

March Facts

March is named after Mars, the Roman god of war.

This was the time of year to resume military campaigns that had been interrupted due to winter.

Stone = Aquamarine Flower = Daffodil

Carnival King

This time is very important for Roman Catholics. In European countries where Rome had the greatest influence (i.e. Italy, Spain, France), a popular feature is the Carnival King. This is a burlesque figure often made out of straw, who reigns over the festivities. When it's all over, the king is usually shot, burnt or drowned in public, while onlookers cheer. This is said to be a symbolic act to rid the spectators of their sinfulness and folly.

One belief is that the Carnival King is a direct descendant of the old King of the Saturnalia, the ancient Roman festival held in December. This pagan king was chosen to impersonate the Roman agricultural god, Saturn, during the celebration; but at the end he suffered a real death instead of a make-believe one today. Eventually, the custom of putting a fake king to death faded away over time. But, the idea of appointing someone to reign over the festivities has survived in the form of the Carnival King.

Carnival Colors

Although Mardi Gras is very colorful, the official colors of the event are: Purple, Green and Gold. It is believed that these were declared in 1872 by Rex, King of the Carnival. Why those colors?

Purple = Justice

Green = Faith

Gold = Power

Forty Hours Devotion

Pope Benedict XIV in 1748 tried to encourage Christians to make up for their excessively bad behavior during Carnival by instituting a special devotion for 3 days before Lent. He called it "Forty Hours of Carnival" and it is still held in many European and American churches today where carnival celebrations are a long-standing tradition. All day Monday and Tuesday, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed and devotions are held in the evening.

Fried Dough

Most Carnival and Mardi Gras celebrations include fried dough in some form. In New Orleans, they feature the beignet. This is a square doughnut without a hole, somewhat like a fritter. In Germany the Carnival is called Fastnacht, the fried dough is served as Fastnacktkuchen, which was later brought to the United States by German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania. These fried cakes can be found in many German settled areas today.

As I mentioned before, it was the custom on Fat Tuesday to use up all the fat in the house prior to Lent, these fried dough helped use up all the fat so it wouldn't go to waste.



Activities Calendar

Mardi Gras

By Sue Ellen Thompson

The beginning of Mardi Gras will vary from year to year. The season was commonly called Carnival to early Christians. The period went from the Epiphany (January 6) to Shrove Tuesday (the day before Lent). In Latin, carne vale means "farewell to meat." However, some feel it has a broader meaning and interpret it as a reference to more carnal pleasures that are forbidden during the 40 days during Lent. Carnival is a time for feasting and self-indulgence. The heaviest partying is done the last 3 days before Ash Wednesday, particularly on Shrove Tuesday.

Mardi Gras or Carnival features masked balls, lavish costumes, floats, parades, torchlight processions, dancing, fireworks and feasting on all sorts of foods (usually those that are given up during Lent). Ironically, in earlier times, the pagan spring festivals (to help insure the growth of crops) involved much the same sort of celebrations of processions, feasting and masquerades. It is said that most of the Mardi Gras or Carnival traditions go back to the 14th century.

















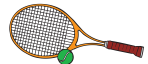











One of the most famous carnival celebrations in the world is in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The costume balls, pageants, parades and feasting goes on for four days, with the highlight being the parade of the samba schools (on the Sunday & Monday preceding Ash Wednesday). This is taken very seriously. People spend months prior making costumes and learning special dances for this parade. The competition is fierce!

In the United States, the most famous Carnival takes place in New Orleans, Louisiana. It takes place two weeks prior to Ash Wednesday. In New Orleans, the Carnival is called the Mardi Gras, which mean "Fat Tuesday" by the early French settlers. They named it that because the day before the start of Lent was when you just pigged out on all the fat products in the house! People ate up all the milk, butter, eggs and anything else in the kitchen before the start of Lent. Mardi Gras peaks with a series of parades organized by a group called the Krewes. The Mardi Gras parade attracts over a million spectators every year. *Continued back cover...*



**UNDER TIKI HUT IS NOT RESERVABLE
Please do not hold/reserve any seats or tables, Thank you!**

Year Round Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY																		
<p>3:00-5:00 Ladies Only Pickleball/Courts</p> 	<p>7:30-9:30 Social Tennis 12:00-3:00 Mahjong/Card Rm 2:00 Bowling/Coral Lanes 6:00 Mixed Bridge M&W/Card Rm 6:30 Texas Hold'em/AR</p>	<p>7:30-9:30 Social Tennis 8:00-9:30 Pickleball Lessons/Cts (by Appt Only) 12:45-4:00 Mahjong/Card Rm 2:30-6:30 Ladder Tournament/Cts 6:15 Hand and Foot/Card Rm 6:30 Trivia/AR 7:00 Shuffleboard/Cts</p>	<p>7:30-9:30 Social Tennis 8:30 Ladies Golf 8:30 Nifty Niners/GC 9:00-5:00 Bocce/CT 1:00-4:00 Ladies Bridge/Card Rm For Beginner One Stroke Lessons, please contact Mo Keary @ 239-826-3673</p>	<p>7:30-9:30 Social Tennis 9:00-12:00 Mixed Bridge/Card Rm 12:30 Men's Golf 1:00-4:00 Beginning Bridge/Card Rm</p>	<p>7:30-9:30 Social Tennis 12:00-4:30 Pinochle/Card Rm</p>	<p>Reception Hours: 9:30am til 3:00pm Monday - Friday</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Changes made up till the 25th of each month.</p>																		
<h1 style="font-family: cursive;">March 2025</h1> 			<p>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME</p>  <p>BEGINS</p>		<p>PLEASE NOTE: When making reservations for the use of the clubhouse or any of its rooms more than six months in advance, please submit your request in writing to eliminate misunderstandings.</p> <p>Also, when reserving a room please be sure to clean up after each use.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">a.m. regular • p.m. bold</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">P.L. CLUBHOUSE ROOM ABBREVIATION CODE</p> <table style="font-size: x-small; border: none;"> <tr> <td>BR - Ballroom</td> <td>GC - Golf Course</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BDS - Billiards</td> <td>P - Patio</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CR - Crafts Room</td> <td>LF - Lake Fairways</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FS - Fitness Studio</td> <td>LR - Living Room</td> </tr> <tr> <td>K - Kitchen</td> <td>LL - Library/Loft</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AR - Activity Room</td> <td>DR - Driving Range</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Card Room</td> <td>F - Foyer</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>M & W - Men & Women</td> </tr> </table>	BR - Ballroom	GC - Golf Course	BDS - Billiards	P - Patio	CR - Crafts Room	LF - Lake Fairways	FS - Fitness Studio	LR - Living Room	K - Kitchen	LL - Library/Loft	AR - Activity Room	DR - Driving Range	Card Room	F - Foyer		M & W - Men & Women	<p>1</p> <p>8:30 Pancake Breakfast/BR/AR/K 9:30 Bike Ride/PL 7:00-9:00 OHIO Night/BR/AR/Card Rm/K</p> 
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