

December Holiday Trivia Fun

For Every Day of the Month



1st Eat a Red Apple Day Well, it's easy enough to celebrate this day. It's also **World AIDS Awareness Day**, a time to become more aware of this international medical crisis.

2nd National Fritters Day Don't fritter today away. Instead, enjoy a fritter, a fried cake or dough with fruit or meat inside.



3rd National Roof-Over-Your-Head Day We should appreciate all that we have, including the roof over our heads.

4th Santa's List Day No doubt this day began at the North Pole. It's crunch time, when kids' names start showing up on the Naughty or Nice lists for holiday gift-giving.



5th Bathtub Party Day Draw a warm bath and add a few bath salts to celebrate this day. Enjoy! It's also **Repeal Day**, when on this day in 1933, the 21st Amendment ended Prohibition.

6th St. Nicholas Day Saint Nicholas, a priest and later a bishop of the early Catholic Church, gave his belongings to needy people, especially children. As the legend goes, was known to throw small

bags of gold coins into the open windows of poor homes. After one bag of gold fell into the stocking of a child, children soon began hanging stockings by their chimneys "in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there." In the 1800s in America, Santa Claus evolved from the St. Nicholas stories.



7th National Cotton Candy Day The cotton candy machine was patented in 1899 by William Morrison and John C. Wharton. They brought it to the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904. The confection was originally called fairy floss. It's also **Pearl Harbor Day**, honoring the day in 1941 when the U.S. entered into World War II, after a surprise Japanese attack.

8th National Brownie Day It's no problem at all to celebrate this delicious day. Also, on this date in 1980, Beatle **John Lennon** was assassinated in New York City by Mark David Chapman.



9th Christmas Card Day This day honors Sir Henry Cole (1818-1874) of England, who created the first commercial Christmas card in 1843.

10th Human Rights Day The United Nations General Assembly created the first Human Rights Day on December 10, 1948. Since then, this day has been promoted annually by the UN and by human rights groups around the world. **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** received the Nobel Peace Prize on this day in 1964, and Dan Blocker, on *Bonanza*, was born in 1928.

11th Happy Days Today's when novelist Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn was born in 1918, actress Rita Moreno in 1931, and singer Brenda Lee in 1944.

12th National Ding-a-Ling Day Beware. You can't predict who you'll encounter today. It's also **Poinsettia Day**, which honors Joel Roberts Poinsett, who died on December 12, 1851. Poinsett was the first Ambassador to Mexico, and brought the plant back to his plantation in the U.S.

13th Clip-on Tie Day Those quick-on, quick-off, no-tie ties were created on this date in 1928.

14th International Children's Day This is a joint initiative between UNICEF and the International Academy of Television Arts and Sciences as a day when broadcasters "tune in to kids". Watch a cartoon or a children's show and enjoy.



15th Bill of Rights Day On September 25, 1789, the First Congress of the United States proposed to the state legislatures 12 amendments to the Constitution. Ten amendments were added to the Constitution on December 15, 1791. Also on this date, *Gone With the Wind* premiered in Atlanta in 1939 and band leader Glenn Miller died in a plane crash over the English Channel in 1944.

16th Historic Day Boston residents protesting British taxation threw tea overboard a British ship. The Boston Tea Party was the beginning of the American fight for independence. In another war era, the famous World War II **Battle of the Bulge** began in 1944.



17th Flying High Orville and Wilbur Wright made their first airplane flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, in 1903.