

the Golden Circle

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Where Beauty Blooms The Global Passion For Orchids

March is the month when the world slowly brightens again. Days grow longer, the air softens, and early blooms whisper that spring is near. Among these first signs of renewal, orchids stand out with their graceful shapes and quiet elegance.

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They shimmer like butterflies, balance like tiny ballerinas, or trail delicate petals that flow like silk. Their scents range from vanilla and chocolate to mint, pepper, and roses—sometimes even unusual aromas meant to attract specific insects. To pollinators, they offer clever invitations. To us, they offer wonder.

March is a tender season for orchid lovers, who watch closely for new buds and first blooms. What was once rare and exotic has become a welcoming, shared passion, with enthusiasts gathering to trade care tips, celebrate fresh blossoms, and share stories of the varieties they nurture.



From California to Malaysia, visitors travel to admire the nearly 28,000 accepted orchid species—more than all birds and mammals combined. Once so scarce that people risked dangerous expeditions to find them, orchids are now within reach, often affordable and simpler to care for than many imagine.

In March, they quietly remind us how beautiful it is to watch something extraordinary unfold.

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Do you have any silly jokes, hard riddles, strange questions that you would like to share with our CSI family?

Send your suggestions to dtalamantes@csiwealth.org

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Honey Garlic Chicken

Ingredients

- 1 pound package of chicken breast and diced
- 6-8 cloves of garlic crushed
- 1/4 cup of honey
- 1/4 cup of olive oil
- 1/4 cup of fresh lemon juice
- 1 tbsp. soy sauce
- 2 tbsp. butter
- Dash of red pepper flakes
- Salt and Pepper to taster



Quick & Easy Instruction

In a large pan heat two tablespoons of butter and add the diced chicken and season with salt and pepper. Cook 3-5 minutes on each side on medium to high heat to sear the chicken and it's no longer pink. Then remove from pan. In a small bowl, whisk together the honey, lemon juice, soy sauce, olive oil and garlic. Pour over chicken and cook until sauce thickens and chicken is cooked through. Serve over rice and with your favorite veggies for a delicious dinner any night of the week.

Nutrition Facts

Per Serving (serves 4): 560 calories, 43g fat, 125mg cholesterol, 325mg sodium, 15g carbohydrate 36g protein.

March Quiz Question

Q: What color was originally associated with St. Patrick before green became the tradition?

- A. Gold
- B. Blue
- C. Orange

Call in or email your response by **Friday, March 20, 2026**, and if you have the correct answer, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$50.00 gift card to your favorite restaurant!

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or

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Don't delay – Make your guess today. Good Luck!!

Chicago's Unforgettable St. Patrick's Day Tradition

Chicago is full of unforgettable quirks, but few are as spectacular as the moment its river transforms into a dazzling shade of emerald green for St. Patrick's Day. Each year, city boats glide along the waterway, releasing a special environmentally friendly dye that sweeps through the current and turns the entire river into a glowing ribbon of bright green.

Crowds gather along bridges to watch the color spread in a matter of minutes, creating a vivid, dramatic sight that feels almost magical.

This beloved tradition began in 1962 when members of the Plumbers Local Union first dyed the river in celebration of the holiday. What started as a creative idea quickly became one of Chicago's most iconic annual spectacles, drawing visitors from around the world who come to witness the city's bold, brilliant take on the celebration.

Celebrate Pi Day: A Slice of Fun and Flavor

March 14th isn't just any day, it's **Pi Day** (3.14)! A day to honor the mathematical constant π , which represents the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. But Pi Day isn't only for math geeks — it's a perfect excuse to indulge in something round, delicious, and fun.

Pi Day was first officially recognized in 1988 by physicist Larry Shaw at the San Francisco Exploratorium. They marched around a circular space and finished with... you guessed it, pie! Since then, it has grown into a worldwide celebration with pie-baking contests, math challenges, and creative Pi-themed events. Beyond the fun, it's a reminder that math is all around us from the shape of a pizza to the pattern of a sunflower



On the surface, Pi Day is playful, but it also reminds us of the beauty of math in everyday life. Circles are everywhere: wheels, clocks, pizzas, plates, and even the orbits of planets. Pi shows up in architecture, engineering, and nature from the design of bridges to the shape of seashells. Celebrating Pi Day encourages curiosity, creativity, and appreciation for patterns that surround us.

Whether you're baking a pie, solving a math puzzle, or simply admiring circles in nature, Pi Day is about **celebration and connection**. Make it a day to enjoy food, engage your mind, and maybe even start a new family tradition. And if you do bake a pie, remember: every slice is a little reminder that math and magic really can go hand in hand. So this March 14th, grab a fork, a calculator, or both — and celebrate the infinite wonder of π , one delicious slice at a time!

Pi Day Challenges

Pi Day isn't just about pie — it's a perfect excuse to challenge your mind and have some creative fun! Try these activities:

1. **Digit Challenge:** How many digits of π can you memorize? Start with 10–20 and work up!
2. **DIY Pi Quiz:** Make a trivia game with fun facts, circle-related math, or Pi pop culture.
3. **Circle Hunt:** Spot circles everywhere — coins, plates, wheels, flowers, even the moon!
4. **Pi Art:** Draw, paint, or craft circular designs inspired by π .
5. **Pi Poetry:** Write a “pi-ku” — a haiku where the number of letters in each word follows the digits of π (3, 1, 4...).
6. **Pi Walk:** Take a walk and measure objects with a string or tape, then calculate ratios of circumference to diameter. Real-world math in action!

These challenges make Pi Day **interactive, educational, and downright fun** — perfect for all ages. You can mix and match them to create a full day of Pi-inspired brain games!

Client of the Month

Congratulations to our
Clients of the Month:

**Sammy & Amy
Colina**
From
Covina, CA

As a Client of the Month
you will receive a

\$50 gift card to your
favorite restaurant.

Congratulations!

March Highlights

As we welcome March, the world begins to awaken with fresh blooms and warmer days. It's a month full of traditions, celebrations, and small joys. Here are 9 fun and thoughtful facts to enjoy this March.

- **March was once the first month of the year.**
In the original Roman calendar, the year began in March which is why September, October, November, and December come from words meaning seven, eight, nine, and ten.
- **The birth flower for March is the daffodil.**
Daffodils symbolize new beginnings, rebirth, and hope perfectly aligned with spring.
- **March has two zodiac signs.**
Pisces (through March 20) and Aries (starting March 21).
- **Daylight Saving Time begins in March (in many countries).**
We "spring forward," gaining more evening daylight.
- **The Spring Equinox usually falls on March 20 or 21.**
It's the official start of spring in the Northern Hemisphere, when day and night are nearly equal in length.
- **St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17.**
Originally a religious feast day, it has grown into a global celebration of Irish culture.
- **March weather can be wildly unpredictable.**
The phrase "In like a lion, out like a lamb" refers to March often starting stormy and ending mild.
- **March is National Nutrition Month (U.S.).**
It's a great time to focus on balanced meals and healthy habits.
- **March's birthstone is aquamarine.**
Aquamarine is said to symbolize calmness, clarity, and courage.



Daffodils

Daffodils that come before, the swallow dares,
And take the winds of March with beauty

-Shakespeare

March Riddles

1. I follow February and sometimes come in like a lion. What am I?
2. I'm strong enough to shake trees but can't be held. What am I?
3. I make the snow melt and flowers bloom. What am I?
4. I sit at the end of a rainbow and am full of treasure. What am I?

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March Gardening Tips for a Blooming Spring

March signals the start of a vibrant gardening season. Prepare soil by removing weeds and adding compost to boost fertility. Plant early spring bulbs like tulips and daffodils for colorful blooms. Prune shrubs and trees to encourage healthy growth and shape. Sow cool-season vegetables such as lettuce, spinach, and peas directly into garden beds. Monitor weather forecasts to protect tender plants from unexpected frost.



Mulch garden beds to retain moisture and suppress weeds. Water newly planted seeds and transplants consistently to promote strong root development. Inspect plants regularly for pests and diseases, treating problems promptly to prevent spread. Start indoor seedlings for Warm season crops like tomatoes and peppers under grow lights or on sunny windowsills. Clean and sharpen gardening tools for efficient use throughout the season.

Plan garden layouts now to maximize space and sunlight exposure. Consider companion planting to naturally deter pests and encourage healthy growth. Add supports for climbing plants, like peas and beans, early so they grow strong and straight. Take time to enjoy your garden as it awakens —

observing early blooms and listening for returning birds can make gardening even more rewarding. Taking these steps ensures a blooming and productive spring garden while creating a peaceful outdoor space to enjoy all season long.

WELCOME NEW CLIENTS

Here are some of the new clients who became members of our

the Golden Circle” Family

Donna Rupport

From La Verne, CA

Attended Estate

Planning Workshop

&

Virginia Lappas

From San Marino, CA

Thank You For Your Confidence In Us!

Sudoku

To solve a sudoku, you only need logic and patience. No math is required. Simply make sure that each 3x3 square region has a number 1 through 9 with only one occurrence of each number. Each column and row of the large grid must have only

- one instance of the numbers 1 through 9.
- The difficulty rating on this puzzle is easy.

7								
3		4	5					2
	1	4	8					7
	9			7	4	6	3	
5	2			3				4
	6	3	5	8				9
1	3				2	7	5	
2				6	8			4
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Notable U.S. Moments in March

March 8 – International Women’s Day

Celebrated worldwide, this day honors the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women.

March 14 – Pi Day

Pi Day is inspired by the mathematical constant π (pi), roughly 3.14. First celebrated in 1988, it has grown into a day for math enthusiasts and food lovers alike. Many people mark the day with pies, circular treats, and fun math challenges.

March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day

Originally a religious feast honoring Ireland’s patron saint, St. Patrick’s Day has become a global celebration of Irish culture. Shamrocks, parades, music, and green decorations are all part of the tradition. In Ireland, it’s a day for both reflection and festivities, while around the world it’s a fun cultural celebration.

March 22 – World Water Day

Established by the United Nations in 1993, World Water Day raises awareness of the importance of freshwater and sustainable water management. It encourages individuals and communities to think about water conservation and access to clean water worldwide.

National Nutrition Month (U.S.) – All March

Created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, National Nutrition Month promotes healthy eating and lifestyle habits. Each year focuses on a theme, encouraging people to make small changes that improve overall well-being. It’s a perfect reminder to enjoy seasonal fruits and vegetables.

FEBRUARY **Quiz Winner**

Q: Which animal is famously used to predict the weather on February 2nd?

A. Groundhog

Glenn Onishi & Grace Tan-Onishi

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Torrance, CA

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RIDDLE ANSWERS: 1) March 2) Wind 3) Spring 4) A Pot of Gold

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“The Last Request of Patrick Murphy ”

Two Irishmen, Patrick Murphy and Shawn O'Brian, had been the best of friends for as long as anyone in their village could remember, sharing years of laughter, stories, and more than a few drinks together. When Patrick was lying on his deathbed, knowing his time was near, he called Shawn to his bedside and made one final heartfelt request. He told Shawn that hidden under his bed was a bottle of the finest whiskey in all of Ireland, a special bottle that had been carefully saved since the very year he was born.

Patrick then explained that after he was buried, he wanted Shawn to pour that treasured whiskey over his grave so it could soak down into his bones and he could enjoy it for all eternity. Shawn, overcome with emotion and fighting back tears, promised his dear old friend that he would carry out his wish exactly as asked. Then, after a brief pause, he leaned in and said, “But Patrick... would you mind if I strain it through me kidneys first?”



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A Season of Steady Steps

March has a gentle way of reminding us that we are not meant to stay exactly where we started. There is something about this month that quietly invites movement. Not rushed or dramatic change, but thoughtful steps taken with intention and care.

By now, the year has begun to find its rhythm. The excitement of January has softened, and February's quiet reflection is behind us. March arrives with a simple but meaningful question: What do you feel ready to move toward next?

This is a month for decisions, both big and small. Choosing to begin something that has been patiently waiting. Choosing to return to something that truly matters. Or choosing to release what no longer deserves your time and energy. These choices do not need to be perfect. They only need to feel true.

Progress often shows up more gently than we expect. It looks like consistency, steady effort, and the courage to keep going even when the path is not fully clear. March reminds us that any forward movement counts, no matter the pace.

As the season begins to shift, my hope is that you allow yourself the grace to take the next right step, whatever that may be. One small step can quietly change the course of an entire year.

Wishing you clarity, confidence, and steady momentum throughout the month ahead..

Warmly,



Rick Miller

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- How to create a full Customized Estate Plan quickly and inexpensively

Event Details

Date: Tuesday, March 31th 2026	Date: Tuesday, April 14th 2026
Time: 1:00 PM or 6:00 PM	Time: 1:00 PM or 6:00 PM
Location: Duarte Library 1301 Buena Vista Street Duarte, CA 91010	Location: San Gabriel Library 500 S Del Mar Ave. San Gabriel, CA 91776

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