

# COUGAR CRY

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## *The Origin of Valentine's Day*

Submitted by: Carrie Rogers

Saint Valentine's Day is a holiday honoring lovers. It is celebrated on February 14th by the custom of sending out greeting cards or gifts to express affection. The cards, known as valentines are often designed with hearts to symbolize love. They were originally created through one's own devices. However, stationers began to provide embossed, paper-laced-edged sheets on which to write the messages. They soon took on the form of hearts detailed with doves, cupids and flowers. Finally, stock valentines began to be printed to save people the trouble of making them.

The holiday most likely derived from the ancient Roman feast of Lupercalis, held on February fifteenth. The festival gradually became associated with the feast day (Feb. 14) of two Roman martyrs, both named Saint Valentine, who lived in the third century. St. Valentine has traditionally been regarded as the patron saint of lovers. Myth has it that during his imprisonment before execution he fell in love with the jailer's daughter, the only person who had been kind to him. Just before his death he is said to have sent her a farewell message signed "From your Valentino."

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## **The VOICE Club**

Submitted by: Marcia Adams

As you may have noticed, all WCC buildings have had posters announcing an all-knew WCC VOICE Club, requesting you to become members. What you may not have known is just exactly what the club is. Now it's time to fill you all in . . .

Marcia Combs Adams, currently a student in the Medical Assisting program, undertook the great task of theoretically fulfilling a dream within the context of an English report. For a while, Marcia had possessed this burning desire to make a difference in the lives of others, especially the very young, very old, and disabled.

Then, one night it came to her . . . "VOICE"

**Volunteer  
Outreach  
In  
Community  
Efforts**

For her English assignment, she took a survey all across campus as to whether students

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VOICE Club Officers