

# PLAT CHAT

JANUARY 2024

**Delray Villas Plat 4/5  
Community Newsletter**  
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NUMBER 014

***Board of Directors Meeting***

***Date: Monday***

***January 9, 2024***

***Time: 7:30 PM "B" Building***



***Rec Board Meeting***

***Date: Wednesday***

***January 17, 2024***

***Time: 7:00 PM "B" Building***



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*(If during the meeting you need help contact via text)*

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# Beware of Another Scam!!



Maria Bender came across this scam recently - supposedly from Netflix.

Scammers use trusted logos, official sounding names and web addresses to gain your trust and cheat you out of your money. Netflix accounts do NOT expire after a year of membership and will only contact you if **you** change information on your account. **NEVER, EVER** give out your Social Security number, credit card number or bank account over the phone. **NEVER!** If you suspect a scammer is calling you, just tell them you're not interested and hang up the phone. **REMEMBER: Just! Hang! Up!**

## Delray Villas 4/5

### HOA - Announcement

Starting January 1, 2024, I will **no longer** be accepting checks for maintenance fees that are left on my porch. You can either:

- ~Mail your check directly to the bank in the envelopes you received with your coupons, \*OR\*
- ~ You can sign up for automatic withdrawal, by dropping off a VOIDED check to me.
- ~Any other checks left on my porch **will be returned to you!**

As a reminder, the maintenance fee for 2024 is \$714.00

Sheila Lane,  
Treasurer  
561.381.7725



## Delray Villas 4/5 Book Club

This enlightening group led by Elaine Guanci takes place the first Monday of each month at the clubhouse. It is held in the Arts and Crafts Room at 1 PM.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to come and participate. We read and discuss the monthly books. It is a deep discussion and you hear different opinions and unusual concepts.

Every month there are different subjects and the contents vary. Elaine compiles lists of questions regarding all characters and personalities within the books. This is so much fun and encourages you to partake.

Come and join us and remember...  
anyone and everyone is welcome!



Left to Right, sitting: Linda Sonnenblum, Ann Letterman, Maxine Dazzo, Vicky Kelsey, Sally Callinan, Andres Presser, Sheila Malysz, and Judy Siegel.  
Left to Right, standing: Delores Carney, Sheila Simon, Elaine Guanci, and Larissa Bulya.  
Missing from picture: Ronni Perry and Aileen Berman



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by [Amanda Marek, University of Florida](#). Posted: **December 11, 2023**

**“Florida Snow”** This weed now commonly called “Florida snow” is *Richardia grandiflora*, a creeping perennial that reproduces by seeds and stem fragments. There are three other *Richardias*, or pusleys, found in Florida, none of which are native to the state.

“Florida Snow” becomes most evident in the fall and winter when flowering reaches its peak.



Credit: [University of Florida](#)

by [Stephen Brown](#) Posted: **December 7, 2023**



## January is National Hobby Month!

By Nancy Grasso

Hobbies can be a healthy part of your routine. Gardening is one of my hobbies, luckily, Florida is perfect for that! Recently we visited Mounts Botanical Gardens (an easy 30 minute drive from Delray Villas).

Mounts Botanical Garden is in West Palm Beach. It is Palm Beach County's oldest and largest public garden with over 2,000 species of tropical and subtropical plants from six continents, including plants native to Florida, exotic trees, tropical fruit, herbs, citrus and palms. You'll see big koi fish & turtles in the ponds.

The paths are easy to walk on and accessible to people in wheelchairs also.

You enter and leave through a Gift Shop (I love that!)

Walking trails intertwine so your day there can be as long or short as you need it to be!

Besides the glorious greenery & flowers, they also have fruit and vegetable gardens to admire - but not for picking! :)

They do sell ornamental plants and herbs at bargain prices! If you decide to be a member there are “sale” advantages. I love growing herbs in pots & using them in cooking.

**Website:** [mounts.org](http://mounts.org) **Phone:** 561-233-1757 **Address:** 531 North Military Trail, WPB 33415

In addition, there's even a Master Gardener location next door (best advice freely given!)

**TOGETHER WE SHARED!  
1,000,000  
#SOMETHING GOOD MOMENTS! LET'S CREATE MORE MEMORIES!!!**

## Theater Shows by Lynne Cohen

**Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St., Delray Beach  
561-272-1281**



- 1/8- Tovah Feldshuh: Aging is Optional
- 1/11- Hot Brass:Chicago/ Earth Wind & Fire
- 1/12- The Petty Hearts: Tom Petty Tribute
- 1/13- We Are the Champions: The Ultimate Queen Tribute
- 1/18- Bachelors of Broadway: Gentlemen of Theater
- 1/18- Boeing Boeing

**Hard Rock - 1 Seminole Way, Hollywood,  
866-502-7529**

- 1/12- Mitchell Tenpenny
- 1/13 & 1/14- Miami Comedy Festival
- 1/18- Tool
- 1/27 & 1/28- Jerry Seinfeld



**Arts Garage- 94 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach  
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- 1/7- Arthur Migliazza- Boogie Woogie
- 1/13- Memphis Lighting Piano
- 1/21- Renegade- Tribute to Classic Rock
- 1/27&1/28- Hotel California- Tribute to Eagles

**Kravis Center- 701 Okeechobee Blvd.. WPB,  
561-832-7469**

- 1/2- 1/7- To Kill a Mockingbird
- 1/13- Johnny Mathis- Romance Tour 2024
- 1/18- Music of George Michael
- 1/19- The Fair Phantoms in Concert
- 1/27&1/28- Opera Tosca by Giacomo Puccini
- 1/29- The Cleveland Orchestra

**Parker Playhouse - 707 NE 8<sup>th</sup> St., Ft Lauderdale,  
954-462-0222 press 1**

- 1/10- Vicki Lawrence
- 1/11- Gary Janetti
- 1/12- Harold Melvin
- 1/13- Flock of Seagulls
- 1/17- South Florida Symphony Orchestra
- 1/19- Life & Music of George Michael
- 1/20- Hypro; Improv under hypnosis- Colin Mochrie and Asad Mecci
- 1/21- Jessica Vosk
- 1/25- Darcy & Jer
- 1/26- Paula Poundstone
- 1/27- Gotta Love the 80's

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- 1/26- Ticket Insurance

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**Theater Shows by Lynn Cohen**  
(cont'd from p. 8)

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1/12- 2/12- Anything Goes

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1/5- The Texas Tenors

1/7- Latkes & Guilt- Therapy Continues

1/10- Yacht Rock

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1/14-Rita Rudner

1/19-Tribute to Michael Buble

1/21-Motown Music

1/23- Delray Concert Orchestra

1/24- Roz Brown Experience

1/26- John Joseph & Karen Grainger

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1/31- Clint Holmes

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**And if you ever saw it**  
**You would even say its bright**  
**All of the other candles**  
**Used to laugh and call him names**  
**They never let poor Herman**  
**Join in any Chanukah games.**  
**Then one foggy Chanukah eve**  
**The Rabbi came to say...**  
**Herman with your light so bright**  
**Won't you join my menorah tonite.**  
**Then all the candles loved him**  
**And they shouted out with glee**  
**Herman the Chanukah Candle**  
**You'll go down in History!!**  
**Lynne Cohen**



## Wellness Toolbox

by Heidi Elias, LCSW, SEP



It's nice to be nice. But when being nice starts to intrude on our peace of mind, or gets in the way of taking care of our own needs, it is time to re-evaluate and consider something new.

Many of us were never taught to be self-protective or to put ourselves first. When we have tried to set boundaries in the past, we either felt too guilty, or we were called "selfish," which did not feel good.

When we automatically say yes to every request because we are so very nice, we can end-up overextended, feeling burnt-out, and silently resentful. It is time to put ourselves first.

A helpful tool for overcoming being "too nice" comes down to 12-simple-words:

***"I want to think about it. I will get back to you."***

By learning and practicing this new approach to requests, we buy ourselves time to actually think about whether or not we truly want give of ourselves in this way. By slowing things down, we restore our ability to choose, rather than acting on impulse as we have always done. It is fine to choose to help out, but it is best when it is by our own choice.

So, the next time someone asks you to drive them somewhere at a very inconvenient time, or asks for the 10th time to walk their dog because they will be home late, try this new approach.

This is one way that we can take back our power, and restore control over our time, and our lives. ~ Heidi

## Valentines Day is Next Month

**Residents, please share your stories about how you met your significant other.**

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**“Our Delray Villa neighbor Bonnie”**

One of our neighbors on Dusenburg is a Holocaust survivor .. and Chelle Lukens asked me to help her type what she felt would be important for our January Plat Chat, especially with our current events ... so here goes: Bonnie's always got a note of laughter in her voice! The two things that amaze people about Bonnie is how much joy for life she shares with others, all of us, as neighbors in Delray Villas and how determined she was, as a child alone, to live.

Bonnie was the only member of her family to survive the Holocaust.

From the age of 9 to 14 she hid in the woods, barns & attics. At first with her family, but then they didn't survive, leaving her as a preteen, alone. She had to learn quickly to survive, sometimes wearing a cross and speaking Russian. The Nazis took her parents & brother but missed her hiding under a mattress in an attic. When the war ended, she landed in a children's relocation camp. She was given the choice to go to the United States or Israel. Bonnie's mother made her memorize the name of a cousin in the United States, so that's where she went.

Bonnie is known not to be bitter. In her own words, she says " I am grateful. I made it. Life is a wonderful thing and I've had the chance to live it. I've got a future."

Hope you get the chance to meet and know Bonnie, one of Delray Villas loveliest residents. A local newspaper "The Jewish Journal" printed her story on the cover of the May 10, 2023 issue. If you'd like to read the online version, please ask Chelle Lukens or Nancy Grasso.

**Submitted by Chelle Lukens & Nancy Grasso**

## The LEGAL CHIT- CHAT

By: Alan Jay Lewis, Esq.

One of the most significant transactions that a person may be involved with is the Selling or Buying of a Home.

LAST MONTH I DISCUSSED THE SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR A SELLER OF A HOME.

THIS ARTICLE WILL DISCUSS SOME IMPORTANT ISSUES FOR A BUYER OF A HOME TO CONSIDER:

Individuals who are interested in Buying a Home, usually spend some time searching the Internet and/or speaking with friends, family and Broker/Realtors who may be able to help the Buyer find a Home that is in a particular area or community and meets the important needs of the Buyer. Sometimes a Buyer may find a Seller, through word of mouth, who has not "listed" the Seller's Home with a Broker/Realtor.

It is important to note that most Buyers decide that they are not willing to enter into any Agreement with a Broker/Realtor to pay a fee for the Broker/Realtor's services in helping the Buyer to purchase a Home; in such case, the full Broker/Realtor's Commission the Commission for Broker/Realtor services is to be paid by the Seller of the Home.

When a Buyer finds a Home that they are interested in purchasing, the potential Buyer has to submit an OFFER in writing to the Seller. In most situations, the Buyer's OFFER describes all the terms and provisions, and it is usually incorporated within a document called an "As-Is" Residential Contract for Sale and Purchase. The OFFER is presented by the prospective Buyer to the Seller and if the OFFER is "accepted" by the Seller without any material changes, ...guess what,.... the parties, at that point in time, have entered into their Contract for the Sale and Purchase of the Home.

For purposes of simplicity, I will, in the remainder of this Legal Chit-Chat Article, simply refer to the "As-Is" Residential Contract for Sale and Purchase, as the parties "Contract."

Most people, understandingly so, focus primarily on the Sales price in the Contract as the deciding factor regarding whether they want to purchase a Home. While the Sales price is undoubtedly a very important part of the Contract, it is one part of the Contract; however, the Contract contains many other provisions that are also very important -- to name a few such as, what items of Tangible Personal Property are being sold with the Home; the Closing Date; whether the Contract is contingent on the Buyer obtaining a Mortgage Loan from a Bank or other lending institution, or whether the transaction is simply an "All cash" transaction; what period of time the Buyer has to conduct all of the Buyer's inspections of the Home, i.e., roof, plumbing, Air Conditioning and Heating, Electrical, structure/foundation, termites and mold, etc.; the fact that there has to be licensed Inspectors who examine the premises; the Seller's obligation to make repairs and the Buyer's right to cancel the Contract within a stipulated number of days after the timely inspections are made by the Buyer, if the Buyer is dissatisfied with the condition of the Home; how the costs and expenses that are associated with the Sale and Purchase will be allocated as between the Seller and the Buyer; what happens to the "down payment" paid by the Buyer and deposited in Escrow with an Escrow Agent if the Buyer defaults under the Contract; and what remedies does the Buyer have if the Seller defaults under the terms and provisions of the Contract.

Due to the fact that a purchase of a Home could be the single largest financial undertaking of a individual, it is, important that the potential Buyer have a competent individual, who is well-versed in residential real estate transactions, to review the potential Buyer's Offer and make revisions, if necessary, BEFORE the Buyer's Offer is presented to the Seller...and also review any changes/modifications made by the Seller to the Buyer's Offer, which said changes/modifications are known as the Seller's Counter Offer. In Florida, it is quite common for Broker/Realtors to prepare the prospective Buyer's OFFER; a word to the wise, Broker/Realtors are not Attorneys and cannot give the prospective Buyer any "legal advice." If the prospective Buyer wants actual "legal advice" about the OFFER and the terms and provisions of the Contract, the prospective Buyer will need to hire an Attorney who is knowledgeable in this field and has handled many real estate sale and purchase transactions as part of his/her law practice.

After the Contract is signed by both the Buyer and the Seller, a Title Company is designated to handle the Closing, as the Closing/Settlement Agent. The Title Company examines the status of the Title to the Seller's Home and the Title Insurance Company determines if the Title that will be transferred to you, as the Buyer [at the Closing] is "marketable." In addition to the fact [noted above] that a Broker/Realtor cannot give you, the Buyer, legal advice, a Title Company also cannot give any "legal advice."

The last basic part of the Purchase of your Home is the Closing/Settlement of the transaction. This is when the Seller, transfers and delivers, to you, the Buyer, a Warranty Deed to you, in exchange for the payment by you of the balance of the Purchase price. The receipt by the Buyer and the recording of the Warranty Deed in the Official Public records of the county where the real estate is located vests in you, as the Buyer, all the "ownership rights to the Home." Your Attorney [if you hire an Attorney to represent you at the Closing] or the Title Insurance Company can explain the Closing Documents/Settlement Statement to you, the Buyer, and that process will describe to you what costs/expenses/fees/taxes relating to the sale are chargeable to you, as the Buyer.

Some Buyers decide that having an Attorney in their "corner" to represent their interest regarding one of the most significant transactions they may ever undertake [the purchase of a Home] can certainly be well worth a reasonable fee/cost.

Alan Jay Lewis, Esq.

Admitted to the Bar of the State of Florida and the State of New York. I am a Resident of Delray Villas, Plat 4/5.

***\*This Legal Chit-Chat Column has been written by and is submitted by Alan Jay Lewis, Esq. for publication in Delray Villas Plat Chat monthly Newsletter, solely for general educational purposes and is not a solicitation nor intended to provide any specific legal advice to whomever reads this Column.***

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## Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 17, 2024

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a federal holiday in the United States marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year. The significance of the holiday is to mark the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr., the chief spokesman for nonviolent activism in the Civil Rights Movement, which protested racial discrimination in federal and state law.

“I Have a Dream!”



## "Legends Unleashed: The Rolling Stones Gear Up for a Spectacular Tour"



In an electrifying announcement that has sent shockwaves through the music world, the iconic rock band, The Rolling Stones, are gearing up for an unforgettable tour set to captivate audiences worldwide. As the legendary quartet, fronted by the indomitable Mick Jagger, prepares to hit the road once again, fans and critics alike are buzzing with anticipation for what promises to be a tour of epic proportions.

The Rolling Stones, known for their timeless hits such as "Paint It Black," "Start Me Up," and "Angie," have solidified their status as one of the greatest rock bands in history. With a career spanning six decades, the band continues to defy the passage of time, delivering energetic performances that resonate with fans young and old. The upcoming tour, announced on the heels of their critically acclaimed album release, is expected to showcase a perfect blend of their classic anthems and new, chart-topping material, proving that The Rolling Stones are as relevant and influential as ever.

The sheer magnitude of The Rolling Stones' live performances is legendary. Renowned for their high-energy shows and Mick Jagger's magnetic stage presence, the band has a reputation for turning every concert into a musical spectacle. Fans can expect a mix of the familiar and the unexpected, with the band known for their ability to reinvent and breathe new life into their extensive catalog. The tour promises to be a celebration of the band's enduring legacy, transporting audiences through a sonic journey that spans generations.

As anticipation builds for The Rolling Stones' upcoming tour, ticket sales are expected to soar, with fans eager to witness the magic of these rock legends in person. The tour not only marks a significant moment in the band's storied career but also serves as a testament to the enduring power of rock 'n' roll. As The Rolling Stones embark on this latest chapter, they remind us that some things only get better with time, and their music continues to be a force that transcends generations, proving that the thrill of a live Rolling Stones performance is an experience not to be missed.

***Keep an eye out for their 2024 Tour dates!!***

## 2023: A Record Breaking Year for Sea Turtles!

Posted by Shelly Krueger on December 13, 2023

[Conservation](#), [UF/IFAS Extension](#)



The [Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission \(FWC\)](#) counted 133,941 loggerhead sea turtle nests. This is 30,000 nests more than average and breaks a record set in 2016! Green turtle nests were record breaking as well: 76,645 nests counted, more than 20,000 nests over the previous high record set in 2017! Of the 7 species of sea turtles worldwide, 4 nest in the Florida Keys: the loggerhead, green, leatherback, and hawksbill turtles. The Florida Keys have many critical nesting sites; you may have seen areas of the beach marked off to protect their nests.



Female sea turtles do not nest every year. When they do, they typically lay 3 to 5 nests, although leatherback turtles may nest up to 11 times during a single nesting season. Frequent nesting is important because its estimated only 1 in 1,000 hatchlings survive to maturity. Sea turtles travel thousands of miles over a lifetime, and the females usually return to the same beaches where they were born. The [Marathon Sea Turtle Hospital](#) frequently outfits sea turtles with satellite-tracking transmitters as part of the [Tour de Turtles Race](#) to follow their journeys after rehabilitation. This years long distance winner is Bella, a

Hawksbill turtle who logged over 1,800 miles in under a month from her release in Puerto Rico to the Bahamas! (That's 60 miles per day!).

## The "Squirrel next door"

Despite being one of our most conspicuous and common mammals, the Eastern gray squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*) is often overlooked, their fascinating lives hidden in plain sight. This rodent species is equipped with a variety of adaptations and quirky behaviors that help them survive in their environment. Their large eyes—often described as “beady”—allow for the keen vision needed to keep watch for lurking predators, of which there are many. Squirrels are important prey animals for a variety of raptors, such as hawks and owls, as well as snakes, foxes, coyotes, bobcats, and more.



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When a predator does get too close, Eastern gray squirrels will make sure that everyone knows. If you have ever found yourself suddenly within a squirrel's “personal space,” chances are you have heard their unique vocalizations and seen the quick swishing of their tail as they bravely and intently watch your every move. Squirrels communicate through the use of vocalizations, visual cues and body language, as well as through scent. They can even detect potential danger in an area by catching a whiff of another squirrel's elevated stress levels. Gray squirrels could give any circus performer a run for their money. The next time you encounter one of these acrobats, take some time to appreciate their grace and agility, as they make daring leaps from branch to branch. An Eastern gray squirrel's sharp claws allow them to cling securely to the bark of trees, and their specially adapted legs allow their feet to turn backwards, enabling them to climb headfirst down a tree. [by Zahir Ringgold Cordes](#) Posted: November 29, 2023 Category: [Conservation](#), [Wildlife](#), [Work & Life](#)



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## Cabinet of Curiosities

by Heidi Elias

I adore flowers... especially roses! I love to buy fresh roses, receive bouquets of roses, and delight in the sweet fragrance of roses! *It's intoxicating!* While shopping and thrifting, my eyes are automatically drawn towards rose patterns, from big cabbage roses, to tiny rosettes, both hand-drawn and photographed, and so on. They all call-out to me!

Many of my thrifting finds naturally contain flower motifs— mostly roses. I began collecting rose dish-ware when I arrived here in June 2023, and my collection has grown and flourished since. I love to wear rose-patterned clothing, display flowery paintings and knick-knacks in my home, and wear rose scented oil in my hair from time to time. One might say I am obsessed! (LOL!)

I am very fortunate that my June birthday flower happens to be a rose! While living in New York I had made it my mission each year to visit a Botanical Gardens on or around my birthday, as a beautiful and special gift to myself.

Obviously, Florida's climate can pose a challenge for growing roses. I recently read that providing "extra nutrients of rose-specific organic fertilizer" will help roses thrive in this harsh environment.

I had intended to plant roses in my garden as a birthday gift to myself this coming June. However, I just learned that the best time to plant roses in Florida is in December and January! Therefore, I had better get on this right away!



## Plat Chat Needs your Help!

**We are looking for your ideas to help us make Plat Chat better:**

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**DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**The ACC will meet every other Monday at 10 am to review all ACC applications for exterior work to be conducted by you the homeowner on your property. Have your applications in by Sunday night before the meeting.**

**If it is exterior work you are *required* to get permission through the ACC committee.**

**January meetings will be January 8th and January 22nd.**

**Please pick-up and drop-off applications on the porch at Alan Rossman's home: 13834 Packard Terrace. Questions? Call any ACC member below:**

**Architectural Committee Members:**

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## 25 Years ago vs. Today

Submitted by Maxine Geller

1978	2023
Long hair	Longing for hair
8 Tracks	Cataracts
KEGs	EKGs
Streaking	Leaking
Acid Rock	Acid Reflux
Seeds and stems	Fiber
Stayin' Alive (the song)	Stayin' Alive (the goal)
Hoping for a BMW	Hoping for a BM
Going to a new, hip joint	Getting a new hip joint
Rolling Stones	Kidney Stones
Bell bottoms	Big bottoms
Disco	Costco
Whatever	Depends
Rock n' roll all night	Sleep through the night
Think you know everything	Think you know your name

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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Susan Stein-4th  
 Nancy Rudolph-5th  
 Susan Schwartz-11th  
 Chelle Lukens-14th  
 Sheila Simon-22nd  
 Philip Pavlov-28th  
 Alan Kaplan-28th  
 Rich Kris-29th

*PLEASE update your records with us-see below\**

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

The Lukens Jan 14  
 The Cohens Jan 28  
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## \*Attention All Residents

**Please update your BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY DATES with us, so that we can include them in Plat Chat**

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