
RCC - 2024 February - Newsletter

To celebrate Dragobete's Day, we extend our warmest wishes for joy, happiness, and a splendid spring season to you.

Romanian Community Center

We invite you to the Martisor Ball...!



Let's do something truly special together!

Join us in supporting the Martisor Ball and be part of a memorable experience!

The sponsorship opportunity not only provides you with the desired visibility but also engages you in the community and gives you the chance to contribute to a remarkable event.

Our sponsorship packages extend, from Bronze to Diamond.

Let's build something wonderful together and enjoy every moment!"

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Martisorul - symbol of spring!

What would the Martisor Ball be without a traditional Martisor?

Make sure your loved one has one of the most beautiful Martisors to wear with pride and love.

[Buy Martisoare](#)

Thursday Nights

6:00PM - 9:00PM



Join us for chess or backgammon

Do you still remember how to play backgammon, chess, rummy, sevens, whist, canasta, or other games? Join us for hours of fun and competition in a friendly and engaging environment!

[Sign up](#)



Romanian night and culinary delights

We invite you to join us for a family-style meal and spend quality time together. Let's build cherished memories alongside our fellow members of the Romanian community.

[You're invited](#)

Hope Rescue Mission - Lighthouse



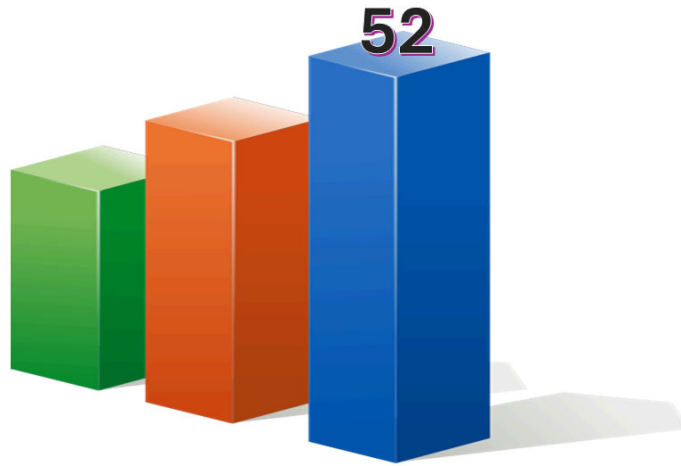
HOPE RESCUE MISSION
LIGHTHOUSE

CLOTHING DRIVE
**NEW AND
SLIGHTLY USED**

Do you have lightly used clothing or household items that you no longer need? Let's help the less fortunate who are seeking shelter at Hope Rescue Mission.

Clothing Drive

Math time...



If the Romanian Community Center (RCC) had 32 members in 2023 and adds x in the first months of 2024...

What is x if the total number of members has reached 52?

$$32 + x = 52$$

Don't worry if you don't know the answer.

We just wanted to tell you that we **reached 52 members...!**

Are you passionate about Romanian culture and want to join us?
To start your journey with us for the year 2024, click the button below
and become a member!

For those of you who have contributed for 'two years', we are extremely happy to have you alongside us, and we greatly appreciate your contributions.

And speaking of members, do you wish to build a center and be proud of your community?

Have hope and give us a chance!

Become a member

Now that we're done with mathematics...

March 1st - Anticipating the spring equinox, which marks the astronomical beginning of spring on March 20th, the popular celebration on March 1st heralds the arrival of this season and, along with it, the rebirth of nature and the return to life.

Mărțișoare bring luck

Widely practiced today in villages and cities, the mărțișor is made of two twisted threads of wool or silk, one white and one red, to which a small handmade object is attached. It is given to ladies and young girls on the first day of the calendar spring, and they are to wear it pinned to their chest for one or more days. It is said that mărțișoare bring luck and happiness, which is why other symbols of luck, such as a four-leaf clover, horseshoe, chimney sweep, or heart, are added to this thread, tied in the form of a bow.

How old is Mărțișor tradition

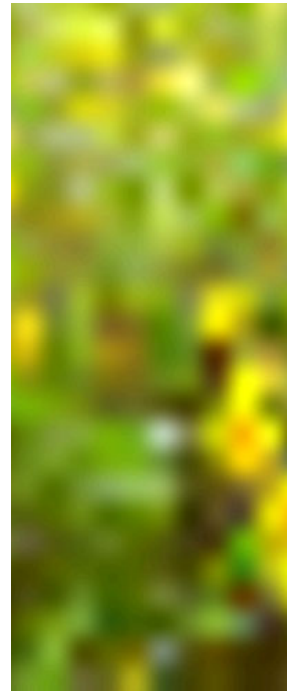
According to archaeological research conducted in our country, the tradition of Mărțișor dates back approximately 8,000 years. Amulets similar to Mărțișor, represented by perforated pebbles in white and red colors, have been discovered and were worn around the neck as necklaces. It seems that the two colors were carefully chosen, as red was associated with blood, referring to the sacrificial rituals practiced at the beginning of spring, while white symbolized the purity of snow, ice, and clouds. When united, the two colors

expressed the desire to bid farewell to winter and welcome spring, symbolizing the return to life.

Dragobete's Day - February 24

The god of youth, joy, and love has ancient origins. Dragobete is a character taken from the ancient Dacians and later transformed into a protector of the youth and patron of love. Following certain folk legends, it seems that Dragobete (also called "Head of Spring," "The Swift," or "Fiancé of the Birds") was none other than the son of old woman Dochia, an extremely handsome and loving lad who seduced the women who crossed his path. Dragobete has remained to this day as the supreme symbol of native love. In ancient times (in certain areas even today!), on this day of great celebration, young people dressed in beautiful and decent clothes used to gather in forests and pick the first flowers of spring into bouquets. Flower picking continued with joy and songs, with a kind of game called "fighting." At noon, the girls would run back to the village, and the boys would chase them, trying to catch them and give them a kiss. If the boy was dear to the girl, she would let herself be caught, and later the kiss would take place, considered equivalent to engagement and the beginning of love between the two. Towards evening, the engagement was to be announced to the village community and family members.





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