

Lincoln's Penny

In 1909, the United States Mint produced the first coin ever to depict a president: Abraham Lincoln. When the Lincoln penny was launched on August 2, the public immediately took exception to the inclusion of a strange set of initials on the reverse face: V.D.B. Three days later, on August 5, Secretary of the Treasury Franklin MacVeagh suspended production of the coin and ordered the removal of the initials. Only 484,000 of these V.D.B. pennies were struck, of which only 40,000 exist in mint condition today. They remain some of the most sought-after coins by collectors.



In 1905, President Theodore Roosevelt organized a commission to redesign the national currency. He contacted famed sculptor August Saint-Gaudens, requesting that Saint-Gaudens create coinage resembling the beautiful coins of ancient Greece. While Saint-Gaudens designed both the \$20 and \$10 gold coins, the artist succumbed to cancer in 1907, having never lived to see his designs minted. Although Saint-Gaudens died, Roosevelt's dream of a new currency did not. Next, Roosevelt turned to artist Victor David Brenner—V.D.B.

Brenner was one of America's preeminent metal workers. Prior to his work on the penny, Brenner created a bas-relief plaque of Lincoln based on a Civil War-era photograph taken by Mathew Brady. Roosevelt was incredibly impressed with the Lincoln bas-relief. Moreover, Roosevelt greatly admired Lincoln, considering him the savior of the Union and the Republicans' greatest president, even considering himself the heir of Lincoln's political legacy. No wonder Roosevelt wanted Lincoln's bust on the penny.

Brenner's Lincoln bust, which still graces the penny today, remains the longest-running design in U.S. Mint history. Though they were removed in 1909, Brenner's initials were again added to the penny in 1918, this time below Lincoln's shoulder. While other collectible pennies are worth more, the V.D.B. penny's artistic and historical status amongst collectible coins makes it one of the most desirable.

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Smoking Success



Since August 9, 1944, Smokey Bear has urged us to prevent forest fires. The story of Smokey begins with World War II. Japanese attacks against America would reach mainland California in 1942, when a submarine fired at an oil field near Santa Barbara, inciting fears of massive forest fires along the Pacific coast. That same year, on August 9, Disney released *Bambi* and would later authorize the Forest Service to use its animated deer on posters urging forest fire prevention. The campaign was a success for two years until the Forest Service developed its own mascot, a bear in blue jeans wearing a ranger hat. Smokey, as he was called, was first painted by artist Albert Stahl. In 1947, Smokey would adopt the slogan "Only YOU can prevent forest fires." Then, in 2004, Smokey reunited with Bambi to produce a series of public service announcements on fire prevention.

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Deanna's Download



Aloha Campus Commons Residents,

I am super excited to have the Aloha Polynesia Dancers join us for our Community Luau on the 25th. It's been several years since I have seen them, but I remember how wonderful they are. They bring such good energy to the community. Mark your calendars, you won't want to miss the show. Oh, and you have plenty of time to find your Hawaiian shirts and dresses.

I would also like to thank everyone for your cooperation in moving your cars on the day of our tree trimming. Thank you for making that a smooth operation. The men that did this job for us, did an amazing job. We had so many limbs that were overloaded with leaves and we want to protect you and your vehicles as that is our top concern. Also, it opened up space for the outdoor lighting to shine through better.

I hope you all have a fabulous August. Please take good care of yourselves and stay hydrated. We still have some warm days ahead of us.

Marketing Minutes

Welcome August! A friendly reminder, you are always welcome to invite friends and family to our Happy Hour each Friday and to our special presentations each month. Happy Trails will be here this month. Tom and Sharon are Campus Commons favorites. They always get the party started. We look forward to having them on the 11th of August.

If you know someone who is thinking about moving to a community like ours, we would love to offer them a complimentary lunch with a tour. Plus, when you refer someone who moves in, you will get \$1,000 off your rent! See the office for details.

Bookworms

The topic for July was **Churchill’s Secret Messenger** by Alan Hlad. A meticulously researched work of historical fiction, the book follows the work of a female typist in Churchill’s Cabinet War Room who goes underground as a spy in Nazi occupied France. The book is accurate in its presentation of the Special Operations Executive (SOE) and was a clear picture of British and French citizens who risked everything to help their countries survive. It also gives a clear history of the war itself, from the first bombings of London to the final days of victory, after the Soviets joined the Allies.

The Bookmobile has offered to provide as many copies as possible for the reading group’s topic each month, which was very much appreciated. However, it seemed easier to work with that delivery schedule if we changed our meeting dates and the group voted to do so. In August we will keep to our current schedule and will meet on Wednesday, August 17. In September we will begin the new schedule, the first Wednesday of every month, and will meet September 7.

The book for August is **Dead Wake, the Last Crossing of the Lusitania**, by Erik Larson. This work of narrative nonfiction covers the period leading up to World War 1 and Germany’s increasing use of submarines as a new war weapon. America, however, was enjoying

August Birthdays

In astrology, those born from August 1–22 are Leo’s Lions. Leos are creative and charismatic. These natural-born leaders march to the beat of their own drum and aren’t afraid to take initiative. Those born from August 23–31 are Virgins of Virgo. Virgos, associated with the goddess of the earth, are rooted in the material world. They are considered practical, organized, thorough, and detail oriented.

- Paige Small- August 4th
- Rick Trnka- August 13th
- Doris Morace- August 15th
- Ron Rasmussen- August 17th
- Nat Linenberger- August 27th
- Judy Shuchmann- August 28th
- Dick Taylor- August 30th
- Chuck Jones- August 30th
- Eleanor Witter- August 31st

August Anniversaries

- Jean Franke- 14 years
- Russ & Birgitta Ellis- 6 years
- Paige Small- 6 years
- Mary Higdon- 5 years
- Annabeth Terry- 4 years
- Patsy Bennett- 2 years
- Rosemary Stevens- 1 year
- Ken & Daphne Towns- 1 year
- Joyce Brockmann- 1 year

Bookworms Continued....

the Progressive Area and was determined to stay out of the war. The author does a great job blending fiction and fact, in this story of one of the great disasters of history. The group will be in the library at 7pm on August 17, and anyone who is interested in sitting in is welcome.

Tonya’s Activity Corner

Happy August everyone. Did you know that August 3rd is National Watermelon Day? I don’t know about you, but I will definitely celebrate with a slice of juicy watermelon. YUM!

We have a fun month ahead of us. August is full of exciting outings, a delicious ice cream social, happy hour, a food demo with Kelly Gordon and much more. Take a look at your calendar and join us for all of the fun activities. I look forward to seeing you. Don’t forget to sign up for the outings as soon as the sign-up sheet is available. We encourage you to bring a friend or family member on an outing. Let’s have a great month!

Wednesday Outings:

- August 6th: Folsom Scenic Drive and lunch at Hop Sing Palace Restaurant.
- August 9th: Jackson Rancheria Casino & lunch on site.
- August 16th: California State Railroad Museum and lunch at Rio City Café.
- August 23rd: Westminster Church: Music at Noon and packed lunch in the Courtyard.
- August 30th: Blue Line Arts Gallery and lunch at Lazy Dog Restaurant.

Thursday Outing:

- August 31st: Folsom Zoo Sanctuary and lunch at Ocean Land Restaurant.

Friday Happy Hours:

- August 4th: Happy Hour w/Jerry Lopes
- August 11th: Happy Hour w/Happy Trails Duo
- August 18th: Happy Hour w/Songbird Trio
- August 25th: Luau w/Aloha Polynesia Dancers

Kelly Gordon (Sodexo) will have a delicious food demo on Tuesday, August 8th at 2pm in the Cabaret Lounge. Come down and enjoy a delicious afternoon treat.

The birthday brunches will be moved to the 2nd Thursday of the month. The August birthday brunch will be on August 10th at 11am in the dining room. Birthday group photos will be at 10:50am in the Activity Center.

I will be leading a new low impact chair exercise class on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesday at 2:30pm in the Cabaret Lounge. Come join me for an afternoon class. Hope to see you there.

We are excited to announce that on August 25th from 1:30pm – 3:30pm we will have a festive Luau and Happy Hour. Aloha Polynesia Dancers will be here for entertainment and dance the afternoon away. Come down for a fun photo-op, say “cheese”. We will be serving tropical drinks and delicious appetizers. Dust off your favorite Hawaiian shirts and dress to impress. The Luau will also be part of our Open House. If you see someone new, please feel free to stop them and have a friendly chat. Campus Commons is a friendly and inclusive community, It’s all possible because of each and every one of you. We appreciate you all and want to wish you all a happy August!



Centuries of Sandwiches



John Montagu, the 4th Earl of Sandwich, is famously credited with inventing the world’s first sandwich in August of 1792 when, during a card game, he called for slices of roast beef to be served between two slices of bread. His new snack became so popular that others began to order “the same as Sandwich.” A closer look at history shows that sandwiches were eaten long before the 18th century. One of the earliest recorded sandwich-eaters was Hillel the Elder, a rabbi who lived in Jerusalem during the first century. During the annual Passover Seder, Hillel regularly placed lamb and bitter herbs between slices of matzoh. These sandwiches, mentioned in the Haggadah, have been made for nearly twenty centuries.