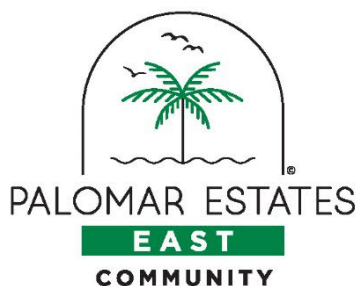




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May Editorial

There are three days commonly celebrated in May. In order, they are:

- Monday, May 5 – Cinco de Mayo (p. 8-9)
- Sunday, May 11 – Mother's Day (p. 2-3), and
- Monday, May 26 – Memorial Day (p. 18-19)

In this issue of *The Breeze*, there is an article on each of these celebrations, as listed above.

For Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11th, I found a beautiful story about a mother's love. It was written for Good Housekeeping Magazine in 1933 by Temple Bailey. This is a story we should all read once in a while, so we remember to respect our mothers for their love and guidance.

Mother's Love

"Is this the long way?" asked the young mother as she set her foot on the path of life. And the Guide said:

"Yes, and the way is hard, and you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."

The young mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So, she played with her children, she fed them and bathed them, taught them how to tie their shoes and ride a bike, and reminded them to feed the dog and do their homework and brush their teeth. The sun shone on them and the young mother cried,

"Nothing will ever be lovelier than this."

Then the nights came, and the storms, and the path was sometimes dark, and the children



shook with fear and cold, and the mother drew them close and covered them with her arms. The children said,

"Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come." And the morning came, and there was a hill ahead,

and the children climbed and grew weary, and the mother was weary. But at all times, she said to the children,

"A little patience and we are there."

So, the children climbed and as they climbed, they learned to weather the storms. And with this, she gave them strength to face the world. Year after year she showed them compassion, understanding, hope, but most of all unconditional love. And when they reached the top they said,

"Mother, we could not have done it without you."

The days went on, and the weeks and the months and the years. The mother grew old, and she became little and bent. But her children were tall and strong, and walked with courage.

And the mother, when she lay down at night, looked up at the stars and said:

"This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned so much and are now passing these traits on to their children."

Joanne Price, Editor, *The Breeze*



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And when the way became rough for her, they lifted her, and gave her strength, just as she had given them hers. One day they came to a hill, and beyond the hill they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide.

And Mother said,

"I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk with dignity and pride, with their heads held high, and so can their children after them."

And the children said,

"You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates."

And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her. And they said,

"We cannot see her, but she is with us still."

A mother is more than a memory. She is a living presence. Your Mother is always with you. She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street, she's the smell of certain foods you remember, flowers you pick and perfume that she wore, she's the cool hand on your brow when you're not feeling well, she's your breath in the air on a cold winter's day.

She is the sound of the rain that lulls you to sleep, the colors of a rainbow, she is your birthday morning. Your Mother lives inside your laughter. And she's crystallized in every tear drop.

A mother shows through in every emotion - happiness, sadness, fear, jealousy, love, hate, anger, helplessness, excitement, joy, sorrow - and all the while hoping and praying you will only know the good feelings in life.

She's the place you came from, your first home, and she's the map you follow with every step you take. She's your first love, your first friend, even your first enemy, but nothing on earth can separate you.

Not time, not space - not even death!



Things I Learned from my Children

- If you spray hair spray on dust bunnies and run over them with roller blades, they can ignite.
- A 3-year-old's voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.
- If you hook a dog leash over a ceiling fan, the motor is not strong enough to rotate a 42-pound boy wearing Batman underwear and a superman cape. It is strong enough however to spread paint on all four walls of a 20- by 20-foot room.
- You should not throw baseballs up when the ceiling fan is on.
- When you hear the toilet flush and the words "Uh-oh," it's already too late.
- Always look in the oven before you turn it on.
- A king size waterbed holds enough water to fill a 2000 sq foot house 4 inches deep.
- No matter how much Jell-O you put in a swimming pool, you still can't walk on water.
- The spin cycle on the washing machine does not make earthworms dizzy.

Excerpts from HumorMatters.com/holidays

Millennium Memo



We've all read numerous articles on Emergency Preparedness, maybe even gone to classes, and we can probably recite the usual lists by heart. It's sort of like the safety briefings on a plane flight. Many of us stopped listening to those years ago.

So when the "big one" comes, you're ready, right? All prepared, "go-bag" packed and by the door, prescriptions in hand, valuable photos in your car trunk? Me neither.

After an earthquake, you might have time to pack. During a fire? Probably not. It might be a good idea to get that go-bag ready, with a change of clothes, some cash (small bills are better), pajamas...everything you'll need for that weekend at the Red Cross shelter.

By the way, you are insured, aren't you? You'd be surprised how many homeowners either have no insurance or are under-insured—and that includes the wealthy folks in the recent Pacific Palisades fire who have advisors for that sort of thing.

You may find that insuring your home costs less than you think, especially if it was manufactured after 1976, which means it is a "HUD-Code" home. Even if you are insured, it might be time to speak with your agent to be sure what coverage you have.

For instance, will your policy pay the cost of a new home, or the depreciated value of your old one? An older home might only be worth \$25K in its depreciated state, versus \$200K for a new home from a dealer. You'll want to know what you'll get after a fire.

How about your contents? It might not seem like it, but if you had to buy all new stuff, I'm guessing that would be expensive. It shouldn't cost much more to include "contents" coverage.

While you're speaking with your agent ask about living costs while you're waiting for your new home, to see if that's worth adding or not.

The Palisades fire prompted us to take a fresh look at Palomar's insurance coverage. Maybe you should do that as well.

This Month's Kudo...

...goes to Patty Gonzales, for designing and donating the Directory Covers...and to everyone else who was involved in this arduous project. You've received your copy, haven't you? If not, it's waiting for you at the Office.

Do You Remember This From 5 Years Ago?

Q. Where does a Fireman go to meet a new flame?

A. Match.com, of course.

You thought I was going to suggest Tinder, didn't you? Now have a Happy Mother's Day.

George Turk

*President
Millennium Housing*

East Park

MARKET UPDATE & MANAGER'S REPORT



Obey the 15 MPH Speed Limit and Stop Signs

Many residents walk throughout the community and a couple of people have shared a story with me of their near-death experience with a driver exiting the park. Slow down and stop when indicated. Be an example to others. When your friends or family with a lead foot visit, express your appreciation of them taking it slow when driving inside the community.

Home Sales

There were four homes sold in the previous month and currently four homes are in escrow. At the time of writing this article, there are six homes for sale.

Maintenance Update

Some of the streetlights went out on Palm St. due to a faulty electrical wire in the ground. A water leak was repaired in the street on the corner of Fir and Lucilla St. The arbor/gazebo over the clubhouse grill was rebuilt and painted. The pool deck had some chips which were filled.

Street Parking

Residents are not permitted to park on the streets, except when actively loading or unloading at the home site. Guests may park either in front of the host homeowner's home if no other vehicle is parked on the opposite side, or in designated guest parking spaces. Overnight parking on the street is prohibited.

Flag Disposal Box in the Clubhouse

Yep! You can retire damaged or worn flags at the clubhouse. The box is located in the main room by the fire pit.

Short & Quick

- The fiscal year ending **June 30, 2025** is rapidly approaching. Please make certain your June rent payment is for the exact amount on your statement. **No over or under payments for the month of June.**
- Additional occupants must be registered with the office and be a minimum of 35 years old. Additional occupants are "guests" and have no other rights of tenancy.
- Please pick up gravel or mulch from your property that falls onto the street.

"The best way to get along with people is to not expect them to be like you." — Joyce Meyer

Your concerns and needs ARE IMPORTANT!

If it is not urgent or an emergency, we encourage you to email us:

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Palomar Estates East Residents Association

PEERA



Notifications & Activities

PEERA Board Updates

Since our PEERA article last month, there have been numerous changes on the PEERA Board. On March 21st, our PEERA Chair, Michele Silva, presented to the Board her resignation due to other commitments that were demanding more time than anticipated.

We on the PEERA Board, and I am certain park residents, extend our thanks to Michele for her guidance and shared experience as well as talents. We wish her well and look forward to her continued support.

According to the PEERA Bylaws, and with the approval of the PEERA Board, I have moved from the position of Vice Chair to Chair.

Naturally, with my move to the Chair position, other changes were required as well. The Board has approved position changes to better utilize expertise and time. (Refer to the PEERA Board listing shown on this page.)

I prefer a team approach, project-based management, and believe communication is critical among the Board, Park Management, and Residents.

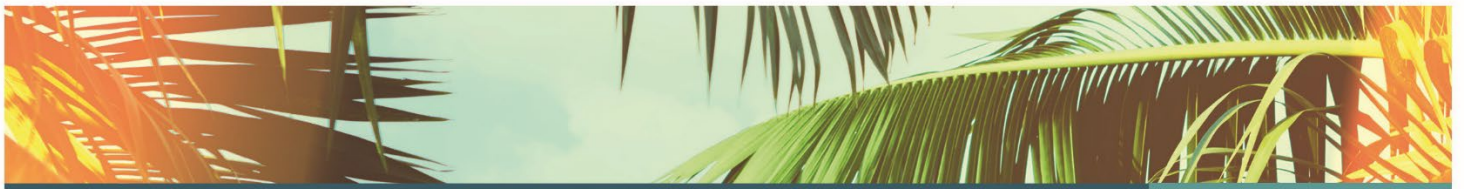
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Wish List Updates

As Vice Chair, I organized the 2025 Wish List over the past three months. I generated communication through resident meetings and Breeze updates. Due to the recent re-organization, I was unable to send my planned status of each Wish request to each individual who submitted a request. That will now begin around April 20th and will be placed directly in your mail tube.

A final Wish List was provided to Haven Management Services by March 31st. We anticipate receiving our budget approval in early May. We will keep you updated directly or through the Breeze.



Your Voice IN Our Community

PEERA Board peerasm.org

2025

I believe strongly in written processes to provide smooth transitions between members of any organization at any time.

Life is in constant change. That is a fact. This is especially true in our current age of technology. This makes the ability to react and make change more easily of utmost importance.

Each PEERA Board Member will be working on documenting processes associated with their position on the Board. We will consolidate that information into an Operations Manual.

We will work closely with Haven Management Services and the Palomar Estates East office staff with meaningful and helpful communications. We are here to work for you, the Residents, to convey our needs, desires, and concerns to Haven Management Services and Millennium Housing.

I encourage you to be an active participant – sharing ideas, improvements, observations and your talents. We will respond and build upon a better Palomar Estates East community for all. Please place your written correspondence in the PEERA mailbox in the Clubhouse hallway. The Board has many tasks ahead of us, so we need the written information to track the various tasks. I will personally also be available via email: conniemv99@aol.com or text 435-899-0976.

We ask for your support and participation while YOUR Board creates an improved organization with enthusiasm. Give us time and your trust to make this happen for YOU. Read *The Breeze* and stay informed.

I wish you all the enjoyment of Spring and Summer and let's Stay in Touch.

— **Connie Bloem**
PEERA Chair





Social Club



Cinco de Mayo!

POTLUCK

Celebration on MAY 2nd

(1st Friday Happy Hour)

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Let's feast with a Mexican twist!

Bring your favorite Mexican dish to share
And your beverage of choice to the
Palomar Estates East Clubhouse.

Make new friends and meet new neighbors.

Dress for Fiesta, or come as you are!



Cinco de Mayo...

Background of Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo, Spanish for 'Fifth of May,' is an annual celebration held on May 5 to celebrate Mexico's victory over the Second French Empire at the Battle of Puebla in 1862.

More popular in the United States than in Mexico, Cinco de Mayo has become associated with the celebration of Mexican-American culture. Celebrations began in Columbia, California, where they have been observed annually since 1862. The day gained nationwide popularity beyond those of Mexican-American heritage in the 1980s. In Mexico, the commemoration of the battle continues to be mostly ceremonial, such as through military parades or battle reenactments. The city of Puebla marks the event with various festivals and reenactments of the battle.

The image, "May 5, 1862 and the siege of Puebla," is from the *Biblioteca del Niño Mexicano*, a series of booklets for children detailing the history of Mexico.

Its Significance

The Battle of Puebla was significant, both nationally and internationally, for several reasons. This battle was significant in that the 4,000 Mexican soldiers were greatly outnumbered by the well-equipped French army of 8,000 that had not been defeated for almost 50 years. Since the overall failed French intervention, some have argued that no country in the Americas has subsequently been invaded by any other military force from Europe. Historian Justo Sierra has suggested in his *Political Evolution of the Mexican People* that, had Mexico not defeated the French in Puebla on May 5, 1862, France would have gone to the aid of the Confederate States of America in the American Civil War and the United States' destiny could have been different.



Resident-Hosted Event

Yes, We Have Breakfast Lovers!

Our recent Saturday morning breakfast on April 12th drew a vibrant crowd of breakfast lovers! The turnout and community support were incredible, with many smiling faces enjoying the morning together, fostering a sense of unity and connection through shared food and engaged conversation.

The resident response to this event was encouraging since it was the first resident host-coordinator event, reflecting the new organization of the Social Club.

I found it exhilarating and satisfying to offer a casual, welcoming event with an outstanding team of volunteers. That is what it's all about—bringing people together. When all was said and done, 90 tickets were sold, and the camaraderie was splendid.

Our clubhouse always provides a spacious and accessible setting for any event. Nine tables were arranged inside the clubhouse, with an additional two tables available in the patio. The tables were decorated with an iridescent spring theme.

We offered a diverse menu, featuring traditional breakfast favorites, catered to various tastes and preferences.

The clubhouse kitchen was filled with the aroma of freshly cooked food, the sounds of lively conversation as our neighbors and their guests arrived. The event served as a reminder of the strong community spirit here in Palomar Estates East, a sense of belonging and shared identity.

We look forward to continuing to build a breakfast-lovers community through delicious food and warm fellowship.

Your participation was greatly appreciated. I want to thank the hospitality crew for their cheerful volunteer services (the best!) and the Social Club for their contributions!

Gratefully yours,
Patty Gonzales
Resident Host-Coordinator



Resident-Hosted Event

Breakfast is a celebration of nourishment and gratitude ~Unknown

Many thanks to all who attended and a special shout out to our Team of Volunteers for this Event!
(The final cleaning touches: Clair Lunt (Not shown))



Yes, Jay Diaz even made blueberry pancakes! Yum!

Around Town

CARLSBAD

Carlsbad Village Street Faire, Downtown – May 4th

Sunday, 8 am to 5 pm



Since 1975, Carlsbad Village has been home to one of the largest street fairs in the United States – the Carlsbad Village Street Faire.

The Carlsbad Village Street Faire features over 750 unique vendors selling arts & crafts, antiques, unique clothing and more.

Children's rides, an international food center, and an old-fashioned pancake breakfast guarantee that you'll find fun for the whole family! Every faire draws crowds in the thousands.

Taste of Carlsbad Village Brunch, Downtown – May 17th

Saturday, 11 am to 2 pm



Taste of Carlsbad Village is a fan-favorite every fall, and this spring, we're giving brunch lovers something to look forward to.

Introducing the Taste of Carlsbad Village: Brunch Edition.

Get ready to explore the Village's top coffee houses, breakfast spots, and lunch destinations, many of which are unable to participate in our evening event.

With a single ticket, you'll embark on a self-guided culinary adventure through downtown Carlsbad, meeting the passionate chefs and owners behind your favorite eateries. Live music along the way will add to the vibrant atmosphere, making this a must-attend experience for food lovers and brunch enthusiasts alike.

ESCONDIDO

Escondido Renaissance Fair, Felicita County Park – May 3-4

Saturday, May 3rd - 10 am to 6 pm

Sunday, May 4th - 10 am to 5 pm



North County Cinco de Mayo Festival – May 4th

Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm

At Grape Day Park, Escondido



Escondido Street Festival – May 18th

Sunday, 10 am to 6 pm

This 30+ year old, annual spring street festival is located on Grand Avenue between Escondido Blvd and Juniper Street in beautiful Historic Downtown Escondido.

OCEANSIDE

World Rhythm and Dance Festival – May 17th

Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm

Introducing Oceanside's first ever World Rhythm & Dance Festival happening at the Oceanside Library Courtyard and Civic Center Plaza on Saturday May 17, 2025, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Find the festival at the heart of the city's cultural district celebrating global culture with music, open community dance and rhythm workshops, artisan and wellness market, and world dance performances. The entire festival is free and open to the public. Full event schedule TBA. Stay tuned.

VISTA

Vista Strawberry Festival, Downtown – May 25th

Sunday, 8 am to 6 pm

We're back for the 14th year of this berry sweet festival! Join us in Downtown Vista as we celebrate all things strawberry with delicious treats, live entertainment, a 5K run, and so much more.



Community Activities

All Are Welcome  Come Join the FUN!

ACTIVITY	WHO TO CONTACT AND MEETING SCHEDULES
BILLIARDS	Ken Hodor: (858) 752-0460: Wednesdays , 1:30 to 3:30 PM (East Small Clubhouse)
BILLIARDS	Peggy Shull: (619) 301-6591: Mondays , 1:30 to 3:30 PM (at West)
BINGO	Debbie Johnston & Delane Johnson: Thursdays , 6 PM (at West)
BOOK CLUB	Host Varies Monthly: 2nd Wednesday each month, 1:00 PM, Clubhouse Card Room.
BUNCO	Jetta Russell: (619) 994-5647: 3rd Thursday each month, 4:45 PM, games at 5 PM to 7:30 PM at the Palomar East Clubhouse in Card Room
CAR CLUB	Sandy Wagner: (602) 882-2977: 1st Wednesday each month, 7 PM, East Clubhouse
CERAMICS	Andrea Martin: Wednesdays , 6 - 8 PM, East Clubhouse, Arts & Craft Room
DANCE LESSONS	Anne Pearson (858) 610-4816: 2nd & 4th Thursdays , 2 - 3:30 PM, East Clubhouse
HAND & FOOT CARD GAME	Anne Litz (760) 846-5850 (Please leave message) or Marilyn Fluharty (218) 821-0337: Mondays and Thursdays , 1 PM, at Marilyn Fluharty's home (SpC 179)
MANIPULATION CARD GAME	Linda Cockrell (626) 274-1662: Wednesdays , 6 - 8 PM, East Clubhouse Card Room
PAINT CLASS	Dawn Anguiano , dawny46@gmail.com : (760) 802-2170 (1st Tuesday . 10 AM to 1 PM each month at Rancho Vallecitos)
QUILTING GROUP	Tuesdays , 9:30 AM to noon, East Clubhouse Card Room.
TAI CHI	Rudy Cobos (773) 519-6627: Fridays at 9:00 am, East Clubhouse
ZUMBA	Saleemah (803) 463-2880: Mondays: 10 AM, Thursdays: 11:15 AM; Both at Palomar East Clubhouse

Additional Park Activities

ACTIVITY	WHO TO CONTACT
Billiards	Ken Hodor
Bocce Ball	Carl Silva
Card Games	Card Room
Darts	Bill Richards
Fishing	Bill Richards
Fitness Facility	Ken Hodor

ACTIVITY	WHO TO CONTACT
Golf Putting Green	Dave Fenner
Horseshoes	Dave Fenner
Library	A.J. Jangula
Pickleball	Joanne Price
Ping Pong/ Tennis	Bill Mead
Puzzles	Card Room

Monthly Calendar





MAY 2025

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: The following are regular weekly activities that occur on the day indicated.

	1 PM – Hand & Foot Card Game 1:30 – 3:30 PM – Billiards (Pool) at West	9:30 AM – Quilting Group 10 AM – Zumba	1:30 – 3:30 Billiards 6 – 8 PM – Ceramics 6 – 8 PM – Manipulation Card Game	11:15 AM – Zumba 1 PM – Hand & Foot Card Game 6 PM – Bingo (West)	9 AM – Tai Chi	
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SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: The following activities occur only on the dates indicated

				1 8 AM Donut Day – Clubhouse	2 5:00 PM Cinco de Mayo Happy Hour at Clubhouse 	3
4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6  10 AM to 1 PM Paint Class –(Vallecitos) 5:30 PM PEERA Board Meeting – Clubhouse	7	8 2 – 3:30 PM Dance Lessons – Clubhouse	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14  1 PM Book Club – Clubhouse	15 4:45 – 7:30 PM Bunco –Start at 5PM at Clubhouse Card Room	16	17 Armed Forces Day
18	19	20 	21	22 2 – 3:30 PM Dance Lessons – Clubhouse	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31

Park Member News

Welcome New Neighbors

We look forward to getting to know you! Please fill out the envelopes found in your Welcome tote. You can return them to the Social Club and/or PEERA lockboxes in the clubhouse.

- Lisa Serhan Space 372
Arrived: 3/3/2025
- Stephanie Torrinello-Stier
 Space 287
Arrived: 3/26/2025

Wedding Anniversaries

May 1	Kenyon & Kimra Ackley
May 12	Larry & Diane Wright
May 14	Gordon & Lidia Penge
May 16	Sam & Kelly Biondo
May 16	Walt & Anne Pearson
May 19	Timothy & Esther La Fuze
May 24	Ken & Marie Losey
May 25	Michael & Jen Weiss
May 28	Bob & Jane Manchip
May 31	Bob Zarb-Cousin & Jeannette Holtham

May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month!

The month of May is dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of skin cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment. During this month, various organizations and medical professionals share information and resources to educate the public about the risks of skin cancer and how to protect themselves from the sun. Key aspects of skin cancer awareness are described below.

Raising Awareness

The month aims to highlight the fact that skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the United States, and many cases are preventable.

Promoting Self-Exams

Individuals are encouraged to regularly check their skin for any new, changing, or unusual moles, spots, or growths.

Emphasizing Sun Safety

The importance of practicing safe sun habits, such as using broad-spectrum sunscreen, seeking shade during peak sun hours, and wearing protective clothing, is emphasized.

Encouraging Professional Checkups

It is recommended that individuals schedule regular skin cancer screenings with a dermatologist, especially those with a family history of skin cancer or other risk factors.

Providing Resources

Various organizations, including The Skin Cancer Foundation, the American Academy of Dermatology, and the National Cancer Institute, offer information, resources, and support to help individuals stay informed and proactive about their skin health.

Why it is important to be aware

Early detection and treatment significantly improve the chances of successful outcomes for skin cancer patients.

By understanding the risks and taking preventive measures, individuals can significantly reduce their chances of developing skin cancer.

Skin cancer awareness helps break down the stigma surrounding the disease and encourages individuals to seek help if they notice any concerning changes on their skin.

Park Member News

Celebrating Our May Birthdays!

1	Ha Le To	21	Victoria La Guardia
2	Rick Hadnagy	21	Brenda Bomar
2	Toni Simpson	23	Sean Ahern
2	Jami Smith	23	Sharon Veal
3	Lauren Grey	23	Elizabeth Smith
3	Pamela Schaible	24	Deborah Ash
5	Mario Leon	24	Jerome Wernow
6	Kathleen Barrett	25	Jay Diaz
6	Marilyn Fluharty	25	Jacqueline Underwood
7	Patricia Pasqualetti	25	Bertha Jaquish
8	Margaret McClain	26	Richard Johnson
9	Billy Brandon	26	Johanna Brooks
14	Sharon Irving	26	Kim Cyr
15	Patrice Jensen	27	Joann Reinstein
17	Paul Van Middlesworth	28	Deborah Lyon
18	Susan Lawes	29	William Richards
19	Elsie Ashcraft	31	Cecilia Ralston

Book Review – The Last Bookshop in London

by Madeline Martin



A heartwarming story of love, friendship, and survival set against the backdrop of WWII-era London, where a young woman discovers the transformative power of storytelling to unite her community during the darkest nights of war.

August 1939: London is dismal under the weight of impending war with Germany as Hitler's forces continue to sweep across Europe. Grace Bennett, wanting to leave her troubled past in the countryside, and her best friend Viv, set out to London. There, they are invited to share the home of Grace's late mother's best friend, Mrs. Weatherford. Without a letter of referral from her Uncle, Mrs. Weatherford secures Grace a position at the Primrose Hill Book Shop with its owner the, curmudgeon Mr. Evans.

Grace dreamed of working in the department stores like Viv, and knows nothing about books, but a handsome young man gifts her a book before he is called up to war and opens the door to a passion for the written word.

From the bookish goodness, to the rich details of life in London during the bombings and the goings on in Grace's life, we are given a close-up view of the strife filled life of Londoners. We have a slow-burn side of romance, but the primary focus is Grace, the bookshop, and her impact on the surrounding community during the dark and difficult times. Grace is wonderful and genuine and she affects the lives of everyone she touches.

Fans of historical fiction with historical details of WWII in London will want to add this story to their bookshelves. Fans of bookshop tales who haven't dabbled in historical fiction should give this one a try.

Book Club



Audrey Hepburn said "For my whole life, my favorite activity was reading. It's not the most social pastime."

If you like to read, or you want to be social and see if you like to read, come join us on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1pm in the clubhouse library. We're a friendly bunch and not all of us read every book. But it's interesting to hear what others think of the book. Sometimes it triggers a desire to read more. We hope to see you there. Minimally, you get to meet a friendly bunch. And there's snacks.

- **May Book – *The Last Bookshop in London*: A Novel of World War II**, by Madeline Martin

Host for May: Lydia Harry

- **June Book – *Nine Perfect Strangers***, by Lane Moriarty

Host for June: Leslie Dranko

Honoring Our Heroes

Memorial Day Celebrations

Memorial Day....a national holiday, a day often associated with barbecues, fun times with family and friends, sports events, the beginning of summer! And certainly, these are part of celebrations that bring fond family and friends memories.



National Moment of Remembrance at 3 pm

"A person dies twice: once when they take their last breath, and later, the last time their name is spoken."

Together, we can keep every hero alive.

The National Moment of Remembrance is an annual event that asks Americans, wherever they are at 3:00 p.m. local time on Memorial Day, to pause for one minute to remember those who have died in military service to the United States. The time 3:00 p.m. was chosen because it is when most Americans are enjoying time off work for the national holiday. The Memorial was first proclaimed in May 2000 for Memorial Day that year and was enacted into law by the United States Congress in December 2000.

The "Memory" Part of Memorial Day

"Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) is one of the federal holidays in the United States for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. It is observed on the last Monday of May."

"It is a day for visiting cemeteries and memorials to mourn the military personnel who died in the line of duty. Volunteers will place American flags on the graves of those military personnel in national cemeteries. Others such as family and friends will also come to lay flowers and grieve on the graves of those who died in the US military."

—Excerpts from Wikipedia

When the last Monday of May, the 26th, rolls around this year, we should all take some time to acknowledge and appreciate the fallen heroes who lost their lives serving in our military.



Honoring Our Heroes

Memorial Day – A Look Back

Memorial Day is a national holiday honoring those who have died while in service in the US Armed Forces.

It's easy to confuse Memorial Day with Veteran's Day. In fact, some research shows that 28% of people confuse the two. Veterans Day honors all military veterans who have served in the US Armed Forces. Memorial Day honors those that have died while serving their country.

Observance of Decoration Day (now called Memorial Day) began as a way for people to decorate the graves of fallen Civil War soldiers with flowers and flags.

In 1868, General John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), an organization of Union veterans, issued a proclamation designating May 30th as "Decoration Day".

The date and location of the first local observance is disputed; however, on May 30, 1868, the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union Civil War veterans, called for the first national observance by its members. As part of ceremonies held at Arlington National Cemetery on this day, 5,000 participants strewed flowers on the graves of the dead.

Then-Congressman James Garfield spoke about the solemn occasion.

"We do not know one promise these men made, one pledge they gave, one word they spoke; but we do know they summed up and perfected, by one supreme act, the highest virtues of men and citizens. For love of country, they accepted death, and thus resolved all doubts, and made immortal their patriotism and their virtue," he said.

While Decoration Day was the original name, the holiday gradually became known as Memorial Day, especially after World War I, when it expanded to honor all American war dead.

And after World War I, the holiday was expanded to honor all American war fatalities. The name "Memorial Day" became more commonplace after World War II. But the federal government didn't officially adopt that name until 1967.

Congress officially recognized Memorial Day as a federal holiday in 1971, changing the observance date to the last Monday in May.

Avoiding "Happy Memorial Day"

While the statement, "Happy Memorial Day," is simply a gesture of good wishes for the day, it can be hurtful to those who lost loved ones in service to our country, insensitive to the holiday's true meaning.

Some people will agree that Memorial Day should be used to celebrate the lives of those lost, rather than grieve their death. They'd rather not honor their loved ones through grieving. That's completely understandable. It's a personal decision. Regardless, there may be better ways to address the holiday that work across the board, such as the following:

- Wishing you a beautiful Memorial Day weekend.
- We wish you a meaningful and memorable Memorial Day.
- Wishing you a blessed Memorial Day

Is it Time to Replace Your Flag?

An American flag should be replaced when it is no longer fit for display—meaning it is torn, frayed, faded, or stained, or generally worn out. A good rule of thumb is to replace an outdoor flag every year, depending on its quality and its usage.



Review of Earthquake Safety

Seven Steps to Earthquake Safety



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PREPARE

- 1 Secure your space** by identifying hazards and securing moveable items.
- 2 Plan to be safe** by creating your emergency plan and deciding how you will communicate.
- 3 Organize emergency supplies** in convenient locations.
- 4 Minimize financial hardship** by organizing important documents, strengthening your property, and considering insurance coverage.



SURVIVE

- 5 Drop, Cover, and Hold On** or other recommended actions (if you feel shaking or get an alert).
- 6 Improve safety** after earthquakes by evacuating if necessary, helping the injured, and preventing further injuries or damage.



RECOVER

- 7 Reconnect and Restore** daily life by reuniting with others, repairing damage, and rebuilding community.



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