



The Wheel



When Alfred and his posse walk up to the roulette wheel, people take notice. Their vintage suits and old-school mannerisms command respect. The posse has spent most of their lives at “the wheel.” Before they could recite the alphabet, they were spinning, spinning, spinning! And they live by **two codes**: **First** and foremost: **decency** matters – respecting one another’s **differences** is crucial. **Second**, be proud of one’s heritage. That may involve speaking one’s native tongue, flying one’s national **flag**. Whatever. Each member brings a unique **perspective to the wheel**, but to keep it simple, they each just play their own **two favorite numbers** every time.

C-note is obsessed with royal weddings – especially the one between William and Kate thirteen years ago – what a memorable **year** that was.

Alfred loves candy, and so his favorite **days** are Halloween and two days after Valentine’s day – when all the chocolate hearts go on sale!

Damien is into math, and just by coincidence his two favorite double-digit numbers can be expressed as x^y and y^x .

Gustav collects riddles. His favorite riddle: What date is a homophone for a military command that means “Tread ahead?”

Everett is in the **military** and follows a strict schedule. Dinner **time** is when the minute hand is just shy of being half-way between the 5 and 6, and the hour hand is just shy of being half-way between the 6 and 7.

Howard loves anagrams of words like ZONED and of phrases like EGGO EGOS.

Frankie loves that his granddaughter spent **every day** of her 5-week summer break at gambling camp where she perfected her **black-jack** skills.

Bubba doesn’t love February, but he loves its unique number of days. On leap years, he puts a big **X** (his favorite letter) across the extra day.


