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The Most Frightening Time of the Year

It's always the same. We make our New Year's resolutions and are doing great and then, out of the blue, comes the temptation above all temptations. Girl Scout Cookies! (cue scary music)

Girl Scouts started in 1912 and by 1917 they were selling cookies to help pay for their activities. In the 1920s and 1930s, the Scouts baked their own sugar cookies and sold them door to door. In 1936, the Girl Scouts licensed the first commercial baker to make the now famous cookies. Now there are two bakeries officially licensed to bake the cookies. Each company must bake Thin Mints, Tagalongs (aka Peanut Butter Sandwich) and Trefoils (aka Shortbread). A total of eight varieties can be baked by each company.

In July 1922, *The American Girl* magazine, published by Girl Scouts of the USA, featured an article about the cookie sales, including the recipe that had been given to the council's 2,000 Girl Scouts. They estimated the approximate cost of ingredients for 6-7 dozen cookies to be 26 to 36 cents. The cookies, it was suggested, could be sold for 25 or 30 cents per dozen.

In 1933, Girl Scouts in Philadelphia baked cookies and sold them in the city's gas and electric company windows. The price was just 23 cents for a box of 44 cookies or six boxes for \$1.24.

In 1935, scouts in New York raised money selling commercially baked cookies, bought their own cookie cutter in the shape of a trefoil & used the words "Girl Scout Cookies" on the box. Enthusiasm for the cookies spread and by 1937 more than 125 Girl Scout councils reported holding cookie sales.

Cookies were sold by local councils until WWII when sugar, flour, & butter shortages led them to sell calendars as an alternative to raise money for activities. In the 1950s, girls were back to cookies and began selling them at tables in shopping malls.

Today all 12 cookie flavors are both kosher & Halal certified. There are also vegan & gluten-free varieties, too. Cookies can now be purchased online.

They've come a long way, baby!

Ok, now on to important stuff!

The Week of February 12th-18th is:

- Love Makes the World Go Round, But Laughter Keeps Us From Getting Dizzy
- International Flirting Week
- Jell-O Week
- Secondhand Wardrobe Week
- Random Acts of Kindness Week

The Daily Celebrations are:

12th-National Pork Rind Day

Paul Bunyan Day

National Plum Pudding Day

13th-Get a Different Name Day

International Kissing Day

National Tortellini Day

National Cheddar Day

National Football Hangover Day

Popcorn Day

World Radio Day

14th-Valentine's Day

Ferris Wheel Day

Library Lovers Day

Cream-Filled Chocolates Day

National Have a Heart Day

15th-Annoy Your Boss Day

National Gum Drop Day

National Hippo Day

16th-National Almond Day

Do A Grouch a Favor Day

17th-Flip Flop Day

National Cabbage Day

Girl Scout Cookie Sales Begin

No One Eats Alone Day

18th-National Battery day

Cow Milked While Flying Day

National Drink Wine Day

National Red Sock Day

Crab-Stuffed Flounder Day

ODD COMPLIMENTS

- Thank you for not thinking I'm weird. I mean, we both know I'm weird, but you accept it, and that makes me happy.
- If I'm trying to remember something random, I know I can go to you for help, and just be like, "what does that dude say in that one movie we like? Also, it might be a commercial." And you'll know exactly what I'm talking about. It's amazing.
- If you're reading this, you have nice legs. And you can read. Congrats on both, my friend.
- I think squirrels really like spaghetti. There is nothing to suggest this is true, but I believe they do. I mean, squirrels, spaghetti, it makes sense. That being said, I like you as much as I think squirrels like spaghetti.
- There are a lot of things I love in this world, like food, and sometimes a good nap, but there's nothing I love more than you. Aside from food. And sometimes a good nap.

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

Serving Him & Loving it!

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