

Upcoming Holidays

February 12th

Abraham Lincoln's
Birthday

February 13th

Mardi Gras/ Fat Tuesday

February 14th

Ash Wednesday/Valentine's
Day

February 19th

President's Day

February 21st

George Washington's
Birthday

Inspirational Quotes:

"Twenty years from now
you will be more
disappointed by the things
that you didn't do than by
the ones you did do, so
throw off the bowlines, sail
away from safe harbor, and
catch the trade winds in
your sails. Explore, Dream,
Discover." —Mark Twain

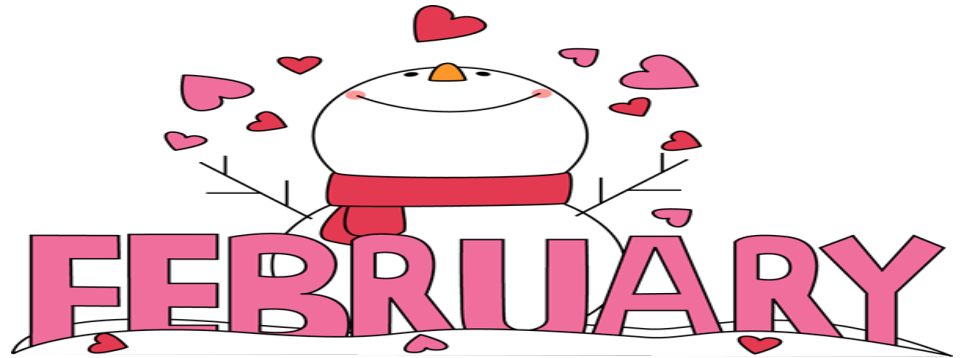
"I have learned over the years
that when one's mind is made up,
this diminishes fear." —Rosa Parks

"Nothing is impossible, the word
itself says 'I'm possible'! —Audrey
Hepburn

"I've learned that people will forget
what you said, people will forget
what you did, but people will never
forget how you made them feel". —
Maya Angelou

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What is the month of February?????

Some people slag off the month of February like there should be a hole in the calendar. Yes it's cold, wet and not-quite-spring-yet, but February has plenty of other good stuff going for it. Easter is technically not until April, but Creme Eggs have officially hit the shelves and it's time for our annual chocolate-egg love affair. Hallelujah January is over! We can officially ditch the diet and get back to eating warming winter pies and slow cooked stews. "We gotta eat to heat" as they say." The days are getting longer, the evenings lighter, and before you know it, it will be spring. But February is not just about these things it's.....

February is American Heart Month, Black History Month, and An Affair to Remember Month, Canned Food Month, Creative Romance Month, Great American Pie Month, National Cherry Month, National Children's Dental Health Month, National Grapefruit Month, and National Weddings Month. Never knew that all of this existed in one month. Did you know that every day of this month is either a Daily Holiday, or a Special and or Wacky Day? Who comes up with these days? Maybe I will try and do some of these days. (See below)

- 1st National Freedom Day and No Politics Day**
- 2nd Bubble Gum Day, Candlemas, and Ground Hog Day**
- 3rd Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day, Feed the Birds Day, and The Day the Music Died - Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and the Big Bopper died in a plane crash in 1959.**
- 4th Create a Vacuum Day, Stuffed Mushroom Day, Super bowl Sunday, and Thank a Mailman Day**
- 5th National Weatherman's Day, and World Nutella Day**
- 6th Lame Duck Day, National Chopsticks Day**
- 7th Wave All you Fingers at Your Neighbor Day, Send a Card to a Friend Day**
- 8th Boy Scout Day and Kite Flying Day**
- 9th National Pizza Day and Toothache Day**
- 10th Umbrella Day**
- 11th Don't Cry over Spilled Milk Day, Make a Friend Day, National Inventors Day, and White T-Shirt Day**
- 12th Abraham Lincoln's Birthday, Clean out Your Computer Day, and National Lost Penny Day, Plum Pudding Day**
- 13th Get a Different Name Day, Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday**
- 14th Ash Wednesday, Ferris Wheel Day, National Organ Donor Day, and Valentine's Day**



Birthdays

Kasim Cheatum- 11th
Katina Hunt- 14th

“Happy Birthday to you both. The warmest wishes to great members of our STG Family. May your special day be full of happiness, fun and cheer!”

Anniversaries

Rachel Winchester- 22nd
Two year anniversary

Eric Sortor- 28th
Four year anniversary

“Here at STG we would like to thank you for your continued service to the company and the government. “Keep on inspiring us on the years that are going to come. And we hope you know just how much we need you, respect you and value you as our colleague. Happy Anniversary!”

New Members to the Family:

Venita Hill is our newest member to the STG family. She will be starting her new journey with us on February 5th as a Strategic Communications Manager, and will be working in Herndon, VA. So if you see her in passing maybe in the cafeteria or see another STG shirt or lanyard and it's a face you don't recognize. Make sure you say **HELLO**, and give her a **WARM** welcome!! Welcome to the **FAM!!**

15th National Gum Drop Day, Singles Awareness Day, Susan B Anthony Day
16th Chinese New Year's - *date varies*, and Do a Grouch a Favor Day
17th Random Acts of Kindness Day, and National Pancake Day
18th National Battery Day and National Drink Wine Day
19th National Chocolate Mint Day and President's Day
20th Cherry Pie Day, Hoodie Hoo Day, and Love Your Pet Day
21st Card Reading Day
22nd George Washington's Birthday, Be Humble Day, International World Thinking Day, National Margarita Day, and Walking the Dog Day
23rd International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day, and Tennis Day
24th National Tortilla Chip Day, and Open That Bottle Night
25th Pistol Patent Day
26th Carnival Day, National Pistachio Day, and Tell a Fairy Tale Day
27th Polar Bear Day, and No Brainer Day
28th Floral Design Day, Public Sleeping Day, and National Tooth Fairy Day

Let's learn a little History this month. Some old some fairly new.....
www.thehistoryplace.com

On February 1.....

February 1, 1960 - In Greensboro, North Carolina, four African American students sat down and ordered coffee at a lunch counter inside a Woolworth's store. They were refused service, but did not leave. Instead, they waited all day. The scene was repeated over the next few days, with protests spreading to other southern states, resulting in the eventual arrest of over 1,600 persons for participating in sit-ins.

February 1, 2003 - Sixteen minutes before it was scheduled to land, the Space Shuttle Columbia broke apart in flight over west Texas, killing all seven crew members. The accident may have resulted from damage caused during liftoff when a piece of insulating foam from the external fuel tank broke off, piercing a hole in the shuttle's left wing that allowed hot gases to penetrate the wing upon re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere. This was the second space shuttle lost in flight. In January 1986, Challenger exploded during liftoff.

On February 2.....

February 2, 1990 - In South Africa, the 30-year-old ban on the African National Congress was lifted by President F.W. de Klerk, who also promised to free Nelson Mandela and remove restrictions on political opposition groups.

On February 3.....

February 3, 1865 - A four-hour peace conference occurred between President Abraham Lincoln and Confederate Vice President Alexander Stephens at Hampton Roads, Virginia. The meeting was unsuccessful as President Lincoln insisted there could be no armistice until the Confederates acknowledged Federal authority. The Confederates wanted an armistice first. Thus the Civil War continued.

February 3, 1870 - The 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, guaranteeing the right of citizens to vote, regardless of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

February 3, 1913 - The 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting Congress the authority to collect income taxes.

February 3, 1943 - An extraordinary act of heroism occurred in the icy waters off Greenland after the U.S. Army transport ship Dorchester was hit by a German torpedo and began to sink rapidly. When it became apparent there were not enough life jackets, four U.S. Army chaplains on board removed theirs, handed them to frightened young soldiers, and chose to go down with the ship while praying.

On February 4.....

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February 4, 1861 - Apache Chief Cochise was arrested in Arizona by the U.S. Army for raiding a ranch. Cochise then escaped and declared war, beginning the period known as the Apache Wars, which lasted 25 years.

February 4, 1985 - Twenty countries in the United Nations signed a document entitled "Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment."

On February 5.....

February 5, 1917 - The new constitution of Mexico, allowing for sweeping social changes, was adopted.

On February 6.....

February 6, 1788 - Massachusetts became the sixth state to ratify the new U.S. Constitution, by a vote of 187 to 168.

February 6, 1933 - The 20th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was adopted. It set the date for the Presidential Inauguration as January 20th, instead of the old date of March 4th. It also sets January 3rd as the official opening date of Congress.

February 6, 1952 - King George VI of England died. Upon his death, his daughter Princess Elizabeth became Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Her actual coronation took place on June 2, 1953.

On February 7.....

February 7, 1795 - The 11th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, limiting the powers of the Federal Judiciary over the states by prohibiting Federal lawsuits against individual states.

On February 8.....

February 8, 1587 - Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots, was beheaded at Fotheringhay, England, after 19 years as a prisoner of Queen Elizabeth I. She became entangled in the complex political events surrounding the Protestant Reformation in England and was charged with complicity in a plot to assassinate Elizabeth.

February 8, 1910 - The Boy Scouts of America was founded by William Boyce in Washington, D.C., modeled after the British Boy Scouts.

On February 9.....

February 9, 1943 - During World War II in the Pacific, U.S. troops captured Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands after six months of battle, with 9,000 Japanese and 2,000 Americans killed.

On February 10.....

February 10, 1942 - The first Medal of Honor during World War II was awarded to 2nd Lt. Alexander Nininger (posthumously) for heroism during the Battle of Bataan.

February 10, 1967 - The 25th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, clarifying the procedures for presidential succession in the event of the disability of a sitting president.

On February 11.....

February 11, 1929 - Italian dictator Benito Mussolini granted political independence to Vatican City and recognized the sovereignty of the Pope (Holy See) over the area, measuring about 110 acres.

February 11, 1990 - In South Africa, Nelson Mandela, at age 71, was released from prison after serving 27 years of a life sentence on charges of attempting to

Movies to go see this Month:

Winchester February 2nd



Fifty Shades Free February 9th



15:17 Paris February 9th

overthrow the apartheid government. In April 1994, he was elected president in the first all-race elections.

February 11, 2011 - In Egypt, President Hosni Mubarak resigned amid a massive protest calling for his ouster. Thousands of young Egyptians and others had protested non-stop for 18 days in Cairo, Alexandria and elsewhere. Mubarak had ruled Egypt for nearly 30 years, functioning as a virtual dictator.

On February 12.....

February 12, 1999 - The impeachment trial of President Bill Clinton in the U.S. Senate ended. With the whole world watching via television, Senators stood up one by one during the final roll call to vote "guilty" or "not guilty." On Article 1 (charging Clinton with perjury) 55 senators, including 10 Republicans and all 45 Democrats voted not guilty. On Article 2 (charging Clinton with obstruction of justice) the Senate split evenly, 50 for and 50 against the President. With the necessary two-thirds majority not having been achieved, President Clinton was thus acquitted on both charges and served out the remainder of his term of office lasting through January 20, 2001.

On February 13.....

February 13, 1635 - Boston Latin School, the first tax-payer supported (public) school in America was established in Boston, Massachusetts.

February 13, 1945 - During World War II in Europe, British and American planes began massive bombing raids on Dresden, Germany. A four-day firestorm erupted that was visible for 200 miles and engulfed the historic old city, killing an estimated 135,000 German civilians.

On February 14.....

February 14, 1849 - Photographer Mathew Brady took the first photograph of a U.S. President in office, James Polk.

February 14, 1929 - The St. Valentine's Day massacre occurred in Chicago as seven members of the Bugs Moran gang were gunned down by five of Al Capone's mobsters posing as police.

On February 15.....

February 15, 1898 - In Havana, the U.S. Battleship Maine was blown up while at anchor and quickly sank with 260 crew members lost. The incident inflamed public opinion in the U.S., resulting in a declaration of war against Spain on April 25, 1898, amid cries of "Remember the Maine!"

February 15, 1933 - An assassination attempt on newly elected U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt occurred in Miami, Florida. A spectator deflected the gunman's aim. As a result, Chicago Mayor Anton Cermak was shot and killed instead. The gunman, an Italian immigrant, was captured and later sentenced to death.

February 15, 1989 - Soviet Russia completed its military withdrawal from Afghanistan after nine years of unsuccessful involvement in the civil war between Muslim rebel groups and the Russian-backed Afghan government. Over 15,000 Russian soldiers had been killed in the fighting.

On February 17.....

February 17, 1865 - During the American Civil War, Fort Sumter in South Carolina was returned to the Union after nearly a year and a half under Confederate control. The fort had been the scene of the first shots of the war.

February 17, 1909 - Apache Chief Geronimo (1829-1909) died while in captivity at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He had led a small group of warriors on raids throughout Arizona and New Mexico. Caught once, he escaped. The U.S. Army then sent 5,000 men to recapture him.



Movies continued:

Marvel: Black Panther February 16th



Every Day February 23rd



Annihilation February 23rd

On February 19.....

February 19, 1942 - Internment of Japanese Americans began after President Franklin Roosevelt issued an Executive Order requiring those living on the Pacific coast to report for relocation. Over 110,000 persons therefore shut down their businesses, sold off their property, quit school and moved inland to the relocation centers.

On February 20.....

February 20, 1943 - German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel broke through American lines at Kasserine Pass in North Africa as inexperienced U.S. Troops lost their first major battle of World War II in Europe, with 1,000 Americans killed.

February 20, 1962 - Astronaut John Glenn became the first American launched into orbit. Traveling aboard the "Friendship 7" spacecraft, Glenn reached an altitude of 162 miles (260 kilometers) and completed three orbits in a flight lasting just under five hours. Glenn was the third American in space, preceded by Alan Shepard and Virgil "Gus" Grissom who had each completed short sub-orbital flights. All of them had been preceded by Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin who was the first human in space, completing one orbit on April 12, 1961 - a feat that intensified the already ongoing Space Race between the Russians and Americans. Glenn's successful flight showed the Americans had caught up and was followed in September 1962 by President John F. Kennedy's open call to land an American on the moon before the decade's end.

On February 21.....

February 21, 1965 - Former Black Muslim leader Malcolm X (1925-1965) was shot and killed while delivering a speech in a ballroom in New York City.

February 21, 1972 - President Richard Nixon arrived in China for historic meetings with Chairman Mao Tse-tung and Premier Chou En-lai.

February 21, 1994 - CIA agent Aldrich Ames was arrested on charges he spied for the Soviet Union from 1985 to 1991.

On February 22.....

February 22, 1956 - In Montgomery, Alabama, 80 participants in the three-month-old bus boycott voluntarily gave themselves up for arrest after an ultimatum from white city leaders. Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks were among those arrested. Later in 1956, the U.S. Supreme Court mandated desegregation of the buses.

On February 23.....

February 23, 1942 - During World War II, the first attack on the U.S. mainland occurred as a Japanese submarine shelled an oil refinery near Santa Barbara, California, causing minor damage.

February 23, 1991 - In Desert Storm, the Allied ground offensive began after a devastating month-long air campaign targeting Iraqi troops in both Iraq and Kuwait.

On February 24.....

February 24, 1582 - Pope Gregory XIII corrected mistakes on the Julian calendar by dropping 10 days and directing that the day after October 4, 1582 would be October 15th. The Gregorian, or New Style calendar, was then adopted by Catholic countries, followed gradually by Protestant and other nations.



February 24, 1867 - The House of Representatives voted to impeach President Andrew Johnson. The vote followed bitter opposition by the Radical Republicans in Congress toward Johnson's reconstruction policies in the South. However, the effort to remove him failed in the Senate by just one vote.

On February 26.....

February 26, 1848 - The Communist Manifesto pamphlet was published by two young socialists, Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels. It advocated the abolition of all private property and a system in which workers own all means of production, land, factories and machinery.

February 26, 1994 - Political foes of Russian President Boris Yeltsin were freed by a general amnesty granted by the new Russian Parliament.

On February 27.....

February 27, 1950 - The 22nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, limiting the president to two terms or a maximum of ten years in office.

February 27, 1991 - In Desert Storm, the 100-hour ground war ended as Allied troops entered Kuwait just four days after launching their offensive against Saddam Hussein's Iraqi forces.

On February 28.....

February 28, 1844 - During a demonstration of naval fire power, one of the guns aboard the USS Princeton exploded, killing several top U.S. government officials on the steamer ship, and narrowly missed killing President John Tyler.

February 28, 1986 - Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme (1927-1986) was assassinated in Stockholm while exiting a movie theater with his wife.

February 28, 1994 - NATO conducted its first combat action in its 45 year history as four Bosnian Serb jets were shot down by American fighters in a no-fly zone.



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We want to hear from you? Please let us know if you are having an issues at the work place. Unfortunately Riley is not on site anymore to be there, but Walter is. Don't hesitate to call or email Riley, Walter, Eric, Stacy or Krista with any questions or concerns you may be having. It can be little or big. Our biggest thing here at STG is to make sure you are happy at all times. Your happiness is our happiness. Keep up the good work and working to achieve any goal you have set for yourself, for it may be personal or for work. Also let us know if there is something that we need to do more of etc. Look forward to hearing from you.....

February Incentive Challenge

This Month we are going to do a Super Bowl Pool. Everyone's name will be randomly added in the pool by their first name. Each person will have 4 blocks. So you will have the chance to win up to \$500 that's if you when all 4 quarters. It is \$125 a quarter. For those who don't know how it works here are the instructions on how it works.

A winner will be determined at the end of the 1st quarter, 2nd quarter, 3rd quarter, and Final Game score. The winner is determined by looking at the last number in each teams' score, and then matching those numbers on the grid and seeing which square intersects those two numbers.

An example would be if the Miami Dolphins were playing the New York Giants in the Super Bowl, and the score at halftime was Miami Dolphins 23, and NY Giants 14. The last number for the Dolphins is 3, and the last number for the Giants is 4. The square on the grid that has the Dolphins with a number of 3, and Giants score of 4, would be the winner. **(See example below)**

		Miami Dolphins									
		8	5	6	4	1	2	3	9	7	0
New York Giants	0										
	6										
	2										
	4							Winner			
	7										
	9										
	1										
	3										
	5										
	4										

Created at <http://SuperBowlSquares.org>

Make sure you print the pool so you can keep track if you are watching the game. GOOD LUCK!!!!

Winners will be announced on Monday the 5th.

See next page for the pool.



SUPER BOWL LII February 4, 2018 Minnesota



New England Patriots

Philadelphia Eagles

	6	4	0	3	8	7	1	9	2	5
2	Walt	Mark	Venita	Charles	Patrick	Kasim	Adam	Nina	Kia	Jason
8	Rachel	Olivia	Kweeday	Nina	Paula	Dan	LaTonya	Melody	Kasim	Eric
1	Katina	Anthony	Dan	Walt	Olivia	Rachel	Chris	Eric	Jennifer	Olivia
7	Kia	Adam	Nina	Stacy	Jason	Katina	Melody	Mark	Kweeday	Anthony
9	Melody	LaTonya	Patrick	Kasim	Jennifer	Charles	Dan	Walt	Patrick	Adam
0	Jason	Charles	Dan	Mark	Krista	Rachel	Kasim	Patrick	Jason	Melody
3	Eric	Walt	Chris	Riley	Stacy	Paula	Eric	Katina	Stacy	LaTonya
5	Anthony	Kweeday	Rachel	Kia	Riley	Adam	Krista	Jennifer	Chris	Kweeday
4	Chris	Paula	Stacy	Mark	Venita	Anthony	Nina	Riley	Paula	Krista
6	Jennifer	Olivia	Krista	Katina	Riley	LaTonya	Venita	Venita	Kia	Charles



Recipes

Slow Cooker Recipes to warm the soul. During the winter months.
allrecipes.com

Slow Cooker Chicken and Dumplings



Prep: 10 min. Cook: 6 hrs.

Ingredients:

4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
2 tablespoons butter
2 (10.75 ounce) cans condensed cream of chicken soup
1 onion, finely diced
2 (10 ounce) packages refrigerated biscuit dough, torn into pieces

Directions:

Place the chicken, butter, soup, and onion in a slow cooker, and fill with enough water to cover.
Cover, and cook for 5 to 6 hours on High. About 30 minutes before serving, place the torn biscuit dough in the slow cooker. Cook until the dough is no longer raw in the center.

Slow Cooker Jambalaya



Prep: 20 min. Cook: 8 hrs.

Ingredients:

1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast halves - cut into 1 inch cubes
1 pound andouille sausage, sliced 1 (28 ounce) can diced tomatoes with juice
1 large onion, chopped
1 large green bell pepper, chopped
1 cup chopped celery
1 cup chicken broth
2 teaspoons dried oregano
2 teaspoons dried parsley 2 teaspoons Cajun seasoning
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
1 pound frozen cooked shrimp without tails

Directions:

In a slow cooker, mix the chicken, sausage, tomatoes with juice, onion, green bell pepper, celery, and broth. Season with oregano, parsley, Cajun seasoning, cayenne pepper, and thyme.
Cover, and cook 7 to 8 hours on Low, or 3 to 4 hours on High. Stir in the shrimp during the last 30 minutes of cook time.
Serve over Rice.

Slow Cooker Pot Roast



Prep: 20 min. Cook: 6 h 30 m

Ingredients

1 (5 pound) bone-in beef pot roast salt and pepper to taste
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour, or as needed
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
8 ounces sliced mushrooms
1 medium onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 tablespoon butter
1 1/2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon tomato paste
2 1/2 cups chicken broth
3 medium carrots, cut into chunks
2 stalks celery, cut into chunks
1 sprig fresh rosemary
2 sprigs fresh thyme

Directions:

Generously season both sides of roast with salt and pepper. Sprinkle flour over the top until well coated, and pat it into the meat. Shake off any excess. Heat vegetable oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Sear the roast on both sides for 5-6 minutes each, until well browned. Remove from the skillet and set aside. Reduce the heat to medium and stir in mushrooms and butter; cook for 3-4 minutes. Stir in onion; cook for 5 minutes, until onions are translucent and begin to brown. Add garlic, stir for about a minute. Stir in 1 1/2 tablespoons flour; cook and stir for about 1 minute. Add tomato paste, and cook for another minute. Slowly add chicken stock, stir to combine, and return to a simmer. Remove skillet from the heat. Place carrots and celery in the slow cooker. Place roast over the vegetables and pour in any accumulated juices. Add rosemary and thyme. Pour onion and mushroom mixture over the top of the roast. Cover slow cooker, turn to high and cook the roast for 5-6 hours, until the meat is fork tender. Skim off any fat from the surface and remove the bones. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve with mashed potatoes.

***For Easy Cleanup Try using a liner in your slow cooker for easier cleanup.**

