

The Woodcrest Villager

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"GOD
BLESS US,
EVERY-
ONE!"

-CHARLES
DICKENS

...

"AND WINTER
SLUMBERING
IN OPEN AIR
WEARS ON
HIS SMILING
FACE

A DREAM OF
SPRING"

-SAMUEL
TAYLOR
COLERIDGE

Season's Greetings to All!

December is quite a month! It's a time of short days, long nights, and much to celebrate! Around the world, in most cul-

tures, there are holidays, festivals, and rituals in December. Buddhists recognize the enlightenment of

Buddha on Bodhi Day, 12/8.



Chanukah, the festival of lights, begins on 12/13.

Ancient Pagans celebrated Yule on 12/21, and why

not? That's also the Winter Solstice. Then, comes Christmas, then Kwanzaa, just to name a few! So we'll waste no time. On December 1st, we hold our Holiday Gala, so we can celebrate together, and wish everyone a warm, healthy and happy holiday season!

WINTER BEGINS!

Hark! The Winter Solstice is upon us! It's on December 21st, and it will be the shortest day of the year. Just as the Earth swings around the darkest part of it's ellipsis, it begins it's journey back toward the light. So as we settle into a crisp New England winter, we are reminded that long, warm days are on their way back.



Last Month in Review

November was one of those months that really flies by! We filled our time with holidays and preparations. We took the opportunity to say a heartfelt *Thank You* to our many volunteers, celebrating them with a slide show

and show tunes. We took a drive in the idyllic farm land of Vermont and capped it off with dinner at Lui Lui's. Carolyn Parrott's story telling and songs were captivating and so much fun! The Cooking Club baked up batches

of tasty treats every week. We even held our own game show, which was hilariously revealing! And then, of course, there was a terrific Thanksgiving. So much to be thankful for!



Riddle Me

This

Where is

Christmas

before

Thanksgiving?

(Answer on Page 4)

Then and Now: A New Exhibit

As usual, Activity Director, Donna Baker-Hartwell has been busy! She's been collecting old photographs and taking new ones. After the success of the "Then and Now" project in the Court Yard, she is taking the show to

the rest of the house!



Our Community Room will once again play host to a very interesting exhibit. In this show, we'll

see side-by-side portraits of each resident, one from early life and one taken just recently. Fond memories will be revisited and new insights will be gained as we enter this contemplative time of year. Please invite friends and family for our opening celebration on 12/02.



Save The Date

Hold on to your hats because things are happening around Woodcrest! Here are some highlights:

12/1 Holiday Gala

12/2 Joy of Music

w/Pam Brown

12/5 Jane Tracy: Part II

12/7 Piano Concert w/ Will Ogmundson

12/9 Concert w/ Michael Brown and Melissa Dynek

12/10 Presbyterian Youth Group Carolers

12/11 Sunapee Singers

12/12 Menorah Lighting

12/13 Making Potato Latkes

12/14 Courtyard Christmas party

12/15 Pontine Theatre Performs "New England Christmas"

12/17 Cong. Church of Wilmot Carolers

12/19 See the Lights of La Salette

12/20 1st Graders Carol

12/28 Donald Clark Piano



"When you're curious, you find lots of interesting things to do."
-Walt Disney

Welcome to Woodcrest!

It has been a busy time here at Woodcrest. With all the hustle and bustle, let's take a moment to welcome some new friends to our house! We extend a

very warm welcome to Roberta and Haig Sergenian. We hope they'll feel right at home! We'll also be getting to know some new interns from Colby Sawyer College.

Chris Manwaring and Tiah McLaren will be spending some time with us and no doubt, we'll all enjoy what they bring to our community!

Introducing: Our New Food Services Director!

We are pleased to announce that Michael Janis has joined our team! He comes to us with over 30 years of experience. Catering to everyone from

the Canterbury Shaker Village to the Capital Center of the Arts, he's made his mark. He also has a small farm in Bradford where he raises chickens and ducks. He

appreciates old cooking methods and the importance of locally sourced ingredients. He says he is "Very excited to be here." Well we're glad too.



Happy Birthday December Baby!

A Very Happy Birthday to;

Richard Keith

12/3

Betty Williamson

12/5

Jack Flynn

12/13

Bunny Keeshan

12/19

John Peterson

12/22

Roberta Sergenian

12/23



AND ALSO TO:

Bette Midler 12/1/1945

Walt Disney 12/5/1901

Eli Whitney 12/8/1765

Rita Moreno 12/11/1931

Nostradamus 12/14/1503

Ty Cobb 12/18/1886

Humphrey Bogart 12/28/1934

Tiger Woods 12/30/75

Riddle's Answer:

The Dictionary

Recipe of the month:

Neilsen Family Holiday Dates

A good holiday appetizer is quick to make, easy to eat and satisfies the hungry hordes. Pitted dates, stuffed with peanut butter and rolled in sugar, unsweetened coconut, or crushed nuts, makes a nice small platter!

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