



Desert Winds

Retirement Community

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December Resident Birthdays

Don V.	12/3
Mary Lou D.	12/3
Al F.	12/13
Florence B.	12/13
Bonnie K.	12/15
Charles T.	12/17
Elizabeth N.	12/17
Jim B.	12/19
Barbara C.	12/20
Chuck O.	12/20
Susan T.	12/23
JeNiene Mae D.	12/24
John E.	12/30

We appreciate all of your hard work!
Thank you for everything you do!!



Dericka Carr

December 2024



Break Out Your Ugly Sweater

Show off your tacky, quirky or comical style on Ugly Sweater Day, the third Tuesday in December.

Hot Chocolate History

Warming up with a mug of hot chocolate is a sweet and simple winter ritual. We have the Indigenous people of Mexico and Central America to thank for coming up with the concept of grinding cocoa beans into a rich, foamy beverage. The original version was a lot different from what we enjoy today, though; for starters, their drink was served cold! But you can still raise a toast to tradition by adding in a complementary warmth with ground cayenne pepper, one of the key ingredients in Mexican hot chocolate.

A Fruitful New Year


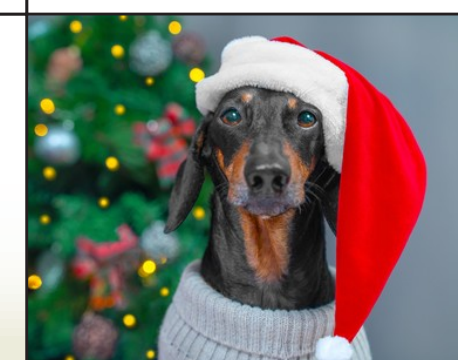

To fill up on good luck, some revelers welcome the New Year by gobbling up grapes. The Spanish tradition of eating 12 grapes, one for each month of the year ahead, dates to around the 1900s and increasingly has become part of holiday celebrations around the world.





December 2024

- L Library
- DR Dining Room
- M Meeting Room
- BH Bingo Hall
- LB Lobby
- T Theatre
- 1S 1st Floor South Lounge
- 1N 1st Floor North Lounge
- CB Continental Breakfast Rm
- P Patio

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15 LB Bus Pickup from Church of the Palms for Church Service 2:00 BH BINGO!	2 10:00 BH Chair Exercise w/Cherry 12:00 M Mini Manicures (M) 2:00 BH BINGO! 5:00 1N Texas Hold 'em Poker	3 10:00 LB Only The Best Jewelry 10:30 M Coloring 12:30 LB Fry's or Bashas' 1:00 1S Mexican Train 3:30 CB Dominoes	4 9:30 CB Men's Coffee 10:30 T Bible Fellowship 11:30 LB Red Hat Society: Holiday Lunch/ The Audrey 12:00 LB Fry's or Bashas' 2:00 BH BINGO! 5:30 T Movie	5 8:45 LB Fry's or Bashas' 10:00 T Holy Communion 10:30 CB Holiday Blues: Hospice of the West; Helen Castro Hot Chocolate & Cookies! 11:30 LB Arrowhead Mall 2:00 M Diamond Art/Holiday Cards 6:00 T Pentecostal Service: Pastor Grogen	6 10:00 M Activity Calendar: Suggestions! 1:00 1S Bridge 2:00 LB Entertainment: Emily Goodman- Pianist 2:00 M Scrabble 5:00 1N Texas Hold 'em Poker	7 10:00 M Knitting & Loom Ladies 1:00 M Pokeno 4:30 L Billiards 5:30 T Movie
8 9:15 LB Bus Pickup from Church of the Palms for Church Service 2:00 BH BINGO!	9 10:00 BH Chair Exercise w/Cherry 12:00 M Mini Manicures (M) 1:00 T Community Rosary 2:00 BH BINGO! 4:30 BH Holiday Paint & Sip Party! Blake! 5:00 1N Texas Hold 'em Poker	10 10:00 LB Sew Lovely Crafts: Karen 10:00 LB Spread Holiday Cheer: Peoria Fire Department Toy Drive Pickup! 12:30 LB Fry's or Bashas' 1:00 1S Mexican Train 3:00 DR Resident Christmas Party 3:30 CB Dominoes	11 Blake: Art Display/ LB 10:00 BH Ladies' Social 10:00 LB Paparazzi \$5 Jewelry 12:00 LB Fry's or Bashas' 2:00 BH BINGO! 5:30 T Movie	12 8:45 LB Fry's or Bashas' 10:00 LB Avon by Josie/ Cards by Anita 10:00 T Holy Communion 11:30 LB Walmart 2:00 LB HAPPY HOUR! 6:00 T Pentecostal Service: Pastor Grogen	13 NO TRANSPORTATION 9:00 LB Desert Diamond Casino 10:30 CB Bean Bag Toss 1:00 1S Bridge 2:00 M Scrabble 3:00 P Winter Wonderland 3-5pm 5:00 LB Centennial HS CHOIR: Winter Concert 5:00 1N Texas Hold 'em Poker	14 10:00 M Knitting & Loom Ladies 1:00 M Pokeno 4:30 L Billiards 5:30 T Movie
15 9:15 LB Bus Pickup from Church of the Palms for Church Service 2:00 BH BINGO!	16 10:00 BH Chair Exercise w/Cherry 10:00 LB Twinkle Jewelry Designs 12:00 M Mini Manicures (M) 2:00 BH BINGO! 5:00 1N Texas Hold 'em Poker 5:00 LB Winter Concert Presented by Denise Pehrson	17 UGLY SWEATER DAY!! 10:30 LB SCAN: Info Table; Linda 12:30 LB Fry's or Bashas' 1:00 1S Mexican Train 3:00 DR Staff Christmas Party 3:30 CB Dominoes	18 10:30 LB TOWN HALL MEETING 11:00 CB Bible Fellowship Christmas Party! 12:00 LB Fry's or Bashas' 2:00 BH BINGO! 5:30 T Movie	19 8:45 LB Fry's or Bashas' 10:00 T Holy Communion 11:30 LB Dollar Tree 1:00 LB Sunrise Mountain Library 2:00 LB Hot Cocoa Bar w/ Cherry 6:00 T Pentecostal Service: Pastor Grogen	20 12:00 DR December Birthday Lunch 1:00 1S Bridge 2:00 LB Entertainment: TLC group Christmas Season Show 2:00 M Scrabble 5:00 1N Texas Hold 'em Poker	21 10:00 M Knitting & Loom Ladies 1:00 M Pokeno 4:30 L Billiards 5:30 T Movie
22 9:15 LB Bus Pickup from Church of the Palms for Church Service 2:00 BH BINGO!	23 10:00 BH Chair Exercise w/Cherry 11:30 LB Walmart 12:00 M Mini Manicures (M) 2:00 BH BINGO! 5:00 1N Texas Hold 'em Poker	24 CHRISTMAS EVE! 10:00 M Trivia 2:00 LB Entertainment: Elvis Christmas Show w/ Freddy G	25 CHRISTMAS DAY! 	26 8:45 LB Fry's or Bashas' 10:00 T Holy Communion 2:00 LB HAPPY HOUR! 6:00 T Pentecostal Service: Pastor Grogen	27 NO TRANSPORTATION 10:30 CB Bean Bag Toss 11:30 Red Hat Ladies: Buca Di Beppo Italian 1:00 1S Bridge 2:00 M Scrabble 5:00 1N Texas Hold 'em Poker	28 10:00 M Knitting & Loom Ladies 1:00 M Pokeno 4:30 L Billiards 5:30 T Movie
29 9:15 LB Bus Pickup from Church of the Palms for Church Service 2:00 BH BINGO!	30 10:00 BH Chair Exercise w/Cherry 12:00 M Mini Manicures (M) 2:00 BH BINGO! 5:00 1N Texas Hold 'em Poker	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE! 12:30 LB Fry's or Bashas' 1:00 1S Mexican Train 2:00 LB Countdown to 2025: Join Us for a New Year's Eve Kickoff Party!	December Birthdays Don V. 12/3 Mary Lou D. 12/3 Al F. 12/13 Florence B. 12/13 Bonnie K. 12/15 Charles T. 12/17	Elizabeth N. 12/17 Jim B. 12/19 Barbara C. 12/20 Chuck O. 12/20 JeNiene Mae D. 12/24 John E. 12/30		



Bah, Humbug!

Ebenezer Scrooge, the cantankerous miser at the heart of the Charles Dickens tale “A Christmas Carol,” is an unforgettable character. His name and personality are so engrained in pop culture that if someone tells you they encountered a real-life “Scrooge” around the holidays, you know exactly what they mean!

Tag along with the Ghost of Christmas Past and match each “A Christmas Carol” film adaptation with the actor who played Scrooge.

Actor

1. Michael Caine
2. Albert Finney
3. Will Ferrell
4. Alastair Sim
5. Christopher Plummer
6. Alan Young
7. George C. Scott
8. Bill Murray

Movie

- A. “Scrooged”
- B. “The Man Who Invented Christmas”
- C. “A Christmas Carol” (1951)
- D. “The Muppet Christmas Carol”
- E. “A Christmas Carol” (1984)
- F. “Spirited”
- G. “Scrooge”
- H. “Mickey’s Christmas Carol”

(Answers: 1. D; 2. G; 3. E; 4. C; 5. B; 6. H; 7. E; 8. A)

“This Month In History”

DECEMBER

1913: Making production easier, the first moving assembly line is unveiled! With the invention, Henry Ford shaved off more than 12 hours of work from the time spent building just one vehicle.

1941: Civil Air Patrol, a nonprofit civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is established. With duties that include rescue missions and disaster relief, the organization is credited with saving 100 lives per year.

1954: Fast-food chain Burger King is first opened in Miami, Fla. The restaurant’s signature sandwich, the flame-broiled

Whopper hamburger, is able to be customized in 200,000 unique variations. Have it your way!

1964: The first TV special of “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” airs on NBC. The classic character, “the most famous reindeer of all,” shines bright during the holiday season.

1973: The Endangered Species Act is made official, establishing protection for fish, wildlife and plants that are threatened or endangered. Environmental efforts based on the legislation have led to the recovery of species such as the bald eagle and gray wolf.

1998: The first mission for assembly of the International Space Station is launched on orbiter Endeavour. This connected the Russian and American station modules using the “Unity” segment.

2012: The music video for “Gangnam Style,” by Korean rapper Psy, becomes the first YouTube video to hit 1 billion views.