

“Count your blessings instead of your crosses.

Count your gains instead of your losses.

Count your joys instead of your woes.

Count your friends instead of your foes.

Count your courage instead of your fears.

Count your full times instead of your lean.

Count your health instead of your wealth.

Love your neighbor as much as yourself.

~Irish New Year toast

# The Woodcrest Villager

DECEMBER, 2019

## Season's Greetings to All!

December is quite a month! It's a time of short days, long nights, and much to celebrate! We'll be busily decking the halls the whole first week! Around the world, there are many holidays and festivals, this month. On 12/6

we hold our Holiday Gala, so we can



celebrate together, and wish everyone a warm, healthy and happy holiday season! So get out your party duds

and come hungry! The Courtyard will hold its annual Holiday Party on 12/12th. Family members and employees are invited to bring along the little ones! The always festive Kathy Lowe will be there making spirits bright as we enjoy this seasonal tradition together. God bless us, everyone!

## WINTER BEGINS!

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 its ellipsis, it begins its 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. Residents took the creative reigns, making wreathes with Polly Roos, and boxes with Moe Asselin and his son, Rob. Connie Johnson

exhibited her considerable talents as a seamstress and the show was enjoyed all month long. We took the opportunity to say a heartfelt *Thank You* to our many volunteers, celebrating them with a slide show and music by the Fondtones.

Speaking of music, we got to hear Kathy Lowe, Chuck Will and Archie Richards, all delightful, as always. And of course, there was a terrific Thanksgiving. So much to be thankful for!



## Theater Bug Hits Woodcrest!

For the last month or so, a very special group has been making regular afternoon visits to Woodcrest Village. Some home-schooled children, led by Cindy Johnson, have been teaming up with residents to cook up a theatrical production in time for the holidays! Staged as

a radio show, a la “Prairie Home Companion,” this play tells a story set in 1940’s New London at Christmas time. Together, residents, staff, the children and their parents have been crafting props, practicing their vocals, and running lines, all to present “WJOY: An Old Fashioned

Christmas.” It wasn’t all hard work though, theater games, popsicles and general silliness were enjoyed by all too! Don’t miss the delightful results of this intergenerational collaboration on 12/10!



**WJOY Presents**  
**An Old Fashioned Christmas**



**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2:00 PM**  
**WOODCREST COMMUNITY ROOM**

Dress Rehearsal,  
 Monday, December 9, 2:00 p.m.  
 First Baptist Church

Brought to you by:  
 The New London Homeschoolers



# Save The Date



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

**12/3** Poker with Pete

**12/3** Chuck Will plays keyboard in the pub

**12/4** Decorate your Mug with Christine Donovan

**12/6** *Holiday Gala!*

**12/9** Pontine Theatre Performs "A Winter's Tale"

**12/10** "WJOY & On the Air" Performance

**12/11** Buddy Sanborn plays piano in the CY

**12/12** *Courtyard Christmas party!*

**12/16** Sunapee Singers

**12/17** Ride to see the lights of La Salette

**12/18** 1st graders sing carols

**12/19** Beth Eldridge plays the fiddle in the CY

**12/23** Lighting of the Menorah

**12/25** *Merry Christmas!*

**12/31** New Year's Eve Special Pub with Terrie Richards

## Calling all Makers!

The Creation Place is a "paint your own pottery" studio that has just opened up in town. Proprietor, Christine Donovan, gives classes on glazing techniques and

other creative endeavors. On 12/4, she'll bring the pottery, supplies and expertise to us! Come and try your hand at glazing your own mug! Christine will take them back to the shop, fire them and deliver them back

to us a week later! There is a small fee, which Woodcrest will supplement, and can be charged to your room. These one of kind creations would make a beautiful gift for family, friends or yourself!



## Quick Holiday Reminders

There are a couple of things to remember this season. First, we'll have to ask that no extension cords be used when decorating, but power strips that

plug into the wall are a good alternative. Also, state regulations mandate that no live greenery be used, it's a fire hazard. We'll all stick to artificial trees, wreaths and garlands. And finally, should you

wish to contribute to the "Christmas Fund," for employee gifting, please make your donations to Sara by 12/9, so they may be distributed on the 13th. All that said, let the festivities begin!

# Happy Birthday December Baby!

*A Very Happy  
Birthday to;  
Richard Keith*



*12/3*

*Gwain Gillespie*

*12/7*

*Stanley Richards*

*12/7*

*Pat Baker*

*12/12*

*Ruth Hodgdon*

*12/19*

*John Peterson*

*12/22*



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

## Recipe of the month: Can't Decide Pie

Love old fashioned Mince Meat Pie but don't want to miss out on the Pumpkin pie? Why pick? Fill a pie shell half way with mince meat filling, then pour pumpkin pie mix over and bake as usual. You'll have an unusual, deliciously layered compromise! ~Contributed by Beth Castello

