

The Woodcrest Villager

A NEWSLETTER FOR WOODCREST VILLAGE
RESIDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

FEBRUARY 2024

**A Very
Happy
Birthday!**



Lou Sawyer, 2/20

**Welcome
New
Residents**

Lou & Dick Sawyer
Tim Norris
Gloria Mirsberger
Ken MacDonald



February isn't just about hearts and chocolates; it's also National Bird Feeding Month! This is the perfect time to show our feathered friends a little love, especially as winter's chill lingers and natural food sources become scarce. So, fluff your feathers and join us in celebrating these amazing creatures with some fun activities:

1. **Hang up your bird feeders** or clean existing ones to ensure they're ready for hungry visitors.
2. **Build a DIY bird feeder** using natural materials like pine cones, recycled containers, or even old bread tins.
3. **Participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count**, happening February 16-19th. This national event helps track bird populations by recording the types and numbers of birds you see in your backyard or local area.
4. **Brush up on your bird knowledge!** There are many resources available online and at libraries, including bird identification guides and apps.

By participating in these activities, you'll not only be helping our feathered friend survive the winter, but also creating a beautiful backyard sanctuary for everyone to enjoy.

YANKEE HUMOR

STORIES: "They're free and you don't have to dust them."



Rebecca Rule

Famed New Hampshire storyteller, Rebecca Rule joined us in our Community Room last month for an afternoon of "Yankee Humor." Becky hosted the New Hampshire Authors Series for ten years on NHPBS and now hosts Our Hometown on NHPBS. She's been telling stories in New England, especially New Hampshire, for more than thirty years. She hasn't visited every town in the Granite State, but has found her way to many of them — speaking at libraries, historical societies, church groups, and charitable organizations. She likes collecting stories because "they're free and you don't have to dust them."

Her books include N is for New Hampshire, an ABC book with photographs by Scott Snyder; The Iciest Diciest Scariest Sled Ride Ever!, a picture book illustrated by Jennifer Thermes; Headin' for the Rhubarb, A NH Dictionary (well, kinda); and The Best Revenge, which was named one of five essential NH Books by New Hampshire Magazine. Her latest book is That Reminds Me of a Funny Story, Hobblebush Press.

You can also read Becky's monthly column "AYUH" in *New Hampshire Magazine*.



Around the Village



Upcoming in February



Adventures in Learning: Virtual Tour of Switzerland and the Rhine

Come see the Matterhorn, Zermatt and other towns and mountains in Switzerland. Then, through over 100 slides and videos, continue your trip down the Rhine by ship, seeing vineyards, castles, Heidelberg, the great cathedral in Cologne, Germany, and finally ending in Amsterdam. Your tour will continue with a ride by boat through the canals of Amsterdam with a visit to the beautiful Keukenhof Gardens outside the city, known throughout the world for its tulips.



February Activities & Events

Start off 2024 resolving to participate in more of the many activities offered here at Woodcrest Village.

- ♦ Morning Exercises Weekdays at 10:00am
 - ♦ Manicure Mondays
 - ♦ Men's Group Wednesdays at 9:00am
 - ♦ Knitting Group Thursdays at 1:30pm
 - ♦ Flower Arranging Fridays at 10:00am
- 2/2 - National Wear **Red** Day
- 2/5 - Cindy Benson Sings
- 2/8 - The Art of Storytelling Kearsarge HS students visit
- 2/9 - **Chinese New Year. Year of the Dragon!**
- 2/11 - Super Bowl Sunday. Kickoff at 6:30pm
- 2/12 - St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Service
- 2/13 - Chapel with Pastor Lynn Hubley from Bradford Community Church
- 2/13 - Mardi Gras Luncheon
- 2/13 - Live Music with Jim Hollis
- 2/14 - Ash Wednesday & Valentines Day Social
- 2/19 - Cindy Benson Sings
- 2/20 - Adventures in Learning presents: Virtual Tour of Switzerland & the Rhine
- 2/21 - Live Music with Sue Ann Thayer
- 2/21 - Foot Clinic in Courtyard
- 2/22 - The Art of Storytelling Kearsarge HS students visit
- 2/26 - Dixie the Dog does tricks
- 2/27 - Chapel/Flute Music with Cinnamon Blomquist
- 2/29 - Live Music with Frank Kelecy



Get ready for a heartwarming event that aims to bridge the generational divide and foster meaningful connections between the young and the young-at-heart. The Valentine's Day social is a wonderful reminder that love and connection know no age boundaries.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 AT 2PM



Prepare for an afternoon of laughter, mischief, and bingo madness as the incomparable Jody Sloane takes the stage, channeling the legendary Phyllis Diller!

Get ready to roll the balls and roll with laughter as Jody brings Phyllis's iconic wit, humor, and outrageous charm to the bingo hall. It's not just a game of chance, it's comedy gold with Jody Sloane as your vivacious hostess, embodying the spirit of Phyllis Diller like never before.

**RESCHEDULED
IN MARCH**



- 2/6 - Live Music with Gordon Terwilliger
- 2/7 - Wine and Cheese Wednesday
- 2/18 - National Drink Wine Day
- 2/21 - Wine and Cheese Wednesday
- 2/22 - National Margarita Day



Let the Good Times Roll at our Mardi Gras Luncheon on Tuesday, February 13, complete with Creole favorites and a celebratory King Cake. Tradition says that whoever finds the small plastic baby in their piece of cake is deemed "King" or "Queen for the day." The baby symbolizes luck and prosperity.