

An Almanac of Thinking

February 14

Birthday of George Shannon 1952

George Shannon, a children's librarian and professional storyteller, strongly believes in the continuation of the oral storytelling tradition. Since Valentine's Day is George Shannon's birthday, celebrate by **telling a cumulative tale**. Begin the tale with a toad with a tiny red heart on his belly who jumps into George's left shirt pocket. Each person, in turn, will tell how George tried to get rid of the toad but how the toad with a heart always finds its way back. The last person in the group must present a unique solution for George and his pocket pal. Groups of five or six make the story just long enough.

February 15

Susan B. Anthony Day

Why is this day set aside to remember this great woman? _____

Here are other famous women. In which field did each achieve fame?

1. Phyllis Wheatley _____
2. Elizabeth Stanton _____
3. Harriet Tubman _____
4. Theresa Cori _____
5. Geraldine Ferraro _____



February 16

PTA Organized 1897

Find out about your school's parent-teacher organization.

1. Who is the president? _____
2. When does it meet? _____
3. What is the major purpose of the organization? _____
4. What special plans does the organization have for the rest of this school year?

