

Marcia Lowell Leonhardt: A Life of Surprises

Marcia has rolled with a few surprises and big events in her life, which include living in Switzerland for 13 years, becoming a young single mother, and then buying a Burlingame home back when women weren't often doing that on their own!

She started life in a tropical paradise. "I was born in Hawaii before it was a state. It was still a territory then!" says Marcia. "Dad was in the Navy." Her family soon moved to California and Marcia grew up in San Diego and Sherman Oaks. She attended Van Nuys High School, whose other alumni include Marilyn Monroe, Robert Redford, Natalie Wood, and Don Drysdale.

Marcia's life of independence really began when she was accepted to UC Berkeley in 1954. Planning to pledge a sorority, she arrived before school began for Rush Week. "My parents dropped me off at a hotel and headed up north on vacation," she remembers. "I'd never lived in a hotel before. It was a bit of a shock!" Soon she joined Delta Zeta and was very happy. "I made some very good friends."

"I wanted to be a doctor, but my parents said no way were they paying for med school," she remembers. "So, I started off in Poli Sci, thought I'd be an ambassador, but I hated it." However, one class she really liked was Economics. In her second year, one of her Econ classes had an interesting teacher's assistant. "I happened to get a German fellow with big brown eyes. We had a few coffee dates. One thing led to another, and we got married."

Her new husband wasn't making a lot of money, but they found an apartment over a garage where



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they lived for free by doing the gardening and cleaning. At the end of her third year, an unexpected pregnancy changed everything. Soon her daughter Karima was born and when the baby was just 5 months old, Marcia became pregnant again.

On a whim, her German husband had applied for a job in Geneva, Switzerland at GATT, which later became the World Trade Organization, and was completely surprised to get the job. So, Marcia, just 21 with a new baby and another on the way, moved to Europe. "My parents paid the plane fare."

The first stop was Berlin where Marcia's husband left her and the baby with his parents for three weeks while he searched for a home in Geneva. "They were lovely people," said Marcia, though communication was difficult as they spoke only German, and she barely knew a word. They believed in getting out and filling your lungs with the cold winter air, but that led to California-girl Marcia coming down with pneumonia.

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TRIVIA TIME

Welcome to the new year! In honor of 2023, here's a trivia quiz covering the last century of years ending in 3.

1. What is the name of the man who revealed in 2013 that the NSA was collecting massive amounts of surveillance data both in the U.S. and in other countries?
2. This governor of California was recalled from office in 2003 and replaced by Arnold Schwarzenegger.
3. This American author who wrote the novel *Beloved* won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1993.
4. The final episode of this TV show became the most-watched television broadcast in American history when it aired in 1983.
5. In 1973, this Australian landmark opened, quickly becoming a national icon.
6. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led the March on Washington in 1963. From what landmark did King deliver his speech?
7. Queen Elizabeth II was officially crowned monarch of the U.K. in 1953. What was her childhood nickname that continued to be used throughout her life?
8. This Broadway musical by Rodgers and Hammerstein debuted in 1943, featuring songs such as "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'" and "All Er Nuthin'".
9. The 21st Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified in 1933. What did the amendment do?
10. In 1923, this country was officially created in Western Asia, replacing an empire that had ruled on several continents since the 14th century.

Check page 7 for answers.

Mark Your Winter Calendar

- Sunday, January 1 New Year's Day
- Sunday, January 15 Pancake Bingo
- Monday, January 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Sunday, January 22 Lunar New Year
- Monday, January 23 Chinese New Year Special Dinner

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Calendars from Around the World

Happy New Year! 2022 has come and gone, and now the mysteries of 2023 await. But why is this year 2023? The answer is that in the United States we use the Gregorian calendar. While most countries, including the U.S., measure time with the Gregorian calendar, some countries use other systems, either alongside the Gregorian or as the sole calendar in their country. As we celebrate the promise and excitement of a new year, it can be interesting to look at the different systems people across the world use to count their days.

Juche and Dangun

On the Korean peninsula, there are multiple other calendars in use besides the Gregorian one. The traditional Korean calendar is called Dangun. It is a lunar calendar similar to the Chinese lunar calendar. Today it is mainly used in South Korea to mark holidays while the Gregorian is used for official business. In North Korea, the Juche calendar follows the basic dating system of the Gregorian, but the years date back to 1912, which was the birth year of North Korea's first leader, Kim Il-Sung. 2023 in the Gregorian calendar is equivalent to 112 in the Juche calendar.

Ethiopia

The Ethiopian calendar, also called the Ge'ez calendar, is the sole calendar used in Ethiopia. The calendar consists of 12 months of 30 days each, plus five days, or six in leap years, at the end of the year for a thirteenth month. The calendar's start date corresponds to September 11 or 12 in the Gregorian calendar. Like the Gregorian calendar, the Ethiopian calendar is rooted in Christianity. The current year according to the calendar is 2015, roughly seven years different from the Gregorian, which stems from a difference in how the calendars have determined the date of the Annunciation in Christianity.

Java

On the island of Java in Indonesia, many people use the traditional Javanese calendar alongside the Gregorian calendar and the Islamic calendar. The calendar uses an



unusual 5-day week called Pasaran although many people also observe the Islamic 7-day week as well. Being a lunar calendar, the Javanese calendar is usually 11 or 12 days shorter than the Gregorian calendar and its start date changes every year with respect to the Gregorian calendar. Because the Javanese year is shorter, it is possible for the year to occur entirely within a Gregorian year. The last time this happened was in the Javanese year of 1944 which took place entirely within Gregorian 2011. The next time this will happen is in 2043 when the Javanese year will be 1977. The two calendars will reach the same number year in 4195.

Proposed alternatives

There are many proposed calendars which have never actually been implemented on a large scale. One of these is the International Fixed Calendar, also known as the Cotsworth calendar, which divides the year into 13 months each with 28 days plus one day at the end of the year called "Year Day". In this system, each date occurs on the same day of the week every year because there are exactly 52 weeks in the year. Year Day does not belong to any week, and neither does Leap Day which comes at the end of June in certain years.

Another proposed system is the Holocene calendar, which adds 10,000 years to the current year to set the first year of the calendar at the beginning of the Holocene epoch. This is around the time that humans first started transitioning from a hunter-gatherer lifestyle to one that revolves around agriculture.

What do you think, are you happy with the Gregorian calendar, or is it time for a change?

January 2023



Sterling

Activity Rooms

BR—Bristol Room
 CY—Court Yard
 DR—Dining Room
 LB—Library
 LR—Living Room
 MV—Mt. Vernon Room
 PDR—Private Dining Room
 RR—Revere Room

BRC—Burl. Rec. Ctr.
 SMSC—San Mateo Senior Center

The Weekly

Check *The Weekly* for current updates or changes in schedule.

The Daily

Check our main board for daily activities, located opposite the Front Desk.

Scheduled Appointments

Transportation Provided
 Monday–Thursday

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	1	2	3
	New Year's Day 10:00 Fitnessize - RR 10:45 Fitnessize - RR 1:00 Movie - RR 1:00 Games - BR 7:00 Evening Movie - RR 7:00 Games - BR	10:00 Shopping - Safeway & Walgreens 10:00 Chair Yoga w/Holly Roser Fitness - RR 11:00 Fitnessize - RR 1:00 Movie - RR 1:00 Games - BR 3:00 Hallway Happy Hour 7:00 Evening Movie - RR 7:00 Games - BR	9:30 Donuts on Wheels 10:00 Fitnessize - RR 11:00 Lecture w/Dick McKee - RR 11:00–2:00 Covid 19 Test 1:00 Movie - RR 3:00 Eric Shifrin - Piano 7:00 Evening Movie - RR 7:00 Games - BR
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10:00 Chair Yoga w/Holly Roser Fitness - RR 11:00 Fitnessize - RR 1:00 Movie - RR 1:00 Games - BR 2:00 Bingo - DR 3:00 Nintendo Wii - RR	10:00 Fitnessize - RR 10:45 Fitnessize - RR 1:00 Movie - RR 1:00 Games - BR 2:00 Shopping - Trader Joe's 3:00 Hallway Happy Hour 7:00 Evening Movie - RR 7:00 Games - BR	9:30 Donuts on Wheels 10:00 Shopping - Safeway & Walgreens 10:00 Fitnessize - RR 11:00 Chair Yoga w/Holly Roser Fitness - RR 1:00 Games - BR 2:00 Communion w/Father John 3:00 Alex Bootzin - Piano 7:00 Evening Movie - RR 7:00 Games - BR	10:00 Fitnessize - RR 10:45 Fitnessize - RR 1:00 Movie - RR 1:00 Games - BR 3:00 Nintendo Wii - RR 7:00 Evening Movie - RR 7:00 Games - BR
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Classes & Lectures

Dick McKee hosts another lecture series on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Revere Room.

Great Tours: England, Scotland & Wales

This course is presented by Professor Justin M. Jacobs, a history professor at American University, who has written many books especially on the history and culture of Asia.

- January 3 *The Mogao Grottoes and Manuscripts*
- January 10 *Persepolis, The Great Persian Capital*
- January 17 *Easter Island and The Moai*
- January 24 *Canada's Rocky Mountains*
- January 31 *Teotihuacan, Largest City of Mesoamerica*

Scripture Study

Thursday, January 12 and January 26 at 2:00 p.m. with Martha Saul and Rebecca Padulo in the Bristol Room. All are welcome.

Library Book Review

The third Wednesday of the month, January 18, Cynthia from the Burlingame Library, reviews books for us. You can also check books out and keep them until next month. Meet at 3:00 p.m. in the Revere Room.

Arts and Crafts

Please come and join us in the Mount Vernon Room on Thursday, January 19, at 2:00 p.m. for a fun afternoon with Mary. Rock painting is our theme for this month, we will supply all materials along with help for whoever needs it. No experience needed!

Program Highlights

Pancake Bingo

After a breakfast of pancakes and eggs enjoy a lively game of Bingo. The cost for Bingo is \$2.00 and includes a delicious breakfast. Sunday, January 15.

Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year Special Dinner will be prepared by Chef Denis and his staff on Monday, January 15 at 4:30 p.m. This is the year of the Rabbit. If you were born in 1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, or 2011, this is your Chinese New Year sign. According to Chinese astrology, rabbits are predicted to be gentle, quiet, elegant, and alert as well as quick, skillful, kind, patient, and very responsible, sometimes reluctant to reveal their minds to others and having a tendency to escape reality, but always faithful to those around them.

Fitness & Exercise

Chair Yoga with Holly Roser Fitness

Holly, John, and Jacque stress the importance of exercise for all stages of life but especially for seniors as regular exercise can help make you stronger, prevent bone loss, improve balance and coordination, improve your memory, reduce the symptoms of many chronic conditions, and boost your mood. Join the class every Monday and Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and Friday at 11:00 a.m. in the Revere Room.

Senior Fitness Video

This video is a completely balanced workout in chairs. The program incorporates Hatha Yoga techniques, gentle weight training, leg and abdominal strengthening, exercises to improve balance, stretching, deep breathing, and relaxation. Join us every day, please see "The Weekly" for more details.

Nintendo Wii

Join us to play bowling with Nintendo Wii, some of the benefits include improving balance, coordination, and strength. Wednesdays and Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Revere Room.

Wellness Support

Manicurist/Pedicurist

Cindy Gonzales does fantastic work and is very popular. Call for appointments at 650-834-2878.

Beauty Shop

Nina Delgadillo's hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday – Friday. Call for an appointment at 650-863-0413. She does new-fashioned and old-fashioned hair styles.

Musical Notes

Enjoy a live musical performance on Tuesdays, Fridays & Sundays at 3:00 p.m. in the Living Room

Tuesday, January 3

Eric Shiffrin—Piano

Friday, January 20

Tom Shaw—Piano

Friday, January 6

Alex Bootzin—Piano

Tuesday, January 24

Randy Johnson—Piano

Tuesday, January 10

Michael Rabbino—Piano

Friday, January 27

Kathleen Nelson—Piano

Friday, January 13

Joan Connolly—Piano

Tuesday, January 31

Eric Van James—Piano

Tuesday, January 17

Jeff Wessman—Vocal

Please sign up for all events in the Activity Book located at the Front Desk

Marcia Lowell Leonhardt (continued from the front page)

Soon after she joined her husband in Geneva, their son Andre was born, and her husband had to fly off to Japan on business. Often it was friends who not only helped get Marcia through the tough times but also babysit her children while she went to French classes. They were a tightknit and international group, with one of Marcia's best friends being Pakistani. They also went to some fantastic parties including dinner at the Japanese ambassador's house. They traveled to Berlin every two years where she would see her in-laws. She was also there before, during, and after the Berlin Wall was built, so it was an exciting era. During this time, in 1966, they also had their third child, Marc. When Marc was 2 years old, Marcia got an au pair to stay with the children while she went to work for Eli Lilly Pharmaceuticals. Things had changed and the marriage was no longer working. In 1972 they divorced, and two years later she and her children flew back to California, where a surprise was waiting for them.

"My wonderful sister opened her home to us," says Marcia of her older sister Joan. "She went out of her way to make her home perfect for the kids!" After a year and a half, Marcia borrowed a little money from Joan and bought her own house. She and her oldest son Andre fixed it up and sold it to buy the home she lived in for the next 40 years. None of this was easy for a woman in the early 1970s.

"As a single woman, I couldn't get a credit card," says Marcia. "Except a Shell credit card, which started my credit history. When I got a loan to buy the second house, it was at 9 percent interest!"

During this time, Marcia had a variety of jobs including as a secretary but then found her niche in pharmaceutical sales, where she worked for 20 years. "I was working for Burroughs Wellcome, the company who developed AZT, the first AIDS drug," says Marcia. "I found it very interesting. I wanted to be a doctor, remember?" She also worked as a secret shopper at Safeway but didn't like giving

negative employee reviews. During this time Marcia went to night school and completed her degree in economics.

"I like to work!" says Marcia. She has also been involved with many organizations including the League of Women Voters, the San Francisco Symphony, the Burlingame Hillsborough Neighborhood Club, the AAUW, the Auxiliary to the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, and volunteers driving for the Villages of San Mateo County.

She met a wonderful man named Dan who was a member of the World Jurist Association and together they traveled to meetings around the world including in Syria, China, Qatar, Bulgaria, Poland, and the Philippines. After Dan died, Marcia's daughter insisted she try online dating where she met Francesco, a lovely man who also lives at Sterling Court and enjoys going to the symphony. Now they've known each other for 10 years.

Marcia decided it was time to move when she realized she was only living in a small part of her Burlingame home. Plus, with the sale of her house, she has been able to help her children. It was an easy decision to move to Sterling Court. "I have friends who are already here," says Marcia. Also, she likes that if you haven't opened your door by 10 o'clock, the staff checks on you. "I'm very pleased with Sterling Court. It's so close to Burlingame Avenue, the same shops and friends!"

Marcia sums it up philosophically. "You live through a lot in life. I've always thought of myself as an optimistic pessimist," she laughs. "Life is still good."

Would you like to be our next interview subject?

It's easy and it's fun! Simply tell Sarah St. Charles and we'll get rolling. Everyone has a story and we'd love to tell yours!



TRIVIA TIME ANSWERS

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|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 3. Toni Morrison | 4. M*A*S*H | 6. The Lincoln Memorial | 8. Oklahoma! |
| 2. Gray Davis | 5. Sydney Opera House | 7. Libert | 9. End Prohibition |
| 1. Edward Snowden | | | 10. Turkey |



MLK MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is observed every third Monday in January. This day is close to King's actual birthday which is January 15. The federal holiday was signed into existence November 2, 1983, by President Ronald Reagan to honor the life and contributions of Martin Luther King, Jr. King was assassinated April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee. He was in town preparing to speak and march with the local sanitation workers. King and his colleagues were preparing to go to eat dinner prior to him being shot.

Rep. John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI) introduced legislation to make a holiday honoring King's birthday on April 8, 1968, four days after King's death; however, Congress didn't move the bill forward. Conyers subsequently reintroduced the bill yearly until it was passed. In 1979, Congress moved the bill forward, but it lacked five votes to be passed.

After King's death, some labor unions started asking for the holiday during negotiations. Coretta Scott King, the wife of Martin Luther King, Jr., the members of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), John Conyers, and many others worked tirelessly, advocating for the legislation of a holiday to honor a great drum major of the Civil Rights Movement. SCLC members submitted the first petition to Congress with three million signatures, but with no success in getting Congress to pass the bill.

Popular musician Stevie Wonder wrote a song titled *Happy Birthday* in

support of the campaign for the King holiday. The sales from this record provided money for a lobby office and efforts were taken to another level. A petition requesting Congress to pass the bill was submitted. This petition was the largest ever, and it had six million signatures. Both the Senate and House of Representatives finally voted to pass the bill.

Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Life's most persistent urgent question is: what are you doing for others?" This quote summarizes the significance of why this federal holiday is referred to as "not a day off, but a day on."

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is a day of service, whereby many people volunteer and give assistance to their community as a way to observe the holiday. On www.mlkday.gov, it is written, "The King Day of Service is a way to transform Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and teachings into community service that helps solve problems."

Christine King Farris is the only living sibling of King. In her book, *My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*, Farris wrote how her brother, Martin, as a child, was a "regular fella." He was an athletic child and loved to play games and join his sister and brother, A.D., in pranks. They played with the children who lived on Auburn Avenue, also known as "Sweet Auburn." Two of these friends were white boys whose father owned a store that was across from where the Kings lived. They all played together daily and many times

January Birthdays

The January Birthday Bash will be on Wednesday, January 18, at 3:00 p.m.

- January 2 Ron Chiappari
- January 2 Lois Everett
- January 7 Frank Stillman
- January 9 Arleen Johnson
- January 10 Maria Fazio
- January 14 Mary Ellen Ariani
- January 17 Renae Marcotte
- January 19 Janet Bock
- January 19 Marge Harger
- January 21 Margaret Flynn
- January 31 Frank Venturelli

Welcome

Please give a warm welcome and introduce yourself to our new residents:

- #236 Richard Hunt
- #245 Harriet Roslow

it was in the backyard of King's family home. It was common that black and white children played together up until the time they started attending school. Farris recalled the day when the boys told them they couldn't play because the King children were "Negroes." She heard a hurting Martin ask his mother, "Why do white people treat colored people mean?" Then his mother explained the system called segregation. Their mother closed with these words, "Because they just don't understand that everyone is the same, but someday, it will be better." Farris wrote that she heard King reply, "Mother dear, one day I'm going to turn this world upside down." Even as a child, Martin Luther King, Jr. made a decision to change the world that he lived in.