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A Note From Rachelle

December Already? Holy cow! I can't believe it is already December. Where did the year go? The New Year is right around the corner! December is a very busy month and I want to make sure we have a sparkling month. So I want to remind everyone that during the month of December, we have an Annual Holiday Door Decorating Contest. So get out those Christmas and Hanukkah decorations and lights and show off your style. Don't forget the elves, santas, angels, and stars. It is always fun to peruse the halls during December to see all of the fun things that our residents have decorated with. So don't be left out and decorate those doors.

We have many fun things planned for December. We often have groups call us after we have set the calendar and we add them last minute. So don't forget to check your calendar and the elevator for all of the parties and festivities. We will have a Holiday Party for our residents and families on December 17th. I am betting that Santa will make an appearance. The month of December is always full of merriment and our residents like to share this merriment with the staff. The best way to do this is to donate to our

Employees are not allowed to accept individual gifts or gratuity from residents or their families, so the best way for you to show your thanks is to donate to the Holiday Fund. You can bring your donation to the 3rd floor Administration Offices and make your checks payable to Belmont Village. All donations are due by



Happy New Year From Us to You!

Happy New Year!

Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across the snow: The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true—Lord Alfred Tennyson. We want to wish all of our residents a happy new year. We hope it's the best one yet! Our resolution for the year remains the same as always: To ensure our residents have a wonderful place to call home. Let us know if there is anything we can do to better fulfill this resolution. Happy New Year! ~Your Belmont Family





Resident Birthdays

- 12/01 Esther Cavaleri 12/02 Doris Bobb 12/09 Joe Ann Berwick 12/12 Mildred Warhol 12/13 Marie Romain 12/16 Lavirle McCary 12/18 Harry Arnold
- 12/18 Bill Baum 12/20 Joan Baker
- 12/21 Gloria Quian 12/23 Dorys Gomez
- 12/23 Dorys Gomez 12/25 Gail Kawahata
- 12/29 Thomas Davison
- 12/29 Eva Kendall

Employee Birthdays

- 12/03 Jewel Alford
- 12/07 Catrina Turnipseed
- 12/08 Stephanie Stenson
- 12/09 Damond Ross
- 12/13 Winston Thome
- 12/12 Alyssa Price
- 12/20 Carolyn DeWitt
- 12/22 Edith Adams
- 12/24 Janet Perrodin
- 12/28 Kimberly Sandifer
- 12/31 Loveth Freeman
- 12/31 Ike Ojo

Happy Birthday December Residents!

Friday, November 18
Join us at 11:45 a.m., in
Josephine's Kitchen, for a special
December birthday meal! If you
would like to join us and have a
guest come, please RSVP to
Corrine at the Concierge desk.



DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

- 2 Tree Trimming Party
- 4 Turkey, Trinkets, Tinsel & Tales w/ Mary Mann
- 9 First Unitarian Church Choir
- 12 Dolce Strings Violin Touring Ensemble
- 13 St. Vincent's Carolers
- 17 Annual Holiday Party with Richmond Carolers
- 19 Holiday Piano Recital
- 20 Holiday Piano Recital
- 21 Touring The Houston Holiday Lights
- 22 Door Decorating Contest
- 22 Resident Gift Exchange
- 31 New Year's Eve Bingo and Party with Elvis!



Get in the Holiday Spirit ...

It's that time of the year again! Get those decorations ready ... the time has come for the *Annual Door Decorating Contest*! Judging

will take place at 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 22.

First, second and third places will be awarded to the winners. They will be announced at the Resident Holiday Party and Gift

Exchange at 3 p.m.







17th Anniversary Party

Thank you for another great year and for making our Black & White Anniversary Party a great success!



Bruce and Jim.



Bon and friends.



Carolyn and Marie.



Mildred and family.



Helen and friends!



The Blues ... sisters!



Helen and her date, her son Brian.



Sheila and Derik.







Cheers at Anheuser-Busch brewery!

Lunch at Cheddar's

Friday, December 4 Departure: 10:30 a.m.

The Café at Brookwood

Friday, December 11 Departure: 10:15 a.m. Cost of Lunch

Krispy Kreme Restaurant

Friday, December 18 Departure: 9:45 a.m. Cost of Purchase

Touring the Houston Christmas Lights

Monday, December 21 Departure: 6:30 p.m.



Moody Gardens Rainforest Pyramid.



December 2015

GR Great Room JK Josephine's Kitchen TH Town Hall

B Bistro

CT Card Table 2nd Floor Outing

CF Circle of Friends Room

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| Happy holidays! Please check the daily sheets in the elevator for updates and changes to the calendar. | | 9:30 TH Tai Chi 10:00 B Rummikub with Marie 10:00 B Marketplace Open 1:30 TH Body Fitness 4 2:00 GR Glee Club Sing Along 3:00 GR New Resident Tea 6:00 GR Piano Man | 9:30 TH Sit & Be Fit 10:00 B Board Games with Marie 10:00 TH Tai Chi with Simone 1:30 TH MBA Club Meeting 2:30 GR Tree Trimming and Hot Chocolate 7:00 TH Bible Study | 9:30 TH Sit & Be Fit 10:00 CL Audio Book Club 1:30 TH Body Fitness 2:00 TH Think Tank 3:00 GR Wine and Cheese Social 7:00 TH Movie Night | 9:30 TH Tai Chi 10:00 B Phase Ten with Marie 10:30 O Lunch at Cheddar's 2:00 TH Friday Matinee 2:30 GR Turkey, Trinkets, Tinsel & Tales 4:30 TH Shabbat Service 7:00 TH Movie Night | 9:30 TH Sit & Be Fit 10:00 B Morning Bridge Group 1:15 TH Bingo 2:00 GR Word Search Challenge Packet 2:00 Shopping @ Target 3:30 CT Poker 7:00 TH Movie Night |
| | Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 9:30 TH Chair Yoga 10:00 B Coffee Club 12:00 TH Texans vs. Bills 1:00 CF Church Service 1:30 Scenic Drive 2:00 GR Trivia w/ Concierge 3:15 GR Sing Along with Henry 4:30 JK St. Vincent Parishioners Caroling 7:00 TH Movie Night | 9:30 TH Dancercise 10:00 CL Audio Book Club 1:30 TH Got Balance? 2:00 TH Holiday Mail for Heros 3:00 TH Remember Pearl Harbor 4:00 This Week in History (Concierge) | 9:30 TH Tai Chi 10:00 B Marketplace Open 10:00 B Rummikub with Marie 1:30 TH Body Fitness ♣ 2:00 TH Moment in Time with Robert Landau★ 3:00 TH Random Ramblings w/ Rachelle ♣ 7:00 TH Movie Night | 9:30 TH Sit & Be Fit 10:00 B Board Games with Marie 10:30 CL New Resident Orientation 2:00 TH Art for All 3 3:00 GR Special Performance by Chris Collins 3 6:00 GR First Unitarian Church Choir Christmas Carols 7:00 TH Bible Study | 9:30 TH Sit & Be Fit 10:00 CL Audio Book Club 11:00 CL Computer Class 1:30 TH Body Fitness 2:00 TH Think Tank 3:00 GR Wine and Cheese Social 7:00 TH Movie Night | 9:30 TH Tai Chi 10:00 O Lunch @ Brookwood 10:00 B Phase Ten with Marie 2:00 GR Music w/ Bob 4:30 TH Shabbat Service 7:00 TH Movie Night | 9:30 TH Sit & Be Fit 10:00 B Morning Bridge Group 10:30 CL Poetry Club 1:15 TH Bingo 2:00 GR Dolce Strings Violin Recital 2:00 Shopping @ Dollar Store 2:00 GR Word Search Challenge Packet 3:30 CT Poker 7:00 TH Movie Night |
| 9:30 TH Chair Yoga 10:00 B Coffee Club 12:00 TH Texans vs. Patriots 1:00 CF Church Service 1:30 Scenic Drive 2:00 GR Trivia w/ Concierge 3:00 GR Holiday Sing Along with Katie 7:00 TH Movie Night | 9:30 TH Dancercise 10:00 CL Audio Book Club 1:30 TH Got Balance? 1:30 TH Holiday Mail for Heroes 1:300 TH Front Porch Travels: Christmas Unwrapped 1:4:00 This Week in History (Concierge) 6:00 GR Bible Stories 7:00 TH Movie Night | 9:30 TH Tai Chi 10:00 B Marketplace Open 10:00 B Rummikub with Marie 1:30 CF Body Fitness 2:00 GR Wheel of Fortune 3:15 GR Judaic Program 6:00 GR Piano Man | 9:30 TH Sit & Be Fit 10:00 B Board Games with Marie 10:00 CF Tai Chi with Simone 1:30 GR Puppy Therapy 2:00 CL Health Education 2:30 B Holiday Baking: Cranberry Surprise 3:7:00 TH Bible Study | 9:30 TH Sit & Be Fit 9:45 GR Paw-sitive Pets Visit 10:00 CL Audio Book Club 11:30 B Men's Lunch 1:30 TH Body Fitness 4:30 GR Annual Holiday Party with the Richmond Carolers 7:00 TH Movie Night | 9:30 TH Tai Chi 9:45 O Krispy Kreme Restaurant 10:00 B Phase Ten with Marie 11:30 JK December Birthdays Lunch 2:00 TH Friday Matinee 4:30 TH Shabbat Service 7:00 TH Movie Night | 9:30 TH Sit & Be Fit 9:45 GR Paw-sitive Pets Visit 10:00 B Morning Bridge Group 10:30 TH Food Facts w/ Dr. Betty 1:15 TH Bingo 2:00 Shopping @ Walmart 2:00 GR Word Search Challenge Packet 2:00 GR Holiday Music Piano Recital 3:30 CT Poker |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | | Christmas 25 | 26 |
| 9:30 TH Chair Yoga 10:00 B Coffee Club 12:00 Texans vs. Colts 1:00 CF Church Service 1:30 Scenic Drive 2:00 GR Holiday Music Piano Recital 3:15 GR Sing Along with Henry 7:00 TH Movie Night | 9:30 TH Dancercise 1:30 TH Got Balance? 2:00 TH SEARCH Project 3:00 TH Adventures in Art 4:00 This Week in History (Concierge) 6:00 GR Bible Stories 6:30 O Touring the Houston Christmas Lights | 9:30 TH Tai Chi 10:00 B Marketplace Open 10:00 B Rummikub with Marie 1:30 Door Decorating Contest 1:30 TH Body Fitness 2:00 B Holiday Cookie Decorating 3:00 GR Resident Holiday Party and Gift Exchange | 9:30 TH Sit & Be Fit 10:00 TH Laughter Club 10:00 B Board Games with Marie 2:00 TH Afternoon Matinee: Dennis the Menace 7:00 TH Bible Study | 9:30 TH Sit & Be Fit 11:00 CL Computer Class 1:30 TH Body Fitness 2:00 GR Wine and Cheese Social- Johnathan Craft 7:00 TH Movie Night | 9:30 TH Tai Chi 10:00 B Phase Ten with Marie 2:00 TH Christmas Movie: Polar Express 4:30 TH Shabbat Service 7:00 TH Movie Night | 9:30 TH Sit & Be Fit 10:00 B Morning Bridge Group 1:15 TH Bingo 2:00 GR Word Search Challenge Packet 3:30 CT Poker 7:00 TH Movie Night |
| 27 28 29 30 New Year's Eve! 31 Transportation | | | | | | |
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Spiritual Corner

Church Service

Sundays, 1 p.m. Circle of Friends Room Bible Study

Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

Town Hall **Shabbat Service**

Fridays, 4:30 p.m.
Town Hall

Sunday Morning Church

Transportation

Sign up with the Concierge.



Helen Copeland - President
The Resident Council meetings
are held on the last Tuesday of
the month at 3:30 p.m. Next
meeting will be held on
Tuesday, December 29.



Welcome to Belmont Village, where the days go rolling by!
Down through the halls you'll wander, where friends will call your name.

Welcome, we're glad you came!

New Resident Tea

Tuesday, December 1



Carla Davis, PAL

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Carla has been with Belmont for ten years! You may remember her serving you in the dining room, and now she is working as a full time PAL.

Carla loves her residents, and she really enjoys working with her team. She always has a smile on her face and is ready to help wherever she is needed.

Thank you, Carla, for your continued service to our residents, and congratulations!



Circle of Friends at Escalante's. Delicioso!

In November, the theme for the Circle of Friends was "Native Americans & Pilgrims." We learned all about the traditions. foods, and lifestyles of the original people who inhabited this land, as well as about the colonization by Europeans. As is the case with the birth of many nations, our own had stories of great successes as well as hardships. For our outings, we enjoyed a Mexican meal at Escalante's and have planned a trip to Houston's Health Museum. We are all excited for the start of the holiday season and wish you the best!



Joyce, displaying one of her many gorgeous quilts. What talent!

We welcomed several new residents to the Neighborhood this month. Joyce, pictured above, is an amazing quilt maker and painter, and has been teaching our residents, and those in the Circle of Friends, all about her creations. We will soon be setting up a "spa" area in the Neighborhood, complete with indoor waterfalls! It will serve as a tranquil resting spot for our residents as they walk throughout the unit.





VETERANS



Belmont West U veterans!



Roy and Al.



Bill, showing his army photo.

Holidays Are Here...

The Origin of Christmas

Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, the central figure in Christianity. According to Christian tradition, the infant Jesus was born to the Virgin Mary, placed in a manger, and visited by shepherds and wise men. Nativity scenes depicting these figures in a stable setting are popular holiday decorations. Other common Christmas symbols, such as evergreen trees and Yule logs, originate from ancient celebrations of the winter solstice. Those who celebrate Christmas often exchange gifts with loved ones, and children look forward to receiving gifts from Santa Claus.

The Origin of Hanukkah

An eight-day Jewish celebration, Hanukkah occurs in late November or December. beginning on the 25th day of Kislev on the Hebrew calendar. The holiday focuses on the miraculous oil that the Jews used to light the menorah in the newly reclaimed Jerusalem Temple. Although there was only enough oil to last one night, the menorah candles burned for eight nights. Families celebrate Hanukkah by preparing traditional foods and lighting the menorah, adding one candle on each night.



URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS IN THE ELDERLY

Did you know that urinary tract infections differ greatly in the younger community versus the elderly? A 35-year-old may experience painful burning sensations when urinating, whereas the elderly might not have pain or discomfort. As one ages, your immune responses change. Common signs to look for in the elderly that relate to infection is a sudden onset of urinary incontinence, falling, confusion, or not being able to perform daily tasks (feeding, dressing, bathing) themselves. It is very critical that water intake (in both men/women), wiping from front to back, and showering versus bathing is implemented as it helps prevent the UTI.



Thank you, Therapy Supply House and RehabCare, for providing a great wheelchair and walker tune-up clinic.

The Belmont Scene



Doyce is ready for another round of sandwich making for the homeless.



Keep working on that balance!



West U Warriors defeat Hunter's Creek Gators in a first ever Houston Volleyball Tournament.



Anheuser-Busch brewery tour.



It's almost art time! Art for All allows all residents to participate, all levels of abilities!



The sweetest witch of them all.



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Belmont Village Communities

CALIFORNIA: Burbank, Encino, Hollywood, Rancho Palos Verdes, Westwood, Thousand Oaks, San Jose, Sunnyvale, San Diego, Cardiff by the Sea

ARIZONA: Scottsdale

CHICAGOLAND: Buffalo Grove, Geneva Road, Oak Park, Glenview

SOUTHERN US: Memphis, Nashville,

Louisville, Atlanta—Buckhead and Johns Creek, Dallas, Austin, Houston—West University and

Hunters Creek

