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Abraham Lincoln

February 12, 1809 - April 15, 1865



Today we celebrate the birth of the American who many experts believe has been our nation's greatest president. I have no argument with their conclusion... With acknowledgement to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in Springfield, IL, here are 16 facts to know about our 16th President:

1. Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, freeing all slaves in areas under rebellion and paving the way for the destruction of slavery in the 13th Amendment.
2. Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation allowed African-American men to officially serve in the U.S. armed forces for the first time. By the end of the war, 190,000 African-Americans had enlisted.
3. Before his death, Lincoln advocated giving African-American veterans the right to vote—the first president ever to do so.
4. Lincoln led the country through its greatest crisis, the Civil War, and was on the verge of victory when he died.
5. Lincoln was the first president to be assassinated in office.
6. Lincoln was the first Republican-elected president and only the second presidential candidate from that party.
7. Lincoln was the first president not born in one of the original thirteen states.
8. Lincoln remains the tallest person to serve as president, at 6' 4".
9. Lincoln remains the only president to hold a patent. His invention was a device for lifting boats over obstructions in the water.
10. Lincoln only lost one election by direct vote of the people—his first run for the Illinois House of Representatives in 1832.
11. Lincoln married Mary Todd in 1842 and they had four sons: Robert, Eddy, Willie, and Tad. Only Robert lived to adulthood.
12. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address is the most well-known speech ever given by an English-speaking politician and has been reprinted and recited countless times since he delivered it on November 19, 1863. Winston Churchill said it was "the ultimate expression of the majesty of Shakespeare's language."
13. Lincoln is the most written-about figure in American history, with more than 18,000 books devoted to him.
14. Lincoln was a lawyer and politician but tried several careers beforehand, such as surveyor, storekeeper, and postmaster (his first government job).
15. Lincoln loved animals and reportedly had many pets, including dogs, cats, horses, and even goats.
16. Lincoln was born in Kentucky, grew up in Indiana, spent most of his adult life in Illinois, and died in the District of Columbia.

As a child I never had trouble remembering my father's birthday - he shared it with Abe Lincoln...

Charlie's \$2 Worth

ABRAHAM LINCOLN QUOTES...

"I believe this government cannot endure, permanently half slave and half free. I do not expect the Union to be dissolved - I do not expect the house to fall - but I do expect it will cease to be divided. It will become all one thing, or all the other." - June 16, 1858

"To condemn a class is, to say the least, to wrong the good with the bad. I do not like to hear a class or nationality condemned on account of a few sinners." - January 6, 1863

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." - November 19, 1863

"This amendment [13th - banning slavery in the U.S.] is a King's cure for all the evils. It winds the whole thing up. ... It was the fitting if not indispensable adjunct to the consummation of the great game we are playing." - February 1, 1865

"Both parties deprecated war, but one of them would make war rather than let the nation survive, and the other would accept war rather than let it perish, and the war came." - March 4, 1865

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds." - March 4, 1865

"I have always thought 'Dixie' one of the best tunes I have ever heard. Our adversaries over the way attempted to appropriate it, but I insist- ed yesterday that we fairly captured it." - April 10, 1865

Upcoming Speakers/Events

- Feb 12 - Board meeting - all Club members welcome
- Feb 19 - Ryan Rash - Marina Keers, Director, Hendricks County Senior Services
- Feb 26 - Tim Weigel, new CEO of Plainfield Chamber of Commerce
- Mar 5 - Sherry Sichting - Kyle Tutterow, Plainfield Middle School
- Mar 12 - Board meeting - all Club members welcome
- Mar 19 - Donnie Emerson
- Mar 26 - Dennis Reagle
- Apr 2 - Max Hank
- Apr 9 - Board meeting - all Club members welcome

George Washington

February 22, 1732 - December 14, 1799

Later this month we celebrate the birthday of the Father of Our Country and our first president, George Washington. With acknowledgement to The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, here are 10 interesting facts to know about him:

1. **Washington was mostly self-educated** - When George Washington's father died in 1743, there was little money left to support the formal education of 11-year-old George. Washington's formal schooling ended by the time he was 15.
2. **He was fearless in battle** - With men and officers being shot down all around him, George Washington rode forward to take charge of the collapsing lines at the Battle of the Monongahela on July 9, 1755.
3. **Washington's bold actions saved the American Revolution, twice** - His bold counterstroke across the Delaware River on December 25, 1776, led to three successive battlefield victories and a stunning strategic reversal, bolstering American morale and saving the new nation. With the Revolution on the brink of defeat in early 1781, Washington embarked on a risky march south to surround and defeat Lord Cornwallis' British army at Yorktown, Virginia in October 1781, proving to be the decisive battle of the war.
4. **He never abused power** - His willingness to surrender power may be his most important legacy. On December 23, 1783, Washington voluntarily surrendered his military commission to Congress. As president, in a time when there were no term limits, Washington stepped down after the end of his second term - setting an important precedent that lasted until the middle of the 20th century.
5. **Washington owned more than 50,000 acres** in the western portions of Virginia and the Ohio country and was an ardent promoter of westward expansion.
6. **Washington loved parties and was an excellent dancer** - he was a man who loved entertainment and the company of others.
7. **Washington was the first to sign the United States Constitution** - As the president of the Constitutional Convention, he was given the privilege of being the first to add his name to this governing document.
8. **He was unanimously elected president, twice** - During the first election in 1789, Washington won the electors of all ten eligible states. In 1792, Washington received all 132 electoral votes, winning each of the fifteen states.
9. **Washington was a true agricultural innovator and pioneer** - He established himself as an innovative farmer, who switched from tobacco to wheat as his main cash crop in the 1760s. He exhibited a keen interest and eye for useful technologies of all sorts.
10. **Washington is the only slave-owning president who freed his slaves** - his attitude toward slavery gradually changed as he grew older and especially as he fought for liberty in the American Revolution. In his will, he arranged to free those slaves belonging to him upon his wife's death (about 123) and, as was required by law, his estate paid for the care of former Mount Vernon slaves for decades after his death.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
FEBRUARY

Joe Bennett - Feb 25

Little Free Library Maintenance Schedule

Dec 18-24 - Royce Carter

Dec 25-31 - Joe Bennett

Jan 1-7 - Brian Culp

Jan 8-14 - Max Hank

Jan 15-21 - Susan Ament

Jan 22-28 - Royce Carter

Jan 29-Feb 4 - Max Hank

Feb 5-18 - Brian Culp

Feb 19-25 - Reann Poray

Please check supply, refill as needed.

Report any damage to Joe Bennett.

Books are available at the Library.

SPEED BUMP



Committees and Chairs

Bulletin: Max Hank

Finance: Joe Bennett

Foundation: John Baer

Fundraising :

Golf Outing: John Baer, Brad Dubois

Crew Car Wash: Sherry Sighting

Membership: Brian Culp

Orientation: John Baer & Diane Burks

Programs: Brian Culp

PR & Website: John Baer

Quaker Day Parade & Picnic: TBD

Service Committees: Royce Carter

Literacy/LFL: Joe Bennett

Teacher of the Year: Max Hank

Youth: Diane Burks

Interact and RYLA: Susan Ament

Scholarships: Max Hank

Straight-A Salute: Sherry Sighting

The Imagination & Idea Labs: Diane Burks

UPCOMING SPEAKER ASSIGNMENTS

Please carefully examine the schedule below and let Max Hank know who you have obtained as a speaker for your date.

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| Nov 6 | Joe Bennett | Jun 18 | Daniel Pies |
| Nov 20 | John Baer | Jun 25 | John-Paul Biehn |
| Dec 4 | Jan Baer | Jul 2 | Rocky Turner |
| Dec 18 | John-Paul Biehn | Jul 16 | Jan Baer |
| Jan 15 | Andrew Klinger | Jul 23 | Andrew Klinger |
| Jan 22 | Royce Carter | Jul 30 | Royce Carter |
| Jan 29 | Danielle Bell | Aug 6 | Danielle Bell |
| Feb 5 | Diane Burks | Aug 20 | Dennis Reagle |
| Feb 19 | Ryan Rash | Aug 27 | Ryan Rash |
| Feb 26 | Brad DuBois | Sep 3 | Brad DuBois |
| Mar 5 | Sherry Sighting | Sep 17 | Sherry Sighting |
| Mar 19 | Donnie Emerson | Sep 24 | Donnie Emerson |
| Mar 26 | Dennis Reagle | Oct 1 | Diane Burks |
| Apr 2 | Max Hank | Oct 15 | Max Hank |
| Apr 16 | Scott Olinger | Oct 22 | Scott Olinger |
| Apr 23 | Daniel Kinnamon | Oct 29 | Daniel Kinnamon |
| Apr 30 | Susan Ament | Nov 5 | Brian Culp |
| May 7 | John Baer | Nov 19 | Reann Poray |
| May 21 | Joe Bennett | Dec 3 | Joe Bennett |
| May 28 | John Graham | Dec 17 | John Graham |
| Jun 4 | Reann Poray | Jan 7 | John Baer |

4-Way Test

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY AND DO

1. IS IT THE TRUTH?

2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?

3. WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

(5. IS IT FUN?)