Pi Day has always been a slice of life

BY AMBER STOUTENBOURGH
Arts & Life Editor

One of the most important holidays and annual celebrations of the mathematical constant π is today. March 14, also known as Pi Day, is a classic American holiday created by Larry Shaw in 1988 and was recognized as an official holiday on March 12, 2009. For Chicago, celebrating Pi Day means supporting local businesses.

One of Chicago’s most popular bakeries, Sweet Mandy B’s, is known for the best Sweet Mandy B’s employee. "We have a lot of regulars who are amazing to get to know them and personalize their orders," said Jenna Collins, a Sweet Mandy B’s employee. "We have a lot of regulars who are amazing to get to know them and personalize their orders." Sweet Mandy B’s Streeterville location will be selling pie slices for $3.14 today as well.

"I love that we are such a staple in our community, people have been coming here for years telling us they get their cakes here every year," said Jenna Collins, a Sweet Mandy B’s employee. "We have a lot of regulars which is amazing to get to know them and personalize their orders." Sweet Mandy B’s Streeterville location will be selling pie slices for $3.14 today as well.

While Sweet Mandy B’s continues the Easter classic baker theme, artistic style is not lost on newer pie makers. For Sarita Hernandez, their pie project called Sarita’s Pleasure Pie shop is inspired by sex positivity in the queer community. "The pie shop started as a side project with my friends since I would be the one to bake the ‘birthday’ pies dedicated to the day they came out as a birthday," Hernandez said. "I want my pies to center around pleasure through food and make pastries that my friends could eat.

Hernandez’s pies are all vegan and made personally by themselves. What began as a sweet treat for friends became a community favorite in McKinley Park during the pandemic. "I started selling my pies to people during the pandemic to make some extra money and ended up really enjoying the support and love that I got from my own community," Hernandez said. "I made themed pies based on stay-at-home orders, like long-distance hug pie, or very lonely lemonade pie.

Hernandez wants to accommodate everyone’s financial situations so the focus is more on enjoying the pie than the cost.

New communications have formed as a result of this pandemic. We’ve never really had such a worldwide effort to stay informed about pathogens, and that’s really a beautiful thing.”

The U.S. government’s initial response was not nearly as cohesive. As Covid-19 cases spread into every state, the federal government took a particularly hands-off approach regarding public safety measures, forcing state governments to determine and enforce their own protocols.

“Despite Covid-19’s rapid rise, public health scientists across the globe continue to cooperate since the pandemic’s imputus to strengthen one another’s efforts against the disease. “It’s honestly incredible when we think about the fact that every time there’s a new variant, we know there’s a new variant because someone’s sequencing it,” said Paige Larkin, director of molecular microbiology at NorthShore University HealthSystem. “New collaborations have formed.

Pi Day means supporting local business and annual celebrations of the mathematical constant π is today. March 14, also known as Pi Day, is a classic American holiday created by Larry Shaw in 1988 and was recognized as an official holiday on March 12, 2009. For Chicago, celebrating Pi Day means supporting local businesses.

One of Chicago’s most popular bakeries, Sweet Mandy B’s, is known for the best Sweet Mandy B’s employee. "We have a lot of regulars which is amazing to get to know them and personalize their orders." Sweet Mandy B’s Streeterville location will be selling pie slices for $3.14 today as well.

“I love that we are such a staple in our community, people have been coming here for years telling us they get their cakes here every year," said Jenna Collins, a Sweet Mandy B’s employee. "We have a lot of regulars which is amazing to get to know them and personalize their orders.” Sweet Mandy B’s Streeterville location will be selling pie slices for $3.14 today as well.

While Sweet Mandy B’s continues the Easter classic baker theme, artistic style is not lost on newer pie makers. For Sarita Hernandez, their pie project called Sarita’s Pleasure Pie shop is inspired by sex positivity in the queer community. "The pie shop started as a side project with my friends since I would be the one to bake the ‘birthday’ pies dedicated to the day they came out as a birthday," Hernandez said. "I want my pies to center around pleasure through food and make pastries that my friends could eat.

Hernandez’s pies are all vegan and made personally by themselves. What began as a sweet treat for friends became a community favorite in McKinley Park during the pandemic. "I started selling my pies to people during the pandemic to make some extra money and ended up really enjoying the support and love that I got from my own community," Hernandez said. "I made themed pies based on stay-at-home orders, like long-distance hug pie, or very lonely lemonade pie.

Hernandez wants to accommodate everyone’s financial situations so the focus is more on enjoying the pie than the cost.

New communications have formed as a result of this pandemic. We’ve never really had such a worldwide effort to stay informed about pathogens, and that’s really a beautiful thing.”

The U.S. government’s initial response was not nearly as cohesive. As Covid-19 cases spread into every state, the federal government took a particularly hands-off approach regarding public safety measures, forcing state governments to determine and enforce their own protocols.

“Despite Covid-19’s rapid rise, public health scientists across the globe continue to cooperate since the pandemic’s imputus to strengthen one another’s efforts against the disease. “It’s honestly incredible when we think about the fact that every time there’s a new variant, we know there’s a new variant because someone’s sequencing it,” said Paige Larkin, director of molecular microbiology at NorthShore University HealthSystem. “New collaborations have formed.

Pi Day means supporting local business and annual celebrations of the mathematical constant π is today. March 14, also known as Pi Day, is a classic American holiday created by Larry Shaw in 1988 and was recognized as an official holiday on March 12, 2009. For Chicago, celebrating Pi Day means supporting local businesses.

One of Chicago’s most popular bakeries, Sweet Mandy B’s, is known for the best Sweet Mandy B’s employee. "We have a lot of regulars which is amazing to get to know them and personalize their orders." Sweet Mandy B’s Streeterville location will be selling pie slices for $3.14 today as well.

“I love that we are such a staple in our community, people have been coming here for years telling us they get their cakes here every year," said Jenna Collins, a Sweet Mandy B’s employee. "We have a lot of regulars which is amazing to get to know them and personalize their orders.” Sweet Mandy B’s Streeterville location will be selling pie slices for $3.14 today as well.

While Sweet Mandy B’s continues the Easter classic baker theme, artistic style is not lost on newer pie makers. For Sarita Hernandez, their pie project called Sarita’s Pleasure Pie shop is inspired by sex positivity in the queer community. "The pie shop started as a side project with my friends since I would be the one to bake the ‘birthday’ pies dedicated to the day they came out as a birthday," Hernandez said. "I want my pies to center around pleasure through food and make pastries that my friends could eat.

Hernandez’s pies are all vegan and made personally by themselves. What began as a sweet treat for friends became a community favorite in McKinley Park during the pandemic. "I started selling my pies to people during the pandemic to make some extra money and ended up really enjoying the support and love that I got from my own community," Hernandez said. "I made themed pies based on stay-at-home orders, like long-distance hug pie, or very lonely lemonade pie.

Hernandez wants to accommodate everyone’s financial situations so the focus is more on enjoying the pie than the cost.

New communications have formed as a result of this pandemic. We’ve never really had such a worldwide effort to stay informed about pathogens, and that’s really a beautiful thing.”

The U.S. government’s initial response was not nearly as cohesive. As Covid-19 cases spread into every state, the federal government took a particularly hands-off approach regarding public safety measures, forcing state governments to determine and enforce their own protocols.

“Despite Covid-19’s rapid rise, public health scientists across the globe continue to cooperate since the pandemic’s imputus to strengthen one another’s efforts against the disease. “It’s honestly incredible when we think about the fact that every time there’s a new variant, we know there’s a new variant because someone’s sequencing it,” said Paige Larkin, director of molecular microbiology at NorthShore University HealthSystem. “New collaborations have formed.

Pi Day means supporting local business and annual celebrations of the mathematical constant π is today. March 14, also known as Pi Day, is a classic American holiday created by Larry Shaw in 1988 and was recognized as an official holiday on March 12, 2009. For Chicago, celebrating Pi Day means supporting local businesses.

One of Chicago’s most popular bakeries, Sweet Mandy B’s, is known for the best Sweet Mandy B’s employee. "We have a lot of regulars which is amazing to get to know them and personalize their orders." Sweet Mandy B’s Streeterville location will be selling pie slices for $3.14 today as well.

“I love that we are such a staple in our community, people have been coming here for years telling us they get their cakes here every year," said Jenna Collins, a Sweet Mandy B’s employee. "We have a lot of regulars which is amazing to get to know them and personalize their orders.” Sweet Mandy B’s Streeterville location will be selling pie slices for $3.14 today as well.

While Sweet Mandy B’s continues the Easter classic baker theme, artistic style is not lost on newer pie makers. For Sarita Hernandez, their pie project called Sarita’s Pleasure Pie shop is inspired by sex positivity in the queer community. "The pie shop started as a side project with my friends since I would be the one to bake the ‘birthday’ pies dedicated to the day they came out as a birthday," Hernandez said. "I want my pies to center around pleasure through food and make pastries that my friends could eat.

Hernandez’s pies are all vegan and made personally by themselves. What began as a sweet treat for friends became a community favorite in McKinley Park during the pandemic. "I started selling my pies to people during the pandemic to make some extra money and ended up really enjoying the support and love that I got from my own community," Hernandez said. "I made themed pies based on stay-at-home orders, like long-distance hug pie, or very lonely lemonade pie.

Hernandez wants to accommodate everyone’s financial situations so the focus is more on enjoying the pie than the cost.

New communications have formed as a result of this pandemic. We’ve never really had such a worldwide effort to stay informed about pathogens, and that’s really a beautiful thing.”

The U.S. government’s initial response was not nearly as cohesive. As Covid-19 cases spread into every state, the federal government took a particularly hands-off approach regarding public safety measures, forcing state governments to determine and enforce their own protocols.

“Despite Covid-19’s rapid rise, public health scientists across the globe continue to cooperate since the pandemic’s imputus to strengthen one another’s efforts against the disease. “It’s honestly incredible when we think about the fact that every time there’s a new variant, we know there’s a new variant because someone’s sequencing it,” said Paige Larkin, director of molecular microbiology at NorthShore University HealthSystem. “New collaborations have formed.