



# Joyful Journal

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*If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.*

— Mother Teresa

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July was a busy month, but as I type, I realize they are all busy!! One of my favorite sayings is “days are long, and years are short.” I do my best to hold on to every moment and to be present each day. Early July found us in Lancaster, CA for the State Softball tournament with Samantha. It was fun to see the girls work hard to get to the state tournament. Even though our team didn't end up placing, we went farther than any 12U team before us. Samantha played catcher for all 3 games in 95+ heat and she rocked it! We are so proud of her! July also found Sammy turning 12 – she celebrated with her crew of friends at the house swimming, enjoying the hot tub and dance party! Addy has stayed busy with her softball team playing local tournaments, hanging with her friends at the beach and riding her new Ebike around UC. Scott went fishing in Alaska as part of

a Weathers men trip. He enjoyed time with his Dad, brother and extended family. He came home with 50lb of fish, it was a successful trip. I am hoping to get some camping in soon before school starts at the end of this month. Enjoy the final month of summer, stay hydrated and practice gratitude.

*Angela Weathers*



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## Happiness is Sharing with Others

There once was a farmer who had great fields of corn. He grew the best corn in the area. He won the first prize at the state fair every year, and everyone flocked to his fields in late summer to enjoy his delicious harvest.

One day, a news reporter went to interview the farmer and ask him about his secrets to success. Days of research before the interview revealed to the reporter that the farmer would always share his best-producing seeds with the neighboring farms.

When it came time for the interview, the reporter was loaded with a powerful question. The reporter asked, "Sir, why do you share your best seeds with your neighbors, knowing that they are also going to enter their corn into the competition against you? Would this not make it difficult for you to win?"

The farmer looked up and took a deep breath before he replied. The farmer answered, "During the season when the strong wind comes across the fields, pollen from the ripening corn is swirled from field to field. It is most important to understand that if my neighbors grow poor corn, the cross-pollination will ultimately degrade the quality of my own corn. So, if I want to grow great corn, I must help my neighbor grow good corn as well."

In order to live a meaningful and happy life, we must see the importance of enriching the lives of others. True happiness is found when we share with others.



# AUGUST FUN FACT:



August was once the sixth month of the year. In the original ten-month Roman calendar, the month went by the name of Sextilis, meaning “the sixth month” in Latin. It wasn’t until around 700BC that August was rudely shoved back in the order of months when January and February were added to the beginning of the year by King Numa Pompilius.

Another year, another change! In 8 BC the month was named Augustus, in honor of the Roman emperor Augustus.

On August 6, 1762, the first-ever sandwich was created, at least with such a name. It was named after the Earl of Sandwich when he requested a dish involving meat between two pieces of bread. As the story goes, he requested it as he was in the middle of a gambling game and didn’t want to interrupt it.

Those born in August are brought into this world under one of two star signs. If you were born before August 22nd, you’re considered to be a Leo. If you’re born on the 23rd or later, you’re a Virgo. Leos are said to be very proud people who display great leadership. Virgos, on the other hand, are analytical and hardworking people, while still being kind and loyal.

August was a big month for the U.S. Civil Rights Movement. It was on August 28, 1963, that Martin Luther King Jr gave his famous “I have a dream” speech to 250,000 people on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. Considered to be one of the most iconic speeches in the history of the US, King’s speech called for the end of racial discrimination and for equal rights to all.

August also has two birth flowers – the vibrant multicolored gladiolus and the deep crimson poppy. The gladiolus flower is said to represent generosity, strength of character, and deep sincerity. The poppy flower couldn’t be more different though, as it is a sign of imagination, eternal sleep, and oblivion!

Unlike most other months, August has just one birthstone – peridot. One of the lesser-known gems, peridots come in shades from grass-green to a more earthy olive hue. They’re quite a unique gem, really, and quite rare as they can only be found from two very different sources – they can be formed deep in the earth and expelled to the surface along with lava, and they can be found in meteorites! It is claimed that peridots have healing powers and can protect the bearer from evil.

August was a fateful month for the ancient Roman city of Pompeii. On August 24, 79AD, Mount Vesuvius erupted near the city. The mountain spewed out great clouds of ash, smoke, and pumice, which rained down on Pompeii’s citizens. Unfortunately for Pompeii, that wasn’t the end of it either – next came molten lava, which buried the remaining residents 7 feet (2.1 m) deep!

There are some pretty fascinating holidays spread throughout August which are celebrated in different parts of the world. On August 1st, we have World Scout Scarf Day, as well as the Official Birthday and Coronation of the King of Tonga (try saying that in one go!). August 5th is National Underwear Day (US), August 11th is Mountain Day (Japan), August 16th is National Rum Day (US) and August 20th is World Mosquito Day. What a month!







# For the Season



## August 14th - A Special Day in American History

**August 14, 1935 -**

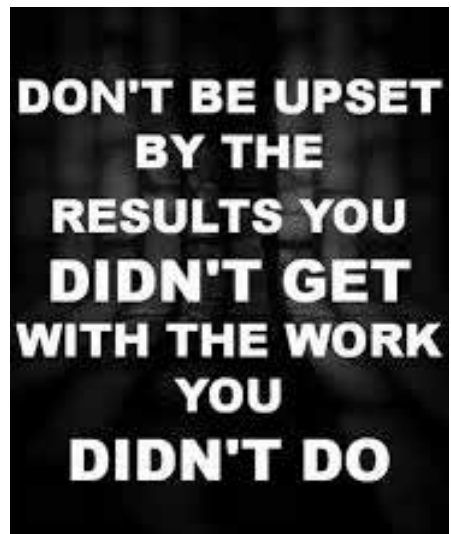
President Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act establishing the system

which guarantees pensions to those who retire at age 65. The Social Security system also aids states in providing financial aid to dependent children, the blind and others, as well as administering a system of unemployment insurance.

**August 14, 1941 -** After three days of secret meetings aboard warships off the coast of Newfoundland, the Atlantic Charter was issued by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. The Charter, a foundation stone for the later establishment of the United Nations, set forth eight goals for the nations of the world, including; the renunciation of all aggression, right to self-government, access to raw materials, freedom from want and fear, freedom of the seas, and disarmament of aggressor nations. By September, fifteen anti-Axis nations signed the Charter.

*"Let go of the thoughts that don't make you strong."*

— Karen Salmansohn





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Cheryl and Tim VanDomelen

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