Hello JANUARY

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THE CHATTER BOX
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Happy New Year, everyone....

I know I have met some of the residents and some of the family members here at Abington Manor Senior Living and it's a going to be a challenge for me but I would like to meet with every single resident at some point this month.

Please feel free to stop by the office and introduce yourself to me so that I can become more familiar with all of you and your families. I'm looking forward to being of service to all of you with this coming New Year and more to follow.

I feel so welcome already, so thank you to all staff, residents and families for that...

I'm looking forward to getting to know you all....

Thank you,

Diane Dellocono
Executive Director
Celebrating January

- Braille Literacy Month
- Soup Month
- Fruitcake Toss Day January 3
- Cuddle Up Day January 6
- Make Your Dream Come True Day January 13
- Popcorn Day January 19
- National Activity Professionals Week January 20-26
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day January 21
- Australia Day January 26
- Puzzle Day January 29
January Birthdays

In astrology, those born between January 1–19 are Capricorn’s Goats. Goats are focused on lofty goals; these hardworking and determined souls will prevail with grit and resilience. Those born between January 20–31 are Water Bearers of Aquarius. Water Bearers are deep-thinking intellectuals, unafraid of exploring outlandish ideas. Their strong sense of community makes them good friends and valuable team members.

Betsy Ross (folk hero) – January 1, 1752
Zora Neale Hurston (writer) – January 7, 1891
David Bowie (musician) – January 8, 1947
Alexander Hamilton (politician) – January 11, 1755
Faye Dunaway (actress) – January 14, 1941
A.A. Milne (writer) – January 18, 1882
Edgar Allan Poe (writer) – January 19, 1809
Benny Hill (comedian) – January 21, 1924
Virginia Woolf (writer) – January 25, 1882
Bessie Coleman (aviator) – January 26, 1892
Tom Selleck (actor) – January 29, 1945

January Birthday Celebrants

Dorothy W. – January 12th
Betty D. – January 16th
Marian K. – January 20th
Mary M. – January 26th

Happy birthday, and have a great new year ahead!!!!
Bowling News

Our bowlers’ average scores from last month:

Archie: 87
Guy: 143
Marge B.: 202
Pauline O.: 151
Shirley: 88

Great game!

Everyone is welcome, so please come and join in the fun!!!
Kings In A Corner

Our card players score board:

Marie: 1
Pauline O.: 2
Pauline R.: 1
Pearl: 1

Game on!
Employee of the Month

Tanisha Capel
Nursing Department

She is very sweet and very respectful to us (residents)!

Way to go, Tanisha!!!

Employee of the Month Voting Information

February Employee of the Month voting will be collected 1 hour before and after the Resident Council Meeting, scheduled on January 17th at 2p.m. We’ll be providing you a print-out of our staff’s pictures with their names on it to help identify the staff member that you would like to vote for. The ballots and drop box will be set on the activity table.

Thank you very much.
Our New Employees

Helena Brown
Activity Department

Tanisha Capel
Nursing Department

Welcome to the Abington family!!
Our New Residents

Carol Sullivan
Of Room 128

Marian Cara
Of Room 225

Linda Roberts
Of Room 312

Welcome to the Abington Manor family, Carol, Marian & Linda!
Marian was born and raised in Stewartsville, NJ. She went to Phillipsburg High School and graduated in 1952. She has two siblings (one brother and one sister) in the family. She got married at a preacher’s residence and was married to her husband for forty plus years. She lived and raised her family in Palmer Township, and has one son and one grandson. She worked as a Secretary at JT Baker Family Chemical for forty years. The most memorable time in her life was when she had her son and had him at her home. Her favorite past times are reading books. When she was young, her favorite thing to do was to go to the seashore with her parents/family. She said if she could travel again, she would love to go to Canada.
Happy New Year!

What does that mean to you?

Are you wishing for the New Year to be happier? Are you wishing for good health or to live longer? I’ve stopped wishing to win the lottery because the shock of winning would cause me to have a heart attack and die, and my family would fight over the money! So, here is my happy New Year, I wish for peace to all, I wish people will talk more to each other and to care about each other. Let’s be kind to one another. Remember, we are all on this earth for just a short time. We are remembered by how we have treated others. The greatest gift of all does not cost anything, but warms the soul and makes our heart happy. So, I wish a true Happy New Year to all!!!

~Kathy Wismer~
Snippet of the Month

New Year, Lasting Traditions

Another new year begins, and all around the world people will be popping champagne, singing “Auld Lang Syne,” and kissing loved ones at the stroke of midnight. But just why, exactly, do we repeat these New Year’s traditions year after year?

Bubbly champagne is the drink of choice on New Year’s. Its invention is often credited to Dom Perignon, the Benedictine monk who oversaw the wine cellars of his abbey in the year 1697. While others saw bubbles as a problematic sign that wine had spoiled, Perignon perfected the production of this new fermented drink known as champagne. From its beginnings in the abbey cellar, champagne was regularly used in religious celebrations such as consecrations and coronations. It then made the natural transition to secular celebrations, most notably at the soirées of the French aristocracy. As champagne became cheaper and more accessible, it became the classiest beverage to offer during the holidays.

Scotland’s national poet Robert Burns penned the words to “Auld Lang Syne” in 1788 and sent them to the Scots Musical Museum, requesting that his lyrics be set to an old Scottish folk tune. The phrase auld lang syne roughly translates to “for old times’ sake,” and, fittingly, the nostalgic song is about preserving friendships. The tune was often sung at funerals, farewells, and other group celebrations. It finally made it to America in 1929, when the Guy Lombardo Orchestra played it at a New Year’s celebration in New York’s Roosevelt Hotel.

No New Year’s party is complete without a kiss at the stroke of midnight. In ancient times, the winter darkness was the domain of evil spirits. At New Year’s masquerade balls, scary masks were torn off at midnight, and a kiss was shared as an act of purification to chase away malign spirits. For centuries, New Year’s has been a time of celebration, nostalgia, and hope.
Jokes, Riddles & Poems Section: WHO MADE US LAUGH?

Who Said...

1. “I smoke 10 to 15 cigars a day. At my age I have to hold on to something.”
   
   Clue: He starred in the Oh, God! movie series and on a TV show with Gracie Allen.

   Answer: George Burns

2. When a mugger accosted his character and repeatedly demanded, “Your money or your life!” this comedian said, “I’m thinking it over!”

   Clue: He had a famously popular weekly radio show that ran from 1932 to 1955 and a TV program from 1950 to 1965. He was known for being very frugal.

   Answer: Jack Benny

3. “I’ve been asked to say a few words about my husband, Fang. How about short and cheap?”

   Clue: Her famous stage persona included unkempt hair, crazy clothes, and smoking from a long cigarette holder.

   Answer: Phyllis Diller

4. “I never forget a face, but in your case, I’ll be glad to make an exception.”

   Clue: This American comedian performed in 15 feature films with his brothers Zeppo, Harpo, Chico, and Gummo.

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Announcements (cont’d)

◊ ACTIVITY STATIONS

We have set up tables at the Activity Room with variety of activities to choose from. Please check them out, have some fun and earn as many Tricky Tray Tickets as you can!!!

◊ ARTS & CRAFTS

Calling all our artists & crafters out there! We’d like to take pictures of all your beautiful work. We will post them in the Activity Connection for display!

◊ PROJECT MAKING

We’re working on a new project every month for our annual Handmade Craft Fair that we hold here before the holidays. We have lined up another set of great projects to make this year.

◊ WE’RE IN FACEBOOK!

In case you or your family is not aware, we have a Facebook page! Search for ‘Abington Manor at Morgan Hill’ and Like us

◊ WE’RE ON THE WEB!

Our monthly newsletter and calendar is now available in our website. Go to http://theabingtonmanor.com/ and follow the Quick Links.
WHO MADE US LAUGH (cont’d)?

Answer: Groucho Marx

5. “I’d much rather be a woman than a man. Women can cry, they can wear cute clothes, and they’re the first to be rescued off sinking ships.”
Clue: Her most famous line was “It’s always something,” and she was married to Gene Wilder.
Answer: Gilda Radner

6. “I’ve been in love with the same woman for 41 years. If my wife finds out, she’ll kill me.”
Clue: The British-born comedian was known for rapid-fire one-liners, the most famous of which was “Take my wife, please.”
Answer: Henny Youngman

7. “When I was born, the doctor said to my mother, ‘Congratulations, you have an eight-pound ham.’”
Clue: He started his career as a boxer and played golf throughout his life—many times with American presidents.
Answer: Bob Hope

8. “She loves to make soup—especially cream of yesterday.”
Clue: This iconic TV comedian became known as Uncle Miltie after he told people tuned into his radio show to “listen to Uncle Miltie” and go to bed.
Answer: Milton Berle

9. “A man who guesses a woman’s age may be smart, but he’s not very bright.”
Clue: This talkative redhead had a 30-minute comedy television show with her husband that ran for 179 episodes.
Answer: Lucille Ball

THE END