



Grandpa and Grandma "waving" at their favorite grandchildren! 😊

An Update for Grandma and Grandpa

If you're turned off by the geriatric-sounding term, there are plenty of hipper options. **G-Dawg**, anyone?

What's wrong with **Grandma** and **Grandpa**? Actually, they're just fine, thanks, probably spinning at the gym, tweeting at the office, scaling Mount Everest or discovering their inner artist.

It's just that those geriatric honorifics — Grandma and Grandpa — rub many baby boomers the wrong way and they're coming up with all sorts of ways to avoid them.

The crotchety images they conjur up — the doddering **Granny** on the **Beverly Hillbillies**, the centenarian **Grandma Moses** — complete with specs halfway down their noses and gray hair pulled back in buns — simply don't match up with the vibrant ones they see reflected in their mirrors.

So even though baby boomers can't wait for the grandkids to arrive, looking forward to future hours spent museum-going and river-rafting, many grandparents are going to extraordinary lengths to escape those wrinkly old terms.

Goldie Hawn inadvertently hit on the perfect compromise when her first grandchild, Kate Hudson's son Ryder, began calling her **Glam-Ma**, instantly transforming her from dowdy **Gramma** to glamorous **Glam-ma**, a term that's been widely adopted by other age-defiers. **Gwyneth Paltrow**, whose actress mother **Blythe Danner** is called **Lalo** by her kids, said in an interview, **"My mom's hot and she didn't want to be called Grandma."**

Other celebs are not so sensitive. The ageless **Sophia Loren**, whose grandkids all live in the U.S., is more than happy to be called the traditional Italian **Nonna**. **Jacqueline Onassis** was always called **Grand Jackie** by daughter Caroline's three kids.

California mom **Marla Black's** son Quincy, for example, mispronounced Grandma and Grandpa as **Mema** and **Beepa**, which stuck. There's no end to the possibilities. Little Gideon can go fishing with his **Poppy**, **G-Pa**, **Grumpy** or **Grampcracker**, while Baby Beatrice can snuggle with a **Bampy**, a **Beeba**, a **Boosh**, or a **Boompa**. (Grandparents who've opted for **Gaga** suddenly have a lot more to live up to than they bargained for.) ggd 😊

Our Guest Speaker will be Dorothy Hunley [Assistant Business Office Manager] Houston Health Care, talking to us about recent Medicare/Medicaid issues. Additionally, we'll be having/serving "Soups, Salads And Sandwiches!" Everyone who signed up to bring "stuff" [you know who you are] - don't forget to bring your "stuff!"
 Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday - January 25, 2012/10:00 A.M.

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Suzanne Burgess 7th Bessie Howell 13th Carol Martin 19th Rosita Huckleba 20th
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Palmer Craig 4th Lilian Werner 7th Rosalie Montes 9th

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For each new morning with its light, For rest and shelter of the night, For health and food, For love and friends, For everything Thy goodness sends. Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882) "Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4 NKJV

Friday The 13th Times Three

This year, Friday The 13th Occurs In January, April And July - 13 Weeks Apart - During A Leap Year! [Delaware News Journal | Friday - January 13, 2012]

In 2012, we will see the maximum possible number of Friday the 13th dates -- three. That part isn't so unusual. It happened in 2009, and it will again in 2015. Get out your new desk calendar and count up the weeks. January 13, April 13 and July 13 are all spaced exactly 13 weeks apart!

"This particular date pattern hasn't unfolded since the early 1980s", said **Tom Fernsler**, an associate policy scientist in the Mathematics and Science Education Resource Center at the **University of Delaware**. **"Whether you fear it or love it as a superstition contrarian, it's hard not to feel something about Friday the 13th,"** Fernsler said. **"I find that 95 percent of people in the world are superstitious about something, and the other 5 percent are liars,"** he said.

The number 13 and Friday are a recurring presence in many lines of mythological, spiritual and religious thought. In Christianity, 13 people attended the Last Supper before Judas' betrayal and Jesus' death on, that's right, a Friday. A Norse myth also warns of a dire consequence for dining in groups of 13. A Friday the 13th was the date of imprisonment for the famous medieval Knights Templar. And in an event not quite as historical in significance, rapper Tupac Shakur was killed on Friday, Sept. 13, 1996.

"While Friday the 13th can feel like a special occasion, it isn't. If you take a 400-year period, the 13th falls on a Friday more than any other day, 688 times compared with 684 times for Thursday or Saturday," Fernsler said. **"Not that anyone would notice a difference of four days over 400 years."** ggd 😊



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President Obama Proclaims January as National Mentoring Month



Invest in the Future. Mentor a Child.

January 3, 2012: President Barack Obama has issued a proclamation designating January as **National Mentoring Month**, saying, **"Every day, mentors help young Americans face the challenges of growing into adulthood. By setting a positive example and sharing their time, knowledge and experience, mentors play an essential role in preparing our Nation's youth for a bright future. During National Mentoring Month, we celebrate the contributions of all those who cultivate a supportive environment for the next generation, and we recommit to expanding mentorship opportunities across our country."**

January 2012 marks the **11th anniversary** of **National Mentoring Month**, an annual media campaign to recruit volunteer mentors for young people. Spearheaded by the **Harvard Mentoring Project of the Harvard School of Public Health**, MENTOR and the Corporation for National and Community Service, this year's campaign tagline is Invest in the Future. Mentor a Child.

Mentors, backed by quality mentoring programs, play a powerful role in preventing substance abuse and youth violence, as well as boosting academic achievement and workforce readiness. Studies have shown a more than 250 percent return on a \$1 investment in mentoring and a myriad of quality of life benefits to the mentor, too. Mentors help build young people's character and confidence, expand their universe and help them navigate pathways to successful adulthood. Despite this proven impact, the gap between the number of mentors and the number of young people who need a mentor is still too large. While three million young people have a mentor, 15 million need a caring adult mentor in their lives.

"National Mentoring Month gives the mentoring field an opportunity to collectively celebrate the proven impact of quality programs and the impactful service of mentors nationwide while also sounding the call to grow the movement through increased volunteerism and financial investment," said MENTOR's President and CEO **David Shapiro**. **"We thank our national partners across sectors, including the media and funders who make it possible to sound that call, and we thank the Mentoring Partnerships and programs that creatively implement and expand the campaign every year and work to close the mentoring gap everyday."**

"We feel fortunate that President Obama shined the spotlight on National Mentoring Month in this proclamation, and we applaud his and First Lady Michelle Obama's personal commitment and example through their mentoring programs in the White House," Shapiro added.

In his proclamation, **Obama** noted, **"Last January, we partnered with businesses across America to launch the Corporate Mentoring Challenge, which calls on corporations to begin or expand mentoring programs that pair children with positive role models, foster leadership skills and put them on the path to success in school and beyond. As part of our steadfast commitment to support our service members and their loved ones, we are funding new mentorship opportunities for children from military families. And we are continuing to engage faith and community groups to help recruit mentors who can guide our youth in education, employment and engaged citizenship."**

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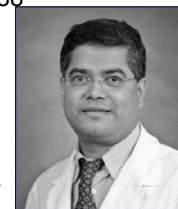
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