

Community Comment
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This is Erin Dunn of the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce with a Community Comment.

Today is **NATIONAL VANILLA MILKSHAKE DAY**. National Vanilla Milkshake Day is happily enjoyed by many people on June 20th each year. You can celebrate this day by making a homemade vanilla milkshake for you and your family.

That's what it said on the National Day Calendar. It's also **NATIONAL HIKE WITH A GEEK DAY**. It's new this year.

This coming Friday is one of my favorite days and I will be celebrating. It's **NATIONAL TAKE YOUR DOG TO WORK DAY**. Every year employees across the country bring their dogs to work the Friday after Father's Day.

HISTORY of this Day:

Take Your Dog to Work Day originated in the United Kingdom in 1996. Then in 1999, Pet Sitters International founded the first day in the United States.

Sadly, we missed:

NATIONAL LEAVE THE OFFICE EARLY DAY on June 2.

I love the description: Everyone is sure to enjoy marking National Leave the Office Early Day on their calendar. Observed each year on June 2nd (unless June 2nd falls on a weekend, at which time it would be acknowledged on the closest working day) National Leave the Office Early Day is an incentive to many who often work more than 40 hours each week.

We also missed **NATIONAL OLD MAID'S DAY** on June 4.

I didn't even know people used that phrase anymore. They say: Old Maid refers to an older, childless woman who has never been married. Another term frequently used is the word spinster. While the term was once considered a degrading one, National Old Maids Day celebrates Old Maids everywhere and their contributions to their families and communities.

Uh, I'm an Old Maid and Spinster, I STILL think it's degrading!

And it goes on: While they may be single, it does not mean they are solitary. Today, Old Maids are often career oriented, postponing marriage and motherhood by choice or by circumstance. From a lively social life to a commitment to volunteerism as well as involvement in their church, community organizations and their extended family Old Maids are hardly wallflowers waiting to be asked to dance.

Oh, thank you National Old Maids Day. Sorry I missed it.

Have you wanted to register a day? You can! Please note—they do not declare national Days, Weeks or Months for birthdays, anniversaries or individuals. Also—no National Hug a WHATEVER day. You can find details at NationalDayCalendar.com.

I wonder if I can Un-declare a day.

This has been the old-maid-and-spinster-who-is-about-to-make-a-vanilla-milkshake Erin Dunn with a Community Comment.