

DESERT SPRINGS

Gracious Retirement Living

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DECEMBER 2020

DESERT SPRINGS STAFF

Assistant Managers CHUCK
& CANDY LACOMBE
Executive Chef JUSTIN MURDOCK
Activity Coordinator JEANETTE SIMI
Maintenance FRANK LOPEZ
Bus Driver PAUL STEFFEN

TRANSPORTATION

Monday, 10 a.m.: Fry's, Target,
Walmart and Walgreens

Monday, 2 p.m.: Fry's, Target,
Walmart and Walgreens

Tuesday & Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.:
Doctor Appointments

Wednesday, 10 a.m.: Shopping

Sunday, 8 a.m.-Noon: Church Transportation

HAWTHORN
SENIOR LIVING

Fun Upcoming Holiday Events

December holds many fun traditions with fun holiday events to come.

We will be rocking to Christmas tunes all through December. Just a few of our fun entertainments



and activities include violin and bass Christmas music with the McCann Sisters, Christmas caroling, Bob Wells singing Christmas tunes, Amy Berker on the piano and our very own resident program with Elaine, Lynn and Carol (our salon owner/operator) singing along to Christmas oldies. Activities include Secret Santa, Ugly Sweater Contest, Lights and Cider by the Christmas tree with a visit from Santa. We will be having our traditional decorative door contest and let's not forget our social time together building a gingerbread village!

2020 is coming to an end the countdown to 2021 is coming on! We will be ringing in the new year with a Sock Hop with music by Short and Sweet! Get ready to rock into the new year! Many fun 2021 adventures ahead including Hawthorn's adventures to tropical islands! Check your calendars for more fun upcoming events!



December Resident Highlight

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Bonnie and Gene Taylor.

The Taylors are new residents here at Desert Springs and they have taken a

moment of their time to share a little about themselves with our Community.



Gene and Bonnie Taylor were married in 1950 in Elgin, Illinois, in the Pierce Chapel and have been happily married for 70 years! They have three lovely children — Mark Taylor, Jill and Jody. All three children attended U of A as engineers and all three are avid swimmers. Gene and Bonnie are the proud grandparents of seven grandchildren. No great-grandchildren currently, but they are hoping soon!

Gene shared that he had the opportunity to grow up with his grandfather Richard F. Taylor and lived with him during Gene's college years. Gene stated, "My grandfather was a great man, a judge and a lawyer." Gene states his career was also influenced by his wife's grandfather Elmer Gyleck, who was an architect, "He influenced my decision to become a builder." Gene and Bonnie owned a small construction company and were owners/operators of apartment and office buildings.

Gene was involved in genealogy for over seven years and discovered both sides of his family fought in the Revolutionary War. Gene was part of the SAR, Sons of the American Revolution.

Bonnie worked for a school system in the PE department. Both Bonnie and Gene were athletic and were avid swimmers and tennis players. For over 25 years Gene and Bonnie were Ice Dance Skaters and involved in the Chicago Figure Skating Club. Gene stated the Ice Dance Skating was one of the best things they did together, and they performed all over the Midwest.

Gene states that his wife just turned 91 and in January he will be turning 92 years of age.

Welcome, Gene and Bonnie Taylor!

Welcome, New Residents

A special welcome from Desert Springs Gracious Retirement Living to our new residents. We are happy you have chosen Desert Springs to be your new home!

We are focused on the well-being of our residents and would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our fun events and activity programs scheduled for your enjoyment in the upcoming month of December. If you were unable to attend this month's orientation for new residents, you are always welcome to attend one soon. If you have questions about activities or events, please feel free to see Jeanette, your activity coordinator, or one of your managers will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Welcome and come join the fun!



Studio "C" Hair Salon

Desert Springs has a wonderful full-service salon located just out the back entrance for your convenience. Carol Smith is open and taking appointments. If you are interested in a haircut, style or having your color refreshed, please feel free to call Carol Smith at (561) 248-5934.





October Festivities and Fun Events

The season of celebration and cheer is here, and it was “Party Time” at Desert Springs! The residents celebrated our traditional Oktoberfest with German music by the Stardusters. Following the entertainment, residents enjoyed German treats and mocktails. We also had the pleasure of enjoying Ragtime music by Elain Goetz (one of our talented residents), this was a time for the residents to kick back their heels as Elaine educated the residents on Ragtime history and music.

Door Decorating Event:

A huge thank-you to all our incredible residents who participated in the Door Decorating Contest, your amazing decorated doors brought smiles and laughter to our Community during this holiday season.

Our first-place ribbon went to Bob and Noel Gerken and second-place winner ribbon went to Brenda Moon! Thank you all for such an incredible job!



Oktoberfest music by the Stardusters!



Edie and Pete enjoying music



Chuck and Candy, our managers



Book Club News

By Kay Gragg

Book Club does not meet in December to give our members time to prepare for the holidays. We will resume on January 16, 2021, and are discussing “The Alice Network” by Kate Quinn. In the book, the lives of two indomitable women intertwine in a plot crackling with suspense. And at the heart of Quinn’s telling is the true covert Alice Network through which courageous men and women infiltrated the German lines in rural France.

Because of COVID-19, time and place of our meeting will be announced later as we get closer to the meeting. If you have not attended Book Club before and would like to, please contact Kay Gragg at (520) 544-2545.



DEC 2020

Birthdays

Carole Wyatt, 4th
Patti Taylor, 8th
Margaret
Motherseed, 12th
Mary Alford, 13th
Anna Pufahl, 13th
Leslie Gary, 21st
Betty Larson, 22nd
Trish Shomber, 23rd
Ron Barker, 24th
Elfriede Page, 29th
Lynn Jones, 30th
Rudy VanRenterghem, 31st

Locations

Activity Center, AC
Activity Center
Kitchen, ACK
Atrium, A
Billiards Room, BR
Chapel, CH
Computer Center, CC
Dining Room, DR
Exercise Room, EX
Front Lobby, L
Library, LB
Movie Theater, MT
Swimming Pool, Pool
TV Room, TV

“Time together
as a family is
a gift.”
—Joanna Gaines

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		9:20 Weight Exercise, AC 1 10:00 Uno Card Game, AC 10:30 Gingerbread Decorating with Chef, AC 2:00 Bingo, AC 2:00 Movie Matinee, MT 2:00 Georgia's Gift Wrapping, A 6:15 Rummikub, TV 6:45 Evening Movie, MT	9:20 Breathing & Yoga Exercise, AC 2 10:00 Uno Card Game, AC 11:00 Billiards 4 the Guys, BR 2:00 Movie Matinee 3:00 Gingerbread Decorating, AC 6:15 Euchre, TV 6:45 Evening Movie, MT	9:20 Weight Exercise, AC 3 10:00 Uno Card Game, AC 11:00 Secret Santa Drawing, AC 2:00 Movie Matinee, MT 2:00 Georgia's Gift Wrapping, A 3:00 Old-Time Christmas Music with Bob Wells, A 4:00 After Program Social Hour, AC 6:45 Evening Movie, MT	9:20 Ball Exercise, AC 4 10:00 Uno Card Game, AC 10:25 The Game of Farkle, AC 2:00 Wii Bowling, AC 2:00 Movie Matinee, MT 3:00 Joyous Holiday Piano Music with Amy Barker, A 4:00 Hot Chocolate & Cookie Social, AC  6:45 Evening Movie, MT	9:20 Chair Exercise, AC 5 10:00 Donut Social, TV 10:00 Uno Card Game, AC 10:30 Bean Bag Baseball, AC 2:00 Georgia's Gift Wrapping, A 2:00 Movie Matinee, MT 6:15 Skip-Bo, TV 6:45 Evening Movie, MT
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Guess Who!

Where you able
to guess who our
November Guess Who
was? Right again!
Our one and only
Lois Shumaker!

Our December "Guess
Who" is a beauty for
sure! Can you guess
who this is?



*Can you "Guess Who"
our December beauty is?*

2020 Halloween Party and Costume Contest

With the holiday season upon us, our residents enjoyed this year's Holiday Halloween Party with violin and bass music by the McCann sisters. Music filled the halls of Desert Springs and spooky fun snacks were served following the performance. Our 2020 Halloween costume winner went to Lois Shumaker! Lois was decked out in a Moroccan robe-like dress called a kaftan and headdress. Lois stated her outfit was originally from Morocco. A special thanks to all the residents who participated.



McCann Sisters: violin and bass music



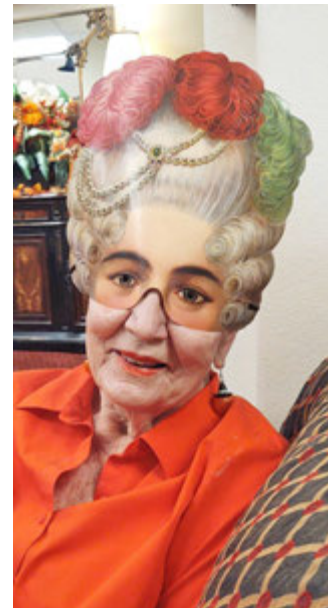
*Lois decked out for
costume party!*



*Lester and Rose getting
their "Boo" on!*



*A Halloween "Hello"
from Mildred*



*Shea decked out for
the Halloween party*



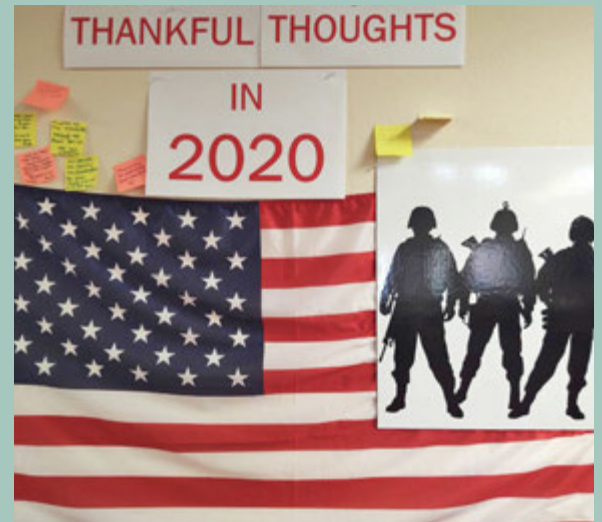
Honoring Our Veterans

Desert Springs residents took a moment to salute those who have served and sacrificed for America's freedom. Our American Legion presented a fabulous program on Veterans Day to honor all our veterans and to educate us on the facts that first

and foremost our veterans protected our country and its values. They did this by putting their lives on the line every day. Our residents joined to honor America's veterans and thank them for their dedication and to honor veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

We have taken a moment to share just a few of our wonderful veterans here at Desert Springs Gracious Retirement Living.

Our wall of "Thankful Thoughts in 2020" is filling up fast! We must admit this year has been an "out of the ordinary" year for us! It has been amazing to see our Community pull together this year, just one of the many things that makes this Community so special. As we are closing this year, what are you thankful for?



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It's always Warm at

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We invite you to experience the warmth of our community. Our caring staff is here for you any time, day or night. We take care of the cooking, cleaning, and maintenance, leaving you more time to enjoy your lifestyle. We'll even drive you to appointments, shopping and other outings.

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