

May 2005



Can you identify the pictured Mathematicians?

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Evelyn Boyd Granville	2 D'Arcy Thompson	3 Vito Volterra	4 Jean Charles Borda	5 Anna Pell Wheeler	6 André Weil	7 Carl Neumann
8 Karol Borsuk	9 John Scott Russell	10 Wilhelm Killing	11 Edna Kramer Lassar	12 Florence Nightingale	13 Lorenzo Mascheroni	14 Archie Alexander
15 Emile Mathieu	16 Maria Agnesi	17*	18 Bertrand Russell	19 Edmond Bour	20 Henry White	21 Gaspard Gustave de Coriolis
22 Alfred Dixon	23 Lipman Bers	24 Wladyslaw Orlicz	25 Karl Peterson	26 Abraham de Moivre	27 John Edward Campbell	28 Hans Zassenhaus
29 Harry Bateman	30 Karl Wilhelm Feuerbach	31 John Kemeny				

A quotation for May:

Lipa Bers (1914 - 1993)

... mathematics is very much like poetry ... what makes a good poem -- a great poem -- is that there is a large amount of thought expressed in very few words. In this sense formulas like

$$e^{\pi i} + 1 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx = \sqrt{\pi} \quad \text{are poems.}$$

Quoted in D Albers, G Alexanderson, C Reid, More Mathematical People