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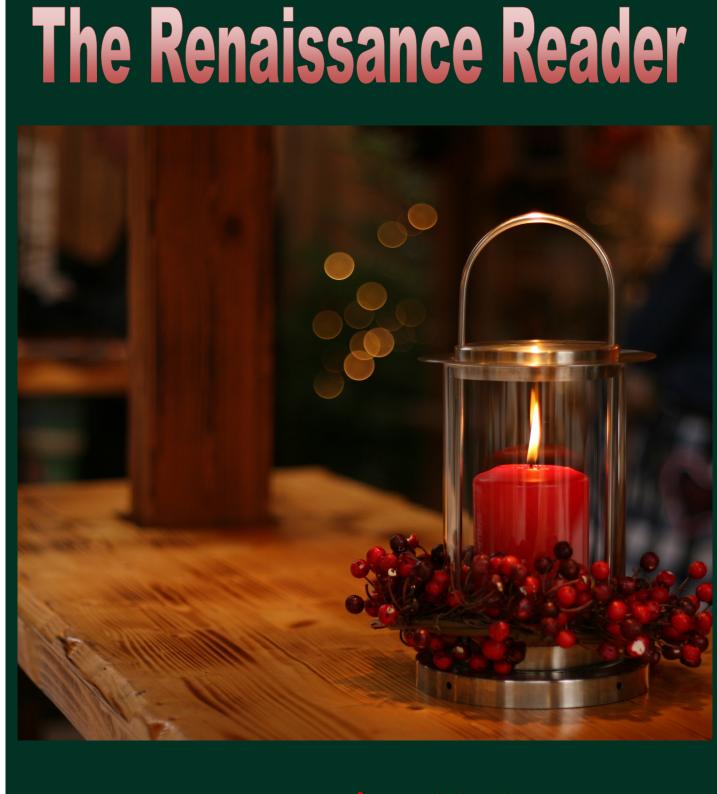
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Our mission is to create and sustain comfortable, caring environments for those who depend on us.



## December 2019

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### **Cold Weather Safety & Wellness Tips**

It's that time of year again when temperatures begin to plummet, snowflakes kiss our noses, and "Baby, it's Cold Outside!" and "Walking in a Winter Wonderland" play on the radio.

The changing weather can be a joyous occurrence each year, but it's also one we can better prepare for with a few tips to aid in keeping us safe and merry.



#### **Dress for Warmth**

Stay toasty throughout winter with appropriate clothing for your surroundings. Outdoors, if it's very cold, be sure to wear warm socks, gloves, a heavy coat, a scarf, and a hat or ear muffs, and make sure exposed skin is covered. Indoors, if cold, dress in layers and keep feet covered. One's body temperature should never dip below 95 degrees.

#### **Avoid Falling**

In the winter, falls may occur due to slips on icy sidewalks and roads or wet indoor spaces. Avoid injury by wearing shoes with good traction and non-skid soles. Stay inside when at all possible, and wait to walk on sidewalks until you know that they have been treated for ice. It is also smart to have a walking buddy or two if you do head outdoors. If you have been outside and are returning to an indoor space, take off your shoes to avoid slipping due to wet soles.

#### **Ward off the Wintertime Blues**

In the winter, there are fewer opportunities for people to get regular exercise and sunshine. There are also some stressors that

come along with the holidays. These changes in routine may lead to feelings of loneliness, isolation, and sadness. Help fight off the winter blues by getting regular exercise, participating in social activities, and eating a varied diet of Vitamin D fortified foods.

## **Avoid Fire Hazards & Carbon Monoxide Poisoning**

It's lovely to enjoy the warmth of the fireplace or a scented candle in winter, but be prepared to avoid fire dangers. Heaters, fireplaces, stoves, candles, and holiday decorations can pose fire risks. Avoid possible fires and carbon monoxide poisoning by following fire safety rules, abiding by device manufacturer instructions, and making sure all alarms are functional. Also, practice routine fireplace maintenance, make sure electrical sockets are operating properly, and keep holiday decorations neat and in good repair. There's no shame in reaching out to a friend or loved one for help tending to these tasks.

We wish everyone a safe, warm, and funfilled winter season this year!

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### **Special Moments**

"Life isn't a matter of milestones, but of moments." - Rose Kennedy









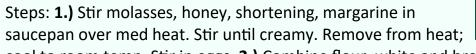


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### 'Tis the Season to Be Baking!

This Pfeffernusse recipe, modified from an All Recipes version by Thebeansma, requires 15 mins prep, 15 mins to cook, and 3 hours total. **Ingredients:** 1/2 cup molasses; 1/4 cup honey; 1/4 cup

shortening; 1/4 cup margarine; 2 eggs; 4 cups flour; 3/4 cup sugar; 1/2 cup brown sugar; 1.5 tsp ground cardamom; 1 tsp ground nutmeg; 1 tsp ground cloves; 1 tsp ground ginger; 2 tsp anise extract; 2 tsp ground cinnamon; 1.5 tsp baking soda; 1 tsp pepper; 1/2 tsp salt; 1 cup confectioners sugar.



cool to room temp. Stir in eggs. **2.)** Combine flour, white and brown sugars, cardamom, nutmeg, cloves, ginger, anise, cinnamon, baking soda, salt and pepper in big bowl. Add molasses mixture and mix together. Refrigerate 2 hours. **3).** Preheat oven to 325. Roll dough into balls. Put on bake sheet 1 inch apart. **4.)** Bake 10-15 mins. Cool. Coat with confectioners sugar. Enjoy!

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#### **December 2019 Highlights**

#### December is Safe Gifts Month, Spiritual Literacy Month, and Tomato Month

01 Pie Day; Eat a Red Apple Day

02 Fritters Day; Mutt Day

03 Day of Giving

04 Cookie Day; Dice Day; Sock Day

**05 Sacher Torte Day** 

06 Faux Fur Friday; Gazpacho Day

**07 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day** 

**08** Brownie Day; Be a Time Traveler Day

**09 Pastry Day** 

10 Nobel Prize Day; Dewey Decimal Day

11 App Day; Noodle Ring Day

12 Ambrosia Day; Poinsettia Day

13 Cocoa Day; Violin Day

14 Bouillabaisse Day

15 Lemon Cupcake Day; Wear Pearls Day

16 Chocolate-Covered Anything Day

17 Maple Syrup Day; Wright Brothers Day

18 Roast Suckling Pig Day; Buddy the Elf Day

19 Oatmeal Muffin Day; Hard Candy Day

**20 Sangria Day** 

21 Fried Shrimp Day; Holiday Sweater Day

22 Date Nut Bread Day; Chanukah Begins

23 Pfeffernusse Day; Festivus

24 Eggnog Day; Christmas Eve

25 Christmas Day; Pumpkin Pie Day

26 Candy Cane Day; Boxing Day; Thanks Day

27 Fruitcake Day; Card Playing Day

28 Chocolate Candy Day

29 Pepper Pot Day; Tick Tock Day

**30 Bacon Day** 

31 New Year's Eve, Champagne Day

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### **December Birthdays!**



### Wishing a very happy birthday to you!

Anne, Dec. 1st John, Dec. 6th

Mary Ann, Dec. 10th

Dorothy, Dec. 12th

Pat, Dec. 13th

Leone, Dec. 22nd

Diane, Dec. 28th

Phyllis, Dec. 31st

Ali, Dec. 31st

#### **Staff Spotlight**

Dana (Wellness Nurse)



Dana has one of the longest standings with The Renaissance and puts a lot of effort into everything she does. She works hard every day to ensure the best care for our residents. Dana takes time out of her busy schedule to make sure she stays healthy by waking up early to either go to the gym or take her dogs out on a jog. She truly takes the awesome title of Wellness Nurse to another level. The Renaissance is truly grateful to have someone so kind hearted to be looking over our residents.







**Resident Spotlight** 

Anne!

Anne loves to be active in the community and enjoys the many activities we provide at the Renaissance. One of her most frequent pasttimes is working on puzzles and socializing with others. Anne keeps a positive attitude and a happy melody in her heart. When attending social gatherings or even working by herself, Anne hums a tune of joy. It's great to have such a happy soul here at the Renaissance!

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