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Newsletter Editor's Message

I don't know about you, but the month of May is one of my favorite months of the year. For many, this month signifies the beginning of warmth and summertime, colorful flowers, and several days for celebration – Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, Memorial Day to name the most recognized – but there are other items this month is noted for. Here is a short list:

May is named after the **Greek goddess Maia** who looked after plants. The month is known for love and success. It is not only the name of the month, but some parents give their girls May as a first or middle **name** especially if they are born in that month.

The **flower** that represents May is the **Lily of the Valley**. It is beautiful with blossoms that resemble a bell. It has a **sweet fragrance**.

The birthstone for May is the precious **emerald**. The popular color is green, but that's not the only color of an emerald. **Green** is the primary color, but yellow and blue are also colors of some emeralds. They are **precious** no matter what the color is.

While there are several days to celebrate in May, there is only **one federal holiday**. That is **Memorial Day** that comes on the last Monday in the month every year. It is on May 31 this year. That's the day people remember and honor those who died while serving their country in the **armed forces**.

Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in May every year. It is on May 9 this year, when **mothers**, expecting mothers, and mother figures are recognized. Those **women** are served breakfast in bed, taken out to dinner and given flowers and gifts (please don't let my wife see this!).

Cinco de Mayo is celebrated on **May 5th** every year no matter which day it falls on. Cinco de Mayo is a celebration of **Mexican** heritage, and like St. Patrick's Day for the Irish, this day of celebration is not limited to people of Mexican heritage. It commemorates the date of the **Mexican** army's victory over France at the Battle of Puebla in 1862.

The **Indianapolis 500** is held every year on the Memorial Day weekend at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Indiana (had to get my Need-for-Speed in here somewhere!).

