

Column: Time for memories to spring

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Well, we've passed a Hallmark and florist favorite - Valentine's Day! Did you do anything fun or romantic centered on that day for your significant other, friends or extended family?

"Holidays" like Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day offer a fabulous time for parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends to make a memory.

For many years, right around Valentine's Day our family would get a small envelope postmarked from MN (our Uncle Fred and Aunt Nelle.) Inside would be several little store-bought Valentine's Day cards like we used to exchange in elementary school in the 1960s and 1970s. Invariably there would be a bunch of powdery sugar in the card and a few heart-shaped candies (sometimes a few were slightly broken!) It was nice to be remembered by our special family members.

So, remembering our Uncle Fred and Aunt Nelle, our family and friends recently received a hand-made, heart-shaped card out of pink paper. It's likely there will also be a few candy hearts and/or a check to spend on a special treat (movie, candy, ice cream, popcorn or ???)

As we near St. Patrick's Day, Easter and the start of spring, maybe something along these lines will resonate with you for a special individual(s)?

If you have particularly fun efforts along these lines you want to share with us and/or others in future postings, please email longmemories2@gmail.com or call 513-330-8503.

Make and capture a memory today – you won't regret it!

Steve Long, an Anderson Township resident, describes himself as a "memory missionary." He and his wife, Kim, are having fun with their little, family side-business called Long Memories, with a focus on "Making, Capturing, Organizing and Sharing Memories... Now and (Virtually) Forever!"