



Greetings, Sassy Holiday Celebrators! Happy National Donut Day!

We here at Knitted Wit are aaaaaallllll about the sweets. Chocolates, candy, cake, if it's in front of us, we'll at least have a taste. But there is one tasty treat that has a special place in our hearts, and that is the sometimes-humble-but-rarely-disappointing donut.

Maybe it's because we live in Portland, Oregon, where donut making and eating has become an institution. From the made-famous-by-multiple-Food-Network-show-visits Voodoo Donuts to the community-not-competition-mantra'd and super cute and tasty Pips Donuts, Portland really knows how to indulge in these little tire-looking bundles of dough and sugar. In fact, on the summer bucket list of one of our staffers families is the goal to visit as many donut shops as possible this summer. We'll see what her dentist says about THAT. ;)

So, why National Donut Day?

National Donut Day started in 1938, as a fund raiser for Chicago's The Salvation Army. Their goal was to help those in need during the Great Depression, and to honor The Salvation Army "Lassies" of World War I, who served doughnuts to soldiers. You see, during WW1, the Salvation Army was trying to figure out the best way to help our soldiers stationed overseas. A fact-finding mission revealed that these young men (because at that time, it was pretty much all young men) were missing the basic comforts of home. The Salvation Army created small social centers, which they called "huts," to provide a trifecta of comforts to the soldiers: freshly-baked goods; clothes-mending services; and writing supplies. Due to the constraints of attempting to bake in less-than perfect conditions, donuts were soon fried up to serve to these servicemen.

Nowadays, you can find donut shops that will offer Donut Day specials, but even if you can't, why not treat yourself to a donut (or, hey, how about a baker's dozen) to celebrate this sweet holiday? You know we'll be tasting a donut or two on June 1st.

We are continuing to share with you upcoming Sassy Holidays that we'll be celebrating for the remainder of the year. We're hoping this will help you plot and plan your trips to your LYS and help with project planning for the rest of the year.

**Third Sunday in July (the fifteenth this year):**

**National Ice Cream Day**

Ronald Reagan created this holiday by an official proclamation in 1984!

**August 18: National Honeybee Day**

A day to honor the humble honeybee and educate and promote the buzzy bug.

**September 19: International Talk Like a Pirate Day**

Arrr, mateys! It be fun to hornswaggle and swashbuckle like a lass of the sea!

**October 11: International Day of the Girl**

A day declared by the United Nations October as a day "to help galvanize worldwide enthusiasm for goals to better girls lives, providing an opportunity for them to show leadership and reach their full potential."

**November 15: National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day**

A great reminder to get your fridge cleaned out in advance of the upcoming holiday season!

**December 23: Festivus**

It's a Festivus for the rest of us, as Frank Costanza from Seinfeld famously stated. With the "Airing of the Grievances" and "Feats of Strength," it's a welcome addition to the holiday offerings this time of year.

Sassily yours,

