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National Housewife's Day is This Week!

The term housewife is an old term stemming from the days when most families were supported by one income. (I personally prefer the term "Domestic Goddess", but they haven't created that celebration day yet). These days, both parents work outside of the home in 61% of families.

The age of the kids impacts how much a parent stays home. It's not always the mother, sometimes it's the dad.

There were four girls in my family, so my mom stayed home with us. It was great! She was the only mom at home on our street, so several of our friends hung out at our house in the afternoons. If it was raining when we got off the bus, there were warm chocolate chip cookies coming out of the oven. I wanted to be that kind of mom!

My husband and I were considered odd-balls for our generation. All I ever wanted to do was be a Mom, so we did the math to figure out how to make that happen. No cable TV, no new cars, no eating out all the time. I was the only Mom in our friend group that was home with our kids & some of them looked down on our choice, but I loved it!

Since we had three kids in 33 months, daycare would have been more than my tiny teacher salary, so after the 2nd kid was born, I quit. That was the best thing I ever did! Hubby loved it, too!

My sisters left their kids with me while they worked. Since we all had kids at the same time, that meant I had home with seven kids under the age of four every day. (See, I'm fairly sane considering.) I'm not saying it was all sunshine and rainbows, but, for the most part, it was the most wonderful time in my life!

When there are built-in playmates, life is a little easier. Add a fenced-in back yard, a slide & swing set & things are great! When we moved to Lexington, the sisters did, too. So much to explore on 3 acres! Cows across the street? Chickens in the yard? We certainly didn't have that in St. Andrews! In addition, our fabulous neighbors kept an eye out on me & the kids! Kenny Schneider and James Rikard would mysteriously show up (walking or on a 4-wheeler) if a strange vehicle appeared in our yard or driveway. I have never felt safer or more loved!

Ok, now on to important stuff!

The Week of October 29-31 is:

- World Origami Week
- International Magic Week
- Veterans Small Business Week

Some Celebrations only last a day:

29th-National Cat Day

- National Hermit Day
- National Oatmeal Day

30th-Checklist Day

- National Candy Corn Day

31st-Caramel Apple Day

- National Doorbell Day
- Knock-Knock Jokes Day
- National Magic Day

November is:

- * Adopt a Turkey Month
- * Banana Pudding Lovers Month
- * Family Stories Month
- * Historic Bridge Awareness Month
- * Military Family Month
- * Georgia Pecan Month
- * Memoir Writing Month
- * Peanut Butter Lovers Month
- * Sweet Potato Awareness Month

The Week of November 1-4 is:

- National Fig Week
- World Communication Week
- National Farm Toy Week

Some Celebrations only last a day:

1st- Cinnamon Day

- Forgiveness & Happiness Day
- Extra Mile Day
- Pet Groomers' Day
- National Calzone Day
- Deep Fried Clams Day

2nd- Men Make Dinner Day

- National Deviled Egg Day
- Stress Awareness Day

3rd- Fountain Pen Day

- National Housewife's Day
- International Cake Day
- Sandwich Day
- SOS Day

4th- Bison Day

- Digital Scrapbooking Day
- National Chicken Lady Day
- National Candy Day
- Easy-Bake Oven Day
- National Play Outside Day
- Pumpkin Destruction Day
- Sausage & Kraut Day
- Use Common Sense Day
- World Chili Day

Have a great week & call me if you need anything!

Serving Him & Loving it!

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Upon Bernie's arrival, the scariest-costume competition was about to get a whole lot stiffer.