
5. Who was famous for creating beautifully ornate decorative eggs...
  - a. Michelangelo
  - b. Rembrandt
  - c. Fabergé
6. Number of disciples who joined Jesus at the Last Supper...
  - a. 12
  - b. 7
  - c. 13
7. In April 2012, a record breaking chocolate egg was made which weighed...
  - a. 2,000 kg
  - b. 4,000 kg
  - c. 6,000 kg

[Answers on Page 14]



## Mother's Day Quiz

from [www.AllFreePrintable.com](http://www.AllFreePrintable.com)

1. When Mother's Day was made an officially U.S. holiday...
  - a. 1908
  - b. 1914
  - c. 1966
2. The official Mother's Day flower is...
  - a. Roses
  - b. Tulips
  - c. Carnations
3. What did mom Anna Lee Fisher achieve distinction for...
  - a. First Mom of septuplets
  - b. First Mom in space
  - c. First Mom to circumnavigated the globe
4. Where does Mother's Day rank among U.S. holidays with the largest number of greeting cards...
  - a. 7th
  - b. 3rd
  - c. 2nd
5. During this month the most babies are born...
  - a. June
  - b. August
  - c. September
6. The U.S. President who made Mother's Day a permanent national holiday...
  - a. Lyndon B. Johnson
  - b. Richard Nixon
  - c. Woodrow Wilson
7. What is the record for the most children born to one mother...
  - a. 23
  - b. 41
  - c. 69



[Answers on Page 14]

## Recipe Corner

### No-Cook Coconut Pie

from Jerry Morris

#### Ingredients:

- 2 (3.4 oz each) packages instant vanilla pudding mix
- 3 cups milk, chilled
- 1 teaspoon coconut extract
- 8 oz frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1/2 cup sweetened shredded coconut
- 1 each 9-inch graham cracker crust
- Toasted coconut, for serving

#### Preparation:

1. Add pudding mixes, milk, and coconut extract to a large bowl and whisk for 2 minutes until thickened.
2. Fold in thawed whipped topping and 1/2 cup coconut.
3. Pour into graham cracker crust and use the back of a spoon to spread out.
4. Sprinkle top with toasted coconut and chill until ready to serve, chill at least 1 hour. Enjoy!

Got from [12 tomatoes](#); adapted from Taste of Home [tasteofhome.com/recipes/no-cook-coconut-pie]

### Muddy Buddy Bites

from Jerry Morris

#### Ingredients:

- 6 cups Cheerios, original
- 1-1/3 cups chocolate chips
- 2/3 cup creamy peanut butter (*I prefer crunchy*)
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1-1/2 to 2 cups powdered sugar

#### Preparation:

1. Pour cereal into a very large bowl or a double clean brown paper bag, set aside
2. In a large microwave safe bowl, add chocolate chips, peanut butter, and butter. Microwave in 30 second intervals, stirring between, until mixture is fully melted and smooth.
3. Pour mixture over the cereal and toss until evenly coated.
4. Sprinkle in powdered sugar and toss again until evenly coated.
5. Allow treat to fully cool then store in an airtight container or Ziploc bag.

Adapted from 12 Tomatoes

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### A Few Groaners for You

Where does Batman go to the bathroom?  
The bathroom!

What do you call a pony with a sore throat?  
A little horse!

What did the left eye say to the right eye?  
Between you and me, something smells!

Why didn't the melons get married?  
Because they cantaloupe!



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### 1970 Cost of Living

Average Income: \$9,400/year  
Minimum Wage: \$2.10/hour  
New House: \$23,450  
Average Rent: \$140/month  
New Car: \$3,450  
Movie Ticket: \$1.55  
Tuition to Harvard University: \$2,400/year  
Gasoline: 36¢/gallon  
Postage Stamp: 6¢  
Sugar: 39¢/5 pound bag  
Milk: 62¢/gallon  
Coffee: \$1.99/pound  
Eggs: 59¢/dozen  
Bread: 25¢

## Recipe Corner

### Colonial Innkeeper's Pie

*from Jerry Morris*

#### Ingredients:

1 each 9" pie crust, unbaked

#### For the Chocolate Layer:

1/2 cup water  
1-1/2 oz unsweetened chocolate  
2/3 cup granulated sugar  
1/4 cup butter  
2 teaspoons vanilla

#### For the Cake Layer:

1 cup all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 cup butter, softened  
3/4 cup granulated sugar  
1 large egg  
1/2 cup whole milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/2 cup pecans, chopped (*I prefer walnuts*)  
Whipped cream, for serving, if desired

#### Preparation:

1. Preheat oven to 350 F.
2. Line a 9-inch pie plate with pie crust, fold edges under, and flute as desired. Place in refrigerator to chill while you work on the filling, or buy ready made from the store.
3. In a medium saucepan, heat the 1/2 cup water to a boil. Turn off heat, then add chocolate and stir until melted. Add the 2/3 cup sugar and bring to a boil once more. Once boiling, remove from heat and stir in the 1/4 cup butter and 2 teaspoons vanilla. Stir and set aside.
4. In a medium bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder, and salt for the cake layer. Stir and set aside.
5. In a separate large bowl, cream together the butter and sugar with an electric mixer for one minute. Add egg and mix until combined. Alternate adding milk and flour

### Recipe for Preserving Children

*from Old Cookbook*

1 large grassy field  
6 children  
3 small dogs  
Flowers  
Narrow strip of brook with pebbles  
Hot sun  
Deep Blue sky

Mix the children with the dogs and empty into field, stirring continuously.

Sprinkle the field with flowers, pour the brook gently over the pebbles.

Cover all with the deep blue sky and bake in hot sun. When children are well browned they may be removed.

Will be found right for setting away to cool in bathtub.

6. Transfer batter to chilled pie crust, then smooth out the top with rubber spatula.
7. Stir melted chocolate mixture, then pour over cake batter layer.
8. Sprinkle nuts over the top, then bake until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, about 45 minutes.
9. Let cool, then slice, and serve with whipped cream, if desired. Enjoy!

*Recipe adapted from Hershey's [\[hersheyland.com/recipes/innkeeper-pie.html\]](https://hersheyland.com/recipes/innkeeper-pie.html), this pie/cake originally appeared in a Betty Crocker's cookbook in the 1950's. I got it from [12 tomatoes](#). Some versions of this is called "Innkeepers Pie" others call it "Pennsylvania Funny Pie."*

## Potpourri

*Thoughts, advice, and points to ponder...*

Everything considered,  
work is less boring than amusing oneself.

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Did you know that dolphins are so intelligent  
that within only a few weeks of captivity,  
they can train people to stand on the very edge  
of the pool and throw them fish?

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Dime: A dollar with all the taxes taken out.

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Creative marketing:  
A company that owns 15 donut shops  
and 4 weight loss clinics.

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*Senior moments are like vitamins -  
everyone gets one a day.*

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People would enjoy life more if,  
once they got what they wanted,  
they could remember  
how much they wanted it.

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A centipede is an inchworm  
that switches to the metric system.



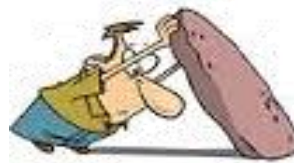
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THE DEADLINE FOR THE  
NEXT NEWSLETTER IS:**

**May 1, 2024**

**Kathy Nowak**

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## New Members



*Visitors &  
New Members  
Welcome!*

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### Forms in this Newsletter

*Rally 51 Registration Sheet*

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Answers to Easter Quiz - page 11

1. c - Lent, traditionally associated with fasting
2. a - Germany, first mentioned in writings of the 1600s
3. a - True, it commemorates the 'Last Supper'
4. b - Hot Cross Buns, the cross represents the crucifix
5. c - Fabergé, created in late 1800s for Russian Tsars
6. a - 12, there were 12 disciples with Jesus
7. b - It was made in Argentina and over 8 meters tall

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Answers to Mother's Day Quiz - page 11

1. b - 1914
2. c - Carnations
3. b - First Mom in space
4. b - 3rd
5. c - September
6. c - Woodrow Wilson
7. c - 69

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There are 12 time zones in Antarctica.

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Bravery is being the only one  
who knows your afraid.  
~ Colonel David Hackworth

Memorial Day, 5/27 (US)