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December 3... Advent Begins

December 4... Full Moon

December 16... Hannukah Begins

December 22... Winter Solstice

Merry Christmas/Happy New Year - I'D Miilad Said ous Sana Saida (Arabic) - Seng Dan Fai Lok, Sang Nian Fai Lok (Cantonese) - Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année (French) - Froehliche Weihnachten und ein glückliches Neues Jahr (German) - Mo'adim Lesimkha. Shanah Tova (Hebrew) - Boas Festas e um feliz Ano Novo (Portuguese)

Other Interesting Dates

December 1... First day of summer in Australia and New Zealand.

December 3... The first successful heart transplant was performed in 1967.

December 3... In 1834, the first dental society was organized in New York.

December 6... The 13th Amendment passed, abolishing slavery, in 1865.

December 9... The computer mouse was invented in 1968.

December 11... First Morse Code message land-to-sea was sent in 1901.

December 13... Wyoming became the first U.S. state to allow women to vote in 1879.

December 15... In 1791, the Bill of Rights became law, following ratification by Virginia.

December 17... Wright Brothers first airplane flight in 1903.

December 21... Anniversary of the Pilgrims' landing at Plymouth Rock (1620).

December 23... In 1954, Boston surgeons performed the first successful kidney transplant on identical twins.

December 25... Birthday of Clara Barton (1821), founder of the American Red Cross.

December 27... The *HMS Beagle* set sail in 1831. Charles Darwin voyaged to the Galapagos Islands.

December 27... Birthday of Louis Pasteur (1822).

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Fixed Dates

- December 1...** AIDS Awareness Day
- December 2...** Rosa Parks Day
- December 6...** St. Nicholas Day (Europe)
- December 7...** Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- December 9...** Day of the Horse
- December 10...** Human Rights Day
- December 12...** Poinsettia Day
- December 15...** Underdog Day
- December 16...** Posadas (Mexico)
- December 16...** Boston Tea Party Day (Massachusetts)
- December 17...** Pan American Aviation Day, Wrights Bros. Day
- December 21...** Forefathers Day
- December 25...** Christmas
- December 26...** Boxing Day (Canada)
- December 26...** Kwanzaa begins
- December 27...** Visit the Zoo Day
- December 28...** National Quilter's Day
- December 31...** New Year's Eve

Weekly Observances

- December 1-7...** Cookie Cutter Week - Tolerance Week
- December 1-22...** Operation Santa Paws
- December 10-16...** Human Rights Week
- December 15-21...** International Language Week
- December 16-24...** Posadas

Monthly Observances

- Calendar Awareness Month
- National Tie Month
- Safe Toy and Gifts Month
- Stress-free Family Holidays Month
- Universal Human Rights Month