



# Denver Police Widows' Association

## *Angel Force*

## February ~ 2022

### Valentine's Day Traditions Around the World

Valentine's day around the world is celebrated in the name of Saint Valentine, but who is this mysterious Saint and why is the festival celebrated with such gusto? Although the truth behind the festival is a bit unclear, there are a few stories that are interesting to know. It is believed that Valentine was a century in Rome and when single men made better soldiers outlawed marriage for young injustice being done to young men marriages. There are other such became so popular that couples all Valentine's Day as the day of love.



priest who served during the 3rd Emperor Claudius, II announced that than those with families and wives, he soldiers. Valentine went against this and started performing secret tales, but gradually, Saint Valentine around the world started celebrating

**Argentina** celebrates Valentine's Day as "the week of sweetness" in July, and celebrants exchange kisses, chocolates, and other sweets. ♥ It is believed that the first Valentine's Day card originated in **France**, when Charles the Duke of Orleans sent love letters to his wife from prison in 1415. One can also see beautiful yards, trees, and homes decorated with cards, roses, and proposals of marriage. ♥ **South Korea** celebrates the day of love on the 14th of each month, with "the day of roses" in May, "the day of kisses" in June, "the day of hugs in December" and single people celebrate "the black day" in April by eating black noodles. ♥ **Bulgaria** celebrates San Trifon Zartan on Valentine's Day, which means "day of winemakers" and couples celebrate their love with a glass of wonderful local wine. ♥ As far back as the 16th century, **Wales** has been celebrating Valentine's Day on Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, which is called the "day of San Dwywnwen" and lovers exchange unique and beautifully handcrafted wooden spoons. ♥ The day of love in **Spain** falls on October 9<sup>th</sup> and is known as the feast of Saint Dionysus. The festival is celebrated by the men making marzipan figurines for their sweethearts and there are also colorful parades in the streets. ♥ In **China**, the "Sisters' Meal" festival is celebrated on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Women wear silver accessories and beautiful dresses and they cook various dishes of colored rice that is offered on silk fabric to young men. Two chopsticks mean love and a clove of garlic means the love is over before it has even begun. ♥ Valentine's Day in **Denmark** is celebrated with the exchange of handmade cards with pressed white flowers they call snowdrops. ♥ *(continued on back page.)*

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In **Romania**, the day is celebrated on February 24<sup>th</sup>, as the day when young couples get engaged. It is basically a mix of Valentine's Day and the celebration of the spring season. Young men and women go to the forests to pick colorful flowers, while other couples wash their faces with snow as a sign of good luck. ♥ In the **Czech Republic**, Valentine's Day is celebrated on May 1<sup>st</sup>, and young couples kiss under the cherry trees for good luck. ♥ The "Dia dos Namorados" festival, also known as "Lovers Day", is celebrated in **Brazil**. There is a usual exchange of chocolates, cards, and flowers, while celebrating at music festivals with dance performances. ♥ On Valentine's Day in **England**, women place five bay leaves on their pillows to bring dreams of their future husbands. ♥ In **Italy**, a Valentine's Day tradition was for young, unmarried women to wake up before dawn to spot their future husband. Today, however, Italians celebrate by exchanging gifts and sharing a romantic dinner. ♥ In **Slovenia**, St. Valentine is one of the patron Saints of spring. It is believed that on February 14<sup>th</sup>, plants start to regenerate as this day marks the first day of working in the fields for the New Year. Another popular belief is that birds "propose" to each other on this day and in order to witness this occasion, one must walk barefoot through fields that are often still frozen. ♥



Happy Birthday to

**Judy Barber**

February 5<sup>th</sup>

### **Chocolate Covered Cherry Kiss**

1 cup Ice  
1.5 oz Chocolate Vodka  
1.5 oz Cherry Vodka  
½ oz Grenadine Syrup  
1 oz Crème de Cacao  
1 oz Half-and-Half  
1 dash Chocolate Syrup  
Maraschino Cherry  
Hershey's Chocolate Kiss

Fill a cocktail shaker with ice cubes. Pour in chocolate and cherry vodkas, grenadine, creme de cacao, half-and-half, and chocolate syrup. Cover and shake until the outside of the shaker has frosted. Strain into a chilled martini glass, garnish with maraschino cherry and chocolate kiss, and serve. ♥

## Valentine word search

h c u p i d c k o t i w y  
e h a r e b h a e f h e p  
e o t n a r i u a r l v h  
d c h k d n e f a c u o s  
y o s r h y s r e w o l f  
s l i d s b n i y e h d e  
h a r r o w o e s p e e b  
t t h v a l e n t i n e r  
h e a r t r f d v n a p u  
p h t c i u i s h k y o a  
k u r e n f k o l p s d r  
s g h s k i s s p s u e y  
r a r f i c h a i t n r e  
e s w e e t h e a r t w h  
b e m i n e p a r e d h y  
n s l h r o s e s h r o g

arrow cupid friends hug pink sweetheart  
candy February happy kiss red valentine  
chocolate flowers heart love roses



## Upcoming Luncheon!

*March 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ 11:30 a.m.*

**Sunrise Sunset Restaurant**  
1424 South Wadsworth  
(Lakewood)

Please call the Event Director, Lynne Mullen, (303-239-0804) to make your reservations and if you need a relative or friend to bring you to the luncheon, please feel free to invite them to join us!

*Remember*, if you are a new member, your first luncheon is complimentary, so please remind the Treasurer, Dee Pratt, at the luncheon. ♥

