



**Monthly Musings from the Peas**  
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*We will be sending you our literature on a monthly basis and we will be updating our contact list. So, if you want to make any changes, additions or deletions, please contact us at whirledpeasband@gmail.com.*

**WEEKLY GIG**

We are regulars at Catherine Rooney's in Trolley Square, Wilmington. From 7:30 until 10 we perform every Wednesday. For info or menu, directions and so on on [www.catherinerooneys.com](http://www.catherinerooneys.com)

**UP-COMING GIGS**

**Trap Pond** - August 5th  
**Queen-World Café** - August 6th  
**Delaware City** - August 13th  
**Lums Pond** - August 16th  
**Arts & Crafts Festival** - September 10th  
**Kennett Flash** - September 16th

**PEAS MERCHANDISE**

Peas shirts and all four of our CD's can be purchased at our gigs or by going on-line to [www.whirledpeasband.com](http://www.whirledpeasband.com)

**THE FIRSTS**

**Since this is the inaugural edition of our monthly musings, the celebration of a list of known and/or esoteric firsts seems in order.**

1585-Virginia Dare: 1st child born in the American colonies on August 18th  
1790-Samuel Hopkins: holder of 1st US patent (process making potash & pearl ash)  
1799-Count deGrisley: 1st magician to perform sawing a woman in half  
1809-Mary Kies: 1st female US patent holder (technique for weaving straw with silk and thread to make bonnets)  
1811-London: 1st city to reach a million people  
1829-Sam Patch: 1st known to survive the jump off Niagara Falls  
1840-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, 1st American to have plumbing installed in his house  
1859-Jules Leotard: world's 1st flying trapeze act  
1865-Mary Walker: 1st & only woman to receive US Medal of Honor  
1875-Matthew Webb: 1st known person to swim across the English Channel  
1886-Wilhelm Steinitz: world's 1st chess champion

1891-William Kemmler: 1st criminal to be executed by electrocution  
1891-Louis Henry Sullivan: architect of Wainwright Building, the 1st skyscraper  
1892-Annie Moore: 1st immigrant to pass through Ellis Island  
1897-John McDermott: winner of 1st Boston Marathon  
1901-Annie Taylor: 1st woman to go over Niagara Falls  
1903/11-Marie Sklodowska Curie: 1st woman to win 2 Noble Prizes (physics/chemistry)  
1903-Maurice Garin: 1st Tour de France winner  
1907-Charles Curtis: 1st American Indian to become US senator and vice president (Herbert Hoover's)  
1910-Alice Wells: 1st policewoman in US  
1912-Arthur R. Eldred: 1st to reach Eagle Scout status  
1927-Norma Talmadge: 1st footprint at Grauman's Chinese Theater  
1930-Ellen Church: 1st airline hostess  
1931-Jackie Mitchell: 1st woman in organized baseball as pitcher  
1941-Annie G. Fox: 1st woman to receive a US Purple Heart Medal  
1941-Glenn Miller: 1st to be awarded a gold record  
1952-Patricia McCormick: 1st professional woman bullfighter  
1956-Don Larsen: 1st to pitch a perfect game in the World Series  
1958-Julia Childs: 1st woman designated to be a full-fledged chef  
1963-Lyndon Baines Johnson: 1st president to wear contact lenses  
1964-Peter Sellers: 1st male to appear on cover of Playboy magazine  
1966-Charles Whiman: 1st to perpetrate mass shootings at a US school (University of Texas)  
1968-Ruth Eisemann-Schier: 1st woman on FBI's most wanted list  
1972-Berenice Gera: 1st female ump in pro baseball  
1974-Mia Farrow: 1st to appear on People magazine's cover  
1988-Michael Jordan: 1st basketball player to appear on Wheaties box  
1989-Robert Morris: 1st computer hacker to be procecuted  
1992-Aileen Wuornos: 1st female serial killer in America  
1993-Chadwick Haheo Rowan: 1st non-Japanese sumo wrestler  
1998-Karol Wojtyla: 1st Pope to visit Cuba  
1998-Jonathan Lee Iverson: Ringling Bros., etc 1st African-American ringmaster, also the youngest

**PEAS PONDERINGS ON FIRSTS**

*It has been said that politics is the second oldest profession. I have learned that it bears a striking resemblance to the first.*

**Ronald Reagan**

*I had rather be first in a village than second at Rome.*

**Julius Caesar**

*If you wish to make an apple pie from scratch, you must first invent the universe.* **Carl Sagan**

*Thanks to television, for the first time the young are seeing history made before it is censored by their elders.* **Margaret Mead**

*The first time I see a jogger smiling, I'll consider it.* **Joan Rivers**