

“LET’S CELEBRATE ON EVEN MORE DAYS IN JANUARY”

Join our 2011 – Days of Celebration!

Calendar days described below are referenced from the GPCE Credit Union monthly calendar of events page found to the left on our home page at www.gpccu.com. We are excited about every day in 2011 and we want to celebrate the New Year in many different ways. Pick a day, a week, the entire month and celebrate with us! It really is fun and you may learn something new along the way. It makes having an account with GPCE Credit Union even better! These days are fun. Some “NATIONAL” days are not official because it takes an actual act of Congress to make a regular day a real National Holiday.

01/01/11: NEW YEAR’S DAY — Saturday is the first day of the **NEW YEAR**. How are you going to make this year even better than the last? Consider the new goals you can reach, the dreams you can make come true, and the challenges and great opportunities that await you. 2011 is waiting for you...so, let’s get started and let’s make it the best year yet!

01/03/11: FESTIVAL OF SLEEP — Like many holidays which we may see on the calendar and don’t know why it is a holiday, **Festival of Sleep Day** is also similar to that. There is no origination traced which shows how January 3rd is declared as festival of sleep day. Therefore, this day is an **unofficial holiday**. All you have to do is sleep, sleep and sleep. Sleeping is the only safe escape from all the worldly stress we carry with us every day. Sleep helps us to vent the troubles we may have and nothing beats a good, undisturbed sleep. There are no barriers of how you sleep or where you sleep. This day is completely dedicated to sleeping! Enjoying a sound sleep is all about making yourself comfortable in any place with a dreamless sleep. This is what true essence of sleeping is. Hope you all make the most of this day and discover the beauty of a really good sleep. “Sweet Dreams...”

01/04/11: TRIVIA DAY — **Trivia Day** is a fun day. It is an opportunity for us to share those many little trinkets of knowledge. It doesn't matter how big or how trivial. Dazzle your friends and family with generous portions of trivia today! Not to mention how fun it can be to learn something new... Check out the following sites for trivia, trivia, and more trivia: <http://www.corsinet.com> or <http://www.triviafe.com>

01/05/11: NATIONAL BIRD DAY — Check out the important news about **National Bird Day** located at <http://www.nationalbirdday.com>. You will learn more than you think about the birds of our world. Think you know the sound a bird makes? Try out the sites NAME THAT TUNE for birds. You are still not sure why we should celebrate National Bird Day? Consider the beautiful songs birds provide for us, it’s inspiring! Birds are a great source of warning when our environment becomes unhealthy. Many birds are becoming extinct. Do you know which birds are rare? The very survival of some birds depends on well educated and involved we become. National Bird Day is a good day to recognize this.

01/06/11: CUDDLE UP DAY — Another **unofficial holiday**. There are various ways to celebrate this day. It’s cold outside in January! Cuddle up to your loved ones and tell them how much you care. **Cuddle Up Day** is not limited to cuddling with your friends or family. You can also cuddle up to a good movie or book, a good cup of coffee or some hot cocoa, or in a warm blanket or jacket. Cuddle up to a family pet or favorite stuffed animal. Today is a feel good day for young and old alike. Cuddle up and stay warm in your own great way!

01/13/11: MAKE YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE DAY — This special day gives you the opportunity to do something to realize your goals and dreams. Whatever your dreams are, they usually don’t come true without some effort on your part. So, today is the perfect opportunity to do something about it. On this day do something, anything, to move in the direction of achieving your dreams. Sure, sometimes it takes several steps to accomplish them. So view today as the time to get started on them. With a little effort, they will come true. Believe in yourself and in your dreams!

01/14/11: NATIONAL DRESS UP YOUR PET DAY — The name speaks for itself. Many people love to dress up their pets. If you are one of these people, then THIS is your day! Check out your local community activities. Your area may be celebrating in a bigger way, allowing pet owners to bring their pets into town all dressed up. Prizes may be awarded too. It’s fun for you and your pet will enjoy the attention too!

01/16/11: NATIONAL NOTHING DAY — January 16th is **National Nothing Day**. This un-event was created by newspaperman Harold Pullman Coffin. It was first observed in 1973. The goal of National Nothing Day is "to provide Americans with one national day when they can just sit without celebrating, observing, or honoring anything."

01/17/11: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY — This special day represents a number of things. However, it will always be a day of remembrance in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who in 1968 was assassinated for his attempts to bring all mankind together through the civil rights movement in the 1960’s. This federal holiday is always held on the third Monday of January because it is on or about the actual date of his birth. It is also a day to celebrate peace and human rights. The holiday began in the United States, but has since been celebrated in other countries for all who have fought for human rights and non-violent protests. Local communities work together to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. in many ways. Local news and radio stations usually have scheduled events announced if you want to participate.

01/19/11: NATIONAL POPCORN DAY — Whether you like it buttered, salted, with caramel or cheese, get to the store, get a bag -- or two or three -- of your favorite flavors and get the popcorn party started. No one really knows the origin of **National Popcorn Day**. Some believe it’s connected to Super Bowl football. Two rival teams playing and the fans gathered around the television...eating the healthier snack of all snacks: POPCORN. We suggest you enjoy this day until you “POP”. As far as the “National” explanation of this day, none has been confirmed yet. (It takes an act of Congress to make the day a NATIONAL DAY.)

01/20/11: NATIONAL BUTTER CRUNCH DAY – For all those people who love butter crunch...this is truly YOUR day! No one knows when this day actually began. Probably all those people who ever enjoyed eating butter crunch ice cream, candy, or anything other thing else with butter crunch - just enjoyed their snack so much they forgot to get their butter crunch credit for the day's celebration. What is butter crunch? Well, it's only an American invention, by George! To make butter crunch, toffee is coated with chocolate and roasted almond pieces. Now, who doesn't want to try a taste of that?

01/21/11: NATIONAL HUGGING DAY – *How many hugs could a hugger give if a hugger could give hugs?* THAT is the question. **National Hugging Day** was created and copyrighted in 1986 by Rev. Kevin Zaborney from Caro, Michigan. Let's thank him for this holiday by spreading the hugs! Hugs are loving. Hugs are therapeutic. Hugs are caring. Hugs are celebratory. Hugs make you feel good inside.

01/23/11: MEASURE YOUR FEET DAY – It's absolutely true! It's absolutely for FUN! Today, you should measure your feet. Measure how long they are. Then Measure how wide they are. Then, measure someone else's feet! Some fun feet treats could be to paint your toe nails a color or even several different colors. We'll bet that would really get someone's attention! Younger children can outline their feet and toes on a plain sheet of paper. Then color as you wish! Smaller feet can be painted on the bottom and printed/stamped on paper. Then, framed and dated. Just gives those wonderful feet a chance to grow. In a couple of years you can look back at your fancy foot (art) work and laugh about how much fun it was to just be plain silly for one day in January.

NATIONAL PIE DAY – The American Pie Council created this day simply to celebrate the pie. The American Pie Celebration began in 1986 to commemorate Crisco's 75th anniversary of "serving foods to families everywhere." This year you can celebrate pie day too! Perhaps, you can talk your mom into baking a delicious pie for the family. Maybe mom isn't the pie maker...consider buying your favorite kind of pie and eating it after dinner in celebration of **National Pie Day**. Oh, one last word on this special day: YUMMY!

01/25/11: OPPOSITE DAY – This special day is celebrated primarily among school children. It is a fun day to celebrate. However, it can also cause some confusion. References to Opposite Day date back to around 2000. However, we found some casual reference to President Calvin Coolidge in the 1920's. Is it possible that a president said one thing and meant another? Well anyway, you should have some fun with this day right! Or does that mean wrong, or does that mean left? Have a wonderful topsy-turvy day!

01/28/11: NATIONAL KAZOO DAY – Celebrating 161 years of kazoo playing in America! That's right. Kazoo lovers are celebrating and would love to play their kazoos all week long if possible. Here are some facts about Kazoos that you may not be aware of:

- The kazoo was first produced in the USA around 1852.
- The kazoo was co-invented by Alabama Vest and Thaddeus Von Klegg, who was a German clock maker.
- The kazoo was played often in popular music in the late 1800's through the early 1900's.
- Kazoos can be made of plastic, metal, wood or other materials. Each has unique sound qualities.
- The tone quality of a kazoo is determined by the quality of the membrane or resonator.
- You don't blow into a kazoo, you HUM into it.
- HUM into the BIG end of the kazoo.
- Kazoos are not toys - they are musical instruments in the mirliton or membranophone family.
- Kazoo are NOT related to vuvuzelas (A plastic long horn. Very loud instrument played at certain sporting events around the world.)

01/29/11: NATIONAL PUZZLE DAY – Never heard of **National Puzzle Day**? How do you celebrate it? Simple, you just break out that crossword puzzle or Sudoku book. This is the day to work your way through brain teasers and get your friends and family involved. Puzzles are a great way to keep your mind sharp – at any age! While National Puzzle Day is hardly an official holiday, it stirs up excitement in puzzle addicts across the US.

01/31/11: BACKWARDS DAY – We don't know who the founder of **Backwards Day** was. However, it is a fun day to play around with. Try writing backwards, wear your shirt backwards, or eat your dinner backwards – starting with your dessert! Now that makes it worth participating in Backwards Day on any day! You can talk backwards, walk backwards...getting the picture yet? The day is only limited by your imagination. The most important thing to remember is to have FUN today because next month is another whole new month of daily celebrations and fun with GPCE Credit Union or should that be: noinU tiderC ECPG.

Tell us how you are enjoying the 2011 - Days of Celebration! Let us know if you and your children are having fun and learning new things. GPCE Credit Union serving your financial needs since 1954.

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