

# MATHER TELEPHONE TOPICS

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MARCH 2020



## MEDITATION

*Susan Wilkens, Yoga Instructor,  
Dancing Cranes*

**Monday, March 2, 9, 16 & 23  
12:00 p.m. CT**

Learn simple breathing and focusing techniques you can do to help reduce stress and multiply your "happiness factor"!

## Meditation

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See feature left.

## Brain Health Revisited

*Lisa Nigro, Wellness Advocate &  
Certified Caregiving Consultant*  
**Tuesday, March 3  
1:00 p.m. CT**

Discover more of the latest research on ways to improve our brain function.

## Facts about Iowa

*Joe Cuniff, Instructor,  
DePaul University*  
**Wednesday, March 4  
11:00 a.m. CT**

Let's explore interesting facts, fun trivia, and jokes about the State of Iowa. We'll also sing some songs from the Great American Songbook.

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## Your Turn: Feedback on Telephone Topics

*Lisa Evans, Mather*  
**Thursday, March 5  
11:30 a.m. CT**

Here's your chance to give your opinion on specific topics you liked and didn't like, what you'd like to hear more about, or even topics you'd like to present.

## Songs You've Requested

*Heather Braoudakis, Vocalist*  
**Thursday, March 5  
1:00 p.m. CT**

Heather sings a collection of your favorites from the '30s through the '70s, including great songs by artists like Andy Williams, the Beatles, the Carpenters, and many more!

## Storytelling with Caroline

*Caroline Latta, Theatre Department,  
Columbia College Chicago*  
**Friday, March 6  
1:00 p.m. CT**

Hear a master storyteller read a thought-provoking short story, followed by discussion.

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## ST. PATRICK'S DAY & IRELAND

*Caryl Derenfeld, Joy Fueled Souls*

**Tuesday, March 17**

**11:00 a.m. CT**

Join a festive discussion on traditions and legends of St. Patrick's Day and enjoy a virtual tour through Ireland.

### Chair Yoga

*Tom Wilkens, Yoga Instructor,  
Dancing Cranes*

**Monday, March 9 & 23**

**2:00 p.m. CT**

Through a series of stretching postures and breathing techniques, yoga develops strength, flexibility, stamina, and balance.

### Inspiration from the Resale Store

*Kate Marrs, Presenter*

**Tuesday, March 10**

**11:00 a.m. CT**

We'll look at surprise discoveries we can make at the resale shop, even in the artworks aisle.

### Caregiving & Creativity Chat

*Sharon Smith, Possibilities Coach,  
Mather & Ruthe Guerry,  
Art Therapist*

**Tuesday, March 10**

**1:00 p.m. CT**

Caregivers and care receivers: Learn how to relieve stress through creativity exercises and get resources for better self-care.

### Armchair Travel: TV as Your Exotic Escape

*Walter Podrazik, Author,  
Watching TV: Eight Decades  
of American Television*

**Wednesday, March 11**

**11:00 a.m. CT**

We'll look at adventure series, some shot on location, such as *Magnum* and *Hawaii Five-0*, as well as real-life exploration shows such as *Around the World in 80 Days*.

### Game Time with Jeanne: Movie Trivia

*Jeanne Roppolo, Author, Storyteller  
& Motivational Speaker*

**Wednesday, March 11**

**1:00 p.m. CT**

Have fun challenging your knowledge by guessing the actors, directors, release date, and synopsis for selected films.

### Judy Garland

*Rich Lang, Media Historian*



**Thursday,  
March 12**

**11:00 a.m. CT**

Hear about one of the brightest, most tragic movie stars of Hollywood's Golden Era.

### Hip Health & Mobility

*Paige Corley, Certified  
Personal Trainer*

**Thursday, March 12**

**1:00 p.m. CT**

Learn why proper body mechanics and pelvic strength are so important in maintaining mobility.

### Simply Strong

*Randi Kant, MS, MPH, CHES, CPT,  
Certified Intrinsic Coach*

**Friday, March 13**

**11:00 a.m. CT**

Join us for a guided strength-training routine that can be done in the comfort of your home.

### Storytelling with JoAnn

*JoAnn Montemurro, Storyteller*

**Friday, March 13**

**1:00 p.m. CT**

Sit back and enjoy a tale delivered by a master storyteller, then join a discussion about the story.

### Saint Patrick's Day & Ireland

**Tuesday, March 17**

**11:00 a.m. CT**

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### Chair Ballet Stretch

*Jeanine Dent, Instructor*

**Tuesday, March 17**

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Learn stretching and strengthening techniques using ballet positions, focusing on hip flexors, core strength, and spinal alignment.

### Brenda Lee

*Brian Salgado, Presenter*

**Wednesday, March 18**

**11:00 a.m. CT**

Hear about the life, career, and music of one of the most popular artists of the 1960s.

## HEALTHY EATING ON A BUDGET



*Randi Kant, MS, MPH, CHES, CPT,  
Certified Intrinsic Coach*

**Friday, March 20, 11:00 a.m. CT**

Eating healthy does not have to wreak havoc on your food budget. Explore smart and creative ways to economically include healthy foods in your diet.

### Paintings That Changed the World

**Thursday, March 19**

**11:00 a.m. CT**

See back cover.

### The Little Rascals Revisited

*Sidney Kibrick, Actor*

**Thursday, March 19**

**1:00 p.m. CT**

Hear, straight from the source, the story of *Our Gang* or *Little Rascals*. Sidney Kibrick, who played "Da Woim," the sidekick of Butch the bully, will be interviewed by Ron Falzone, associate professor in Cinema & Television Arts at Columbia College Chicago.

### Healthy Eating on a Budget

**Friday, March 20**

**11:00 a.m. CT**

See feature above.

### Storytelling with Megan

*Megan Wells, National Touring Storyteller, 2016 Oracle Winner*

**Friday, March 20**

**1:00 p.m. CT**

Hear a master storyteller read a thought-provoking short story, followed by a discussion.

### Choosing Joy

*Kate Marrs, Presenter*

**Tuesday, March 24**

**11:00 a.m. CT**

We have choices in how we spend our energy and time. Amid all that life presents us, peace and joy can help bring us through.

### Who Are You, Really?

*Jeanne Roppolo, Author, Storyteller & Motivational Speaker*

**Wednesday, March 25**

**1:00 p.m. CT**

How daring are you? Are you a people person or a wallflower? Discover ways of gaining insight into your own personality.

### Bette Davis

*Rich Lang, Media Historian*



**Thursday, March 26**

**11:00 a.m. CT**

Join a talk about one of the greatest actresses in Hollywood history. Bette's career spanned 60 years and 100 acting credits!

### Active Adult Exercise

*Paige Corley, Certified Personal Trainer*

**Thursday, March 26**

**1:00 p.m. CT**

Join Paige as she leads us for a 45-minute monthly session of seated and standing exercises that will boost your mind and body.

### Helen Taft

*Ricki Saady, Presenter*

**Friday, March 27**

**11:00 a.m. CT**

Learn the story of this First Lady who published her memoirs, owned and drove a car, and supported women's suffrage.

### Storytelling with Will

*Will Casey, Theatre Department, Columbia College Chicago*

**Friday, March 27, 1:00 p.m. CT**

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### Time for Us: Let's Chat!

*Kate Marrs, Presenter &*

*Lisa Evans, Mather*

**Monday, March 30**

**11:00 a.m. CT**

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### Feisty Females: Women of our Time

*Caryl Derenfeld, Joy Fueled Souls*

**Tuesday, March 31**

**1:00 p.m. CT**

We'll discuss women from the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries who have made an impact.

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## **PAINTINGS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD**

*Casey Pax, Art Therapist, Mather*

**Thursday, March 19, 11:00 a.m. CT**

Discover how art goes beyond style and technique  
to affecting the world and challenging what we  
believe is right and true.



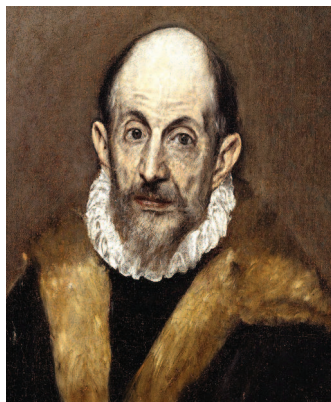


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All calls are FREE! Call-in number: (855) 880.1246 • Enter Meeting ID when prompted: 386 399 7030#

APRIL 2020



## EL GRECO: AMBITION & DEFIANCE

*Dave Williams, Art Institute of Chicago*

**Wednesday, April 8, 11:00 a.m. CT**

Hear the history of this expressionistic Greek artist best known for extremely elongated figures.

## Facts about Kansas

*Joe Cuniff, Instructor,*

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**Wednesday, April 1**

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## Amazing Grace

*Heather Braoudakis, Vocalist*

**Tuesday, April 7**

**1:00 p.m. CT**

Heather sings some favorite hymns and shares stories about what inspired this beautiful music and its impact on music history.

## El Greco: Ambition & Defiance

**Wednesday, April 8**

**11:00 a.m. CT**

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### **Game Time with Jeanne: Brain Quest Challenge**

*Jeanne Roppolo, Author, Storyteller  
& Motivational Speaker*

**Wednesday, April 8**

**1:00 p.m. CT**

Have fun challenging your knowledge by answering questions about English, science, social studies, math, and food fun.

### **A Tour of Chicago's Historic Gangster Sites**

**Thursday, April 9, 11:00 a.m. CT**

See back cover.

### **Ways to Improve Foot & Ankle Mobility**

*Paige Corley, Certified  
Personal Trainer*

**Thursday, April 9**

**1:00 p.m. CT**

Learn how to increase and maintain foot and ankle mobility and how important this is for balance and gait.

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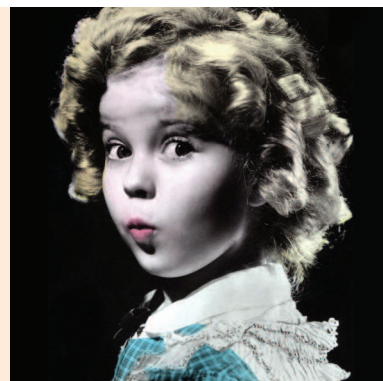
## **SHIRLEY TEMPLE**

*Rich Lang, Media Historian*

**Thursday, April 16**

**11:00 a.m. CT**

Rich will discuss the life and career of Shirley Temple, who began her career at the age of three.



### **Chair Yoga**

*Tom Wilkens, Yoga Instructor,  
Dancing Cranes*

**Monday, April 13, 2:00 p.m. CT**

Through a series of stretching postures and breathing techniques, yoga develops strength, flexibility, stamina, and balance.

### **Happiness Recipe**

*Kate Marrs, Presenter*

**Tuesday, April 14**

**11:00 a.m. CT**

As with mixing ingredients in a recipe, we can mix certain positive elements to create a happier life.

### **Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons**

*Brian Salgado, Presenter*

**Tuesday, April 14**

**1:00 p.m. CT**

Hear about the life and career of this famous singer and listen to some of his toe-tapping tunes.

### **The TV Green Screen**

*Walter Podrazik, Author,  
Watching TV: Eight Decades  
of American Television*

**Wednesday, April 15**

**11:00 a.m. CT**

On the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, we'll look at how TV has dealt with the environment.

### **Shirley Temple**

**Thursday, April 16**

**11:00 a.m. CT**

See feature above.

### **Laugh Hearty, Live Healthy**

*Randi Kant, MS, MPH, CHES, CPT,  
Certified Intrinsic Coach*

**Friday, April 17**

**11:00 a.m. CT**

Laughter has physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual benefits. Learn to leverage the power of a good laugh.

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### **NEW! Featuring Jeanne Roppolo and Kate Marrs: Celebrating Life with a Final Party**

*Jeanne Roppolo & Kate Marrs,  
Presenters*

**Tuesday, April 21, 11:00 a.m. CT**

We don't get to choose how or when we're going to leave. We can only decide how we're going to live. Before it's over, plan your parting party "Your Way."

## CYCLES OF THE MOON

*Lisa Nigro, Wellness Advocate & Certified Caregiving Consultant*

**Thursday, April 23, 11:00 a.m. CT**

Join Lisa in exploring how you may feel different at different phases of the moon. Do you feel a little “off” around the time of a full moon, or energized around a new one?



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### What's Hot in the News

*Judy Lear, Activist*

**Wednesday, April 22**

**11:00 a.m. CT**

Judy recaps the past month's national issues and news events and asks for your input.

### Across the Miles

*Amber Carroll, Director, Covia, Well Connected, San Francisco*

**Wednesday, April 22**

**2:30–3:30 p.m. CT**

Join participants in other telephone programs across the US and Canada to share stories and talk about life in our different locations.

**Call-in number: (888) 974.9888**

**Meeting ID: 788 788 7778#**

### Cycles of the Moon

**Thursday, April 23**

**11:00 a.m. CT**

See feature above.

### Active Adult Exercise

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### First Ladies:

#### Florence Harding

*Ricki Saady, Presenter*

**Friday, April 24**

**11:00 a.m. CT**

Learn the story of this First Lady, known as “the Duchess,” who served from 1921 to 1923.

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*Will Casey, Theatre Department, Columbia College Chicago*

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### Chair Yoga

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### Walking, Water, Waking

*Kate Marrs, Presenter*

**Tuesday, April 28**

**11:00 a.m. CT**

Learn why the “Three Ws” are the keys to our quality of life.

### The Kaizen Way

*Jeanne Roppolo, Author, Storyteller & Motivational Speaker*

**Wednesday, April 29**

**1:00 p.m. CT**

Learn about a Japanese technique of achieving lasting success through small, steady steps.

### Joan Rivers & Totie Fields

*Rich Lang, Media Historian*

**Thursday, April 30**

**11:00 a.m. CT**

Rich explores the lives and careers of these multitalented comedians.

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### **A TOUR OF CHICAGO'S HISTORIC GANGSTER SITES**

*Paula Fenza, Historian*

**Thursday, April 9, 11:00 a.m. CT**

Learn the history behind the gravestones of some of Chicago's famous gangsters and hear stories of the city's gangster past.

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