

A Doll’s Debut



Original Barbie dolls in mint condition are worth \$25,000.



Ruth Handler watched her daughter ignore baby dolls in favor of playing with paper dolls of adult women. Handler realized that some young girls did not want to play mother to babies, but rather they wanted to use their imaginations to envision their futures as adults through play. Handler’s solution was to introduce a new doll to the market. On March 9, 1959, Barbie made her debut at the American Toy Fair in New York City, and her popularity has endured for nearly 65 years.

Handler based her design, a slim 11-inch-tall woman with wavy blonde hair and a full feminine figure, on a German doll named Lilli. Lilli was first introduced not as a doll for German girls, but as a bold and quick-witted woman in a newspaper comic strip geared toward men. Lilli’s popularity grew so much that she became a toy for children. Handler discovered Lilli on a visit to Germany. She brought the doll home, made a few changes,

a visit to Germany. She brought the doll home, made a few changes, and named her Barbie after her own daughter Barbara. Handler, founder of the Mattel toy company, utilized a sponsorship deal she had signed with *The Mickey Mouse Club* to advertise the doll on television to children. In its first year on the market, 300,000 Barbie dolls were sold.

As popular as Barbie has been, though, she has always generated plenty of controversy. Barbie’s careers as an executive and astronaut were viewed as challenging women’s traditional roles. Her unrealistic figure (a holdover from the Lilli age) has been criticized as perpetuating negative body images for young girls. Regardless, Barbie has weathered these storms, bringing in one billion dollars for Mattel each year.

April Horoscopes

In astrology, those born from April 1–19 are Aries’ Rams. Rams are headstrong, charging forward into adventures with confidence and ambition. Aries’ charisma and confidence make them effective leaders. Those born from April 20–30 are Taurus’ Bulls. Bulls are reliable workers who take a slow-and-steady approach to finishing tasks. They do expect a reward for their hard work and love life’s little indulgences.

Resident Birthdays

- Sofia Sitsis – April 4th
- Ruth DiObilda – April 6th
- Elizabeth Maher – April 10th
- Helen Thornton – April 14th

Harrison Happenings

March / April 2023

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Harrison House of Chester County is so excited to announce that **Stacy Yosko**, our Director or Residents Services was awarded Woman of Distinction for 2023. This award is so well deserved for all her dedicated work at Harrison House over the last 30 years! Well, it is March and for some reason we still have not seen any amount of snow to talk about. Not sure if this is a good thing or not. It always makes me smile to see some of those large flakes come down on our tree line. Well soon our flowering trees out front will be budding and spring will be here.

Our **Non Medical Home Health** has started, so if anyone is in need of these services please contact me for more information. In the near future I am planning to have a family night to meet your family and friends. We will have some snacks and you will be able to meet our CEO, Harrison Saunders and COO, Frank Beech. We will have plenty of time for questions and answers. I am looking forward to seeing everyone.



Recipe Corner

INGREDIENTS

- 3.9 oz instant chocolate pudding mix
- 1 ½ cups milk
- 8 oz cool whip
- 1 oreo pie crust
- 8 Oreos
- 12 Gummy worms

DIRT PIE

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a large mixing bowl, whisk the pudding mix and milk until it starts to thicken. Fold in the cool whip to the pudding.
2. Add the pudding mixture into the crust and smooth the top, so it's flat.
3. Place the Oreos into your food processor and pulse until they are a fine crumb. Sprinkle the Oreo crumbs over the top of the pie.
4. Top the pie with some of the gummy worms.
5. Place the pie in the fridge for 1 hour to set.

March Horoscopes

In astrology, those born from March 1–20 are Pisces' Fish. Pisces are incredibly sensitive and empathetic. They often tap into their boundless imaginations and dreamy attitudes to become accomplished artists. Those born from March 21–31 are Aries' Rams. Rams are headstrong, charging forward into adventures with confidence and ambition. Aries' charisma and confidence make them effective leaders.

Resident Birthdays

R. L. Petersen – March 2nd

Sylvia Baronian – March 5th

Joe Diamond – March 6th

Mary Sneed – March 9th

Jackie Wilson – March 11th

Keith Kiems – March 12th

Paul Pentasuglio – March 21st

**Harrison House Eagles
"Super Bowl Tailgate Party!"
Cake, compliments of Mary Ann Lasak.**



Celebrating Art for Painting: National Wine Day February 11th



The Last Laugh: Remember to laugh out loud on April 14, International Moment of Laughter Day. Is laughing always the best medicine? Research shows that laughter does impart several health benefits:

- ✓ We inhale more air and oxygen, stimulating the heart, lungs, muscles, and brain
- ✓ Improves mood;
- ✓ Encourages positive thoughts that release *neuropeptides*, chemicals that fight stress and boost our immune systems;
- ✓ Improves mood, but it encourages the positive thoughts that release *neuropeptides*, chemicals that fight stress and boost our immune systems;
- ✓ Even fake laughs and forced smiling are enough to boost our mood!