



Notable Quotable

“The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain.”

~ Dolly Parton



January Horoscopes and Birthdays

In astrology, those born between January 1–19 are Capricorn’s Goats. Goats are responsible masters of self-control and considered some of the hardest workers in the zodiac. Those born from January 20–31 are the Water Bearers of Aquarius. These deep-thinking intellectuals have big and original dreams. The world is full of possibilities, and Aquarians seek freedom in order to reach their greatest potential.

- Betsy Ross – Jan. 1, 1752
- Isaac Newton – Jan. 4, 1643
- Diane Keaton – Jan. 5, 1946
- Zora Neale Hurston – Jan. 7, 1891
- Elvis Presley – Jan. 8, 1935
- Mary G. – Jan 16
- Martin Luther King Jr. – Jan. 15, 1929
- Don B. & Margaret M. – Jan 18
- Dolly Parton – Jan 19, 1946
- Bernice W. – Jan 24
- Anne S. – Jan 27
- Oprah Winfrey – Jan. 29, 1954
- Jackie Robinson – Jan. 31, 1919

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But thanks to a never-say-die, can-do attitude forged in the hardships of the Great Depression, Americans went to work and by 1945 had built a massive army capable of fighting the Pacific, Asia, Europe, and in the Mediterranean, as well as a civilian workforce to support it. Surely there were defeats and missteps in battle, but the Greatest Generation never did cast blame or look for a scapegoat. They instead forged

ahead to the next challenge. Perseverance, bravery, and mutual respect would become their generational hallmarks.

Lessons learned during the war were put to use in postwar America. There was little room for endless hemming and hawing on the battlefield. So, too, in the boardroom, in laboratories, and in politics. Common experience united the Greatest Generation in bonds that could not be broken.

Snow Angel

Wilson Bentley was a young farmer in Vermont when he snapped the first photograph of a snowflake on January 15, 1885. He was not a scientist or photographer, but after his parents gave him a microscope at age 15, he became fascinated with the natural world. Taking photographs of snowflakes was not easy. After all, their crystals melt at the slightest hint of warmth. Bentley had to invent his own equipment, rigging together a microscope and camera, to capture his ephemeral subjects.

He would stand in the cold for hours, waiting for the perfect flake and then transfer it under the lens using a feather as a tool. Until his death in 1931, Bentley photographed 5,000 different snowflakes and was the first to argue that no two snowflakes were alike. Scientists attempted to replicate Bentley’s work to no avail. They even accused him of fraud. But Bentley’s images were more than scientific research; they were artistic masterpieces, secret glimpses into nature’s wonderful geometry.

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Celebrating January

Get Organized Month

International Creativity Month

Volunteer Blood Donor Month

First Foot Day
January 1

Trivia Day
January 4

Bobblehead Day
January 7

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 18

Dolly Parton Day
January 19

Compliment Day
January 24

Kazoo Day
January 28

Inspire Your Heart with Art Day
January 31

The Greatest Generation

It was the journalist Tom Brokaw who coined the phrase “The Greatest Generation” as a tribute to those born in 1924 and earlier. This generation faced more than its fair share of hardship, coming of age during the Great Depression and fighting the evils of World War II. There are still many lessons to be learned from this generation, and if we listen carefully enough, we might even learn that any generation can be called the “greatest.”

been called a “collective ethos,” a united mindset that grew out of the rally against the oppressive tyranny of the Nazis in defense of freedom. America was a small country reeling from the Great Depression. The United States Army was smaller than that of Portugal. The Great Depression had also decimated government coffers, making it difficult to find money to support the military.

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The Greatest Generation has also been called the G.I. Generation by historians, due to the fact that 16 million Americans served in the military during World War II. This shared trial created what has



Back to Sunday School?

Trinity Hills resident Dr. Chris Templar will be leading a weekly Sunday Bible Study session on Apostle Paul starting on January 10th at 2:15pm in the Chapel after Chaplain David Collins’ Chapel session. She has been teaching for more than 35 years at Johnson University in Knoxville, Tennessee. The School of Education was named the Templar School of Education in

honor of Dr. Templar. She was instrumental in the design and delivery of Johnson’s teacher education programs. Dr. Templar’s distinguished career continues through her recent appointment as director of international teacher education and director of educational technology, focusing her efforts on Johnson graduate students from China.

Martin Luther King, Jr. – Did You Know?



Monday, January 18th would have been MLK Jr.'s 92nd birthday. George Washington is the only other American whose birthday is a national holiday.

Arguably the most influential figure from the Civil Rights movement, MLK Jr. remains revered by people all over the world for pushing the United States toward legally ending segregation in the 1960s.

To this day, much of what people know of Dr. King is limited to his iconic role in the 1963 March on Washington, and the fact that his birthday comes around every January. But beyond his timeless, quotable speeches, there are many fascinating aspects of Dr. King's life that remain practically unknown to the public.

Here are a few facts that you may not have known about the life of this Civil Rights pioneer:

King's birth name was Michael, not Martin.

King entered college at the age of 15.

King was imprisoned nearly 30 times, mostly for "civil disobedience".

King narrowly escaped an assassination attempt a decade before his death when a woman named Izola Curry stabbed him at a department store.

During the 1963 March on Washington, King delivered a monumental speech that had been well-prepared by his speechwriter, Clarence Jones. But the more he spoke in front of that 250,000 person crowd, the more impassioned he grew. This led him to go off course toward the end of the speech and speak directly from his heart. This means those famous, poetic lines that nearly everyone can quote ("I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up, live out the true meaning of its creed...") were totally improvised, according to PBS.

Why Do We Drop a Ball on New Year's Eve?

One of the most iconic New Years' traditions is the ball-drop at New York City's Time Square — but why exactly do we watch a giant, lit-up ball slide down a pole at midnight anyway? According to the official Times Square Ball website, the ball drop has been a tradition since 1907, with the first New Year's Eve Ball having been a 700-pound sphere made out of iron, wood and 100 light bulbs. The custom was inspired by an old maritime tradition, in which "time

balls" were dropped at noon so sailors could adjust their clocks to the local time.

Since the first ball drop in 1907, a total of seven different versions of the New Year's Eve Ball have been designed. Eventually, the ball evolved into the newest (and coolest) version that it is today: a brightly patterned orb covered with LED lamps and Waterford Crystal panels that weighs in at nearly 12,000 pounds!

"Visit" Mexico with Marshall on Jan. 2nd



Join Marshall in the Chapel on Saturday 1/3 at 10:30am for a multimedia slideshow from his trips to Mexico

Snorkeling next to 25 foot whale sharks? Check! Holding an 8 foot nurse shark? Check! Pictures of visiting a turtle sanctuary, authentic Mexican cuisine, vivid street art and breathtaking sunsets? Check, check and check!

Join Marshall in our Chapel on Saturday (1/3) morning at 10:30am for a special slideshow

of pictures (and videos!) of his recent trips to two breathtaking destinations south of the border (Isla Mujeres and Isla Holbox).

Though we're not able to travel there together, I hope you'll be able to picture yourself w/ sand between your toes, hot sun on your back, and the sound of waves reaching the shore as we forge through winter!

Dolly Parton Helped Fund COVID Vaccine

It's truly the greatest gift of all: a \$1m donation by Dolly Parton to coronavirus vaccine research supported the development of the Moderna vaccine, which has shown a 95% protection rate from the virus in trials so far.

In April, Parton donated to research after her friend Dr Naji Abumrad of the Vanderbilt Institute for Infection, Immunology and Inflammation at Vanderbilt University in Tennessee told her that they were making "some exciting advancements" in the search for a cure for the virus. Abumrad and Parton became friends in 2014 after the singer was involved in a car accident and treated at Vanderbilt.

Parton told the BBC's The One Show: "I'm sure many, many millions of dollars from many people went into that [research fund] but I felt so proud to have been part of that little seed money that hopefully will grow into something great and help to heal this world – Lord knows we

need it!"

The 74-year-old country music icon's donation has also supported convalescent plasma study at Vanderbilt – treating infected people with the plasma of others carrying antibodies against the virus – as well as the development of several research papers pertaining to the virus.

The Dolly Parton Covid-19 research fund is the latest example of Parton's well-known philanthropy. Her Imagination Library gifts free books to children from birth until starting school in participating areas. She recently told Oprah Winfrey that she never had children "because I believe that God didn't mean for me to have kids so everybody's kids could be mine, so I could do things like the Imagination Library."

In October she released her 47th solo album, A Holly Dolly Christmas – her third festive collection.



This article about Dolly Parton's donation toward vaccine research was written by Laura Snapes, who writes for The Guardian



Pictured is the Waterford Crystal Times Square New Year's Eve Ball.