



**Monthly Musings from the Peas**  
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**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)

**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)

**WHO LIKES ANCHOVIES?**

Did you know that those tiny fish are the least favorite pizza topping? These and other esoteric facts will be detailed here because it's National Pizza Month.

While you're reading click on to *YouTube* and find either *Rob-Roy-Pizza Pie (a cappella)* or *Norman Fox & Rob Roys Pizza Pie*, think you'll find this amusing.

First observed in 1984, Gerry Durnell, who owned a pizzeria in Indiana and founded *Pizza Today* magazine, realized there were no periodicals supporting the pizza industry. He deemed the month of October to this \$30 billion dollar industry.

The pizza as Americans know it originated in Naples. The first pizzeria was *Antica's* which opened there in 1738. In America the first pizzeria was established in NYC in 1905. In Naples, pizza started out as tomato bread and in 1889 cheese was added. Rumor has it King

Ferdinand I (1751-1825) disguised himself as a commoner to sink his teeth into the "people's food" because the queen had banned it from the royal court. Pizza Margherita was named by pizza chef Raffaele Esposito in 1889 for the Queen of Italy because colors were the same as the Italian flag: red/tomato; white/mozzarella and green/basil; it remains the most popular pizza worldwide. The American GIs who served in Italy during WW II brought back with them a hunger for the pizza and thus pushed its popularity over the top. Regular thin crust is the US's favorite followed by the deep-dish then the very thin crust.



Three billion pizzas are sold in the US yearly from almost 62,000 pizza parlors, meaning that everyone in the US eats about 23 lbs. or 46 slices every year. AT LEAST one pizza per month is consumed by 93% of Americans. (Ed. Note: My son, Matt, is the biggest pizza affectionato and far surpasses the monthly allotment.) Meat toppings are preferred to veggies and pepperoni dominates the favorite meat. Women are the "veggie" pizza eaters.

Saturday night is the biggest night for eating pizza and more pizza is consumed during Super Bowl week than any other week. Domino's will log about 4 million pizzas on Super Bowl Sunday. And, women are better tippers to the delivery person.

Children ages 3-11 name pizza as their favorite lunch and/or dinner food.

Besides Super Bowl Sunday, New Year's Eve, Halloween, the night before Thanksgiving and New Year's Day are the top 5 pizza sales days. Most pizzas are ordered during the weather segment of the TV news broadcasts.

A third of Americans believe that pizza is the perfect breakfast food. Eating Pizza once a week can reduce the risk of esophageal cancer.

Check out the *You Tube*.

**PEAS PONDERINGS**

*Ideas are like pizza dough, made to be tossed around....Anna Quindlen*

*So I promise you that this State of the State, like a good pizza, will be delivered in 25 minutes or less....Ruth Ann Minner*