

Senior Citizens Day



August 21 is Senior Citizens Day in the United States. It is celebrated every year on the same day. It is held to say thank you to senior citizens for the **contributions** they have made to communities. It was Ronald Reagan who decided the day should be held on August 21. This was in 1988 and he was the president of America at that time. Before this, some people used to celebrate senior citizens on August 14. This was the day that a past US president, Franklin Roosevelt, signed a Social Security Act. This was back in 1935. Nowadays, people also use the day to bring awareness of the social, health, and economic issues that senior citizens have.

People organize activities and events on August 21. Many people hold special community events or meetings. They **invite** senior citizens, their families, their friends, and volunteers. Some share food and play games. It is a chance for people to let senior citizens know that they are appreciated and loved. Others do volunteer work at a retirement home on this day. Many stores and shops have special discounts for senior citizens on August 21. Senior citizens can buy things at a cheaper price. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, there were 44.7 million elderly people in American in 2013. They also estimate that by 2060 there will be almost 100 million elderly people.



1. According to the article, when is Senior Citizens Day celebrated?
 - a) August 11
 - b) August 14
 - c) August 21
 - d) August 28
2. The word 'contributions' in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to:
 - a) input
 - b) output
 - c) inward
 - d) outward
3. According to the article, who decided the day should be held on August 21?
 - a) Franklin Roosevelt
 - b) Ronald Reagan
 - c) Senior citizens
 - d) many people
4. The word 'invite' in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to:
 - a) welcome
 - b) invest
 - c) ignore
 - d) command
5. According to the article, what do stores and shops do on August 21?
 - a) have special parties for senior citizens
 - b) tell the elderly they are appreciated and loved
 - c) sell their goods at a more expensive price
 - d) have special discounts for senior citizens
6. According to the article, how many elderly people were there in America in 2013?
 - a) 14.7 million
 - b) 44.7 million
 - c) 74.7 million
 - d) 100 million

Answers: 1. (c) 2. (a) 3. (b) 4. (a) 5. (d) 6. (b)

