Parker Place
Gracious Retirement Living

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DECEMBER 2020

PARKER PLACE STAFF

Managers.....SCOTT & PAMELA ARTMAN
Assistant Manager ..... BRENT & APRIL HOLLEY
Executive Chef..... JOSH WELLMAN
Community Sales ..... JAMIE COHEN
Sous Chef ..... AUSTIN WILCOXON
Activity Coordinator .....ZOEY PERRY
Maintenance .....MIKE MITCHELL
Bus Driver ..... PAUL IANNINI
Lead Housekeeper..... REBA REICHERT

TRANSPORTATION

Monday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.: Errands

Tuesday & Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.: Doctor Appointments

Wednesday, TBD: Outings

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.: Church Service Route

Mark Your Calendars

December 4th: Cookie Day & Homemade Gifts Day

Cookie Day is celebrated unofficially every year on this day. Come join us in the activity center to bake, decorate and eat some fun Christmas cookies. We also will be making some homemade Cookie Mix Gifts in a Jar, since homemade gifts are the best because you're giving the gift of time and effort!

December 15th: Resident Christmas Party

Be sure to mark your calendar for our resident Christmas party and our second annual Reindeer Games.

December 15th: Travel Tales Tuesday

Come share some of your favorite travel tales with pictures and/or souvenirs from your favorite experiences. We'll see if any of us have traveled to the same places and share some of our favorite tourist tales.

December 17th: Show off Your Holiday Colors Day

Today we will will have a red, green or blue dress-up day, since it is also Hanukkah through December 18th. We will have a prize for the most festive holiday costume!

December 18th: Ugly Sweater Day

Ugly Sweater Day is celebrated on the third Friday of December. Plan a special day when everyone wears their ugliest holiday sweater, and we will have a prize for the ugliest holiday sweater! Don't have a ugly holiday sweater? Come to crafts on Tuesday, December 15th, with a blank sweater, and we will turn it into a ugly masterpiece!

Holiday Door Decorating Contest

Winter Wonderland … Santa Claus is coming to town … What creative idea can you come up with? Well, We can't wait to see!

Rules for Participation:

Do's

- Decorating will be from Tuesday, December 1st, to Sunday, December 13th
- Door should be able to open and close
- Each resident may decorate only their own door
- Door decorations must follow a seasonal theme
- Use only clear tape or mounting putty to attach decorations to the door

Don'ts

- Door decorations may not obstruct access to a resident's apartment
- Do not damage the door or surrounding wall
- Do not glue anything to the door
- Do not use any material or product that will harm the door

Criteria:

A panel of volunteer judges will evaluate entries on the following categories:

- Creativity
- Craftsmanship
- Visual Impact

Judging:

Will take place the day before the resident Christmas party and honors will be awarded in the following categories:

- Overall Winner
- Most Original & Creative
- Best Execution of Theme
- Most Christmas Spirit

Winners:

Winning doors will be announced at the resident Christmas party.

This Day in History

December 3rd, 1833: The Oberlin Collegiate Institute in Oberlin, Ohio, opened as the first coeducational college.

December 6th, 1849: Harriet Tubman escaped for the second and last time from slavery in Maryland. She would become the Underground Railroad's most famous "conductor."

December 8th, 1952: The television show "I Love Lucy" caused controversy when it acknowledged on-screen that Lucy was pregnant. The word pregnant was never used, because the term was deemed too vulgar for television.

December 10th, 1968: The largest heist in Japanese history occurred when an uniformed officer on a motorcycle flagged down a car carrying nearly 300 million yen destined for a Toshiba factory. The officer sped off with the cash, and the case remains unsolved.

December 11th, 1913: Two years after it was stolen, Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece "Mona Lisa" was found in the hotel room of Italian waiter Vincenzo Peruggia.

Our New Marketer

Jamie and her daughter

Jamie Ashley Cohen comes to us with 15 years of experience in senior living. She has run Assisted Living and Memory Care communities as well as a Home Care company. Jamie is a single mom by choice to a beautiful and inquisitive four-year-old daughter named Lux Jolie. Her names translates to beautiful light. Jamie was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, in the east side suburbs. She is a graduate of The Ohio State University and has her BSBA with a focus on Business. She spent most of her adult life living in California in a variety of locations; Newport Beach, Rancho Palos Verdes, Balboa Island, Costa Mesa, Belmont Shores and Sherman Oaks. She is back in Cleveland for good to raise her daughter with good Midwestern values.

Honoring Our Veterans

This past Veterans Day, we pulled out all the stops for our American heroes!

From a very powerful morning ceremony to an absolutely divine meal prepared by our chef, it was a great day celebrating all of our Veterans here at Parker Place! We were truly reminded that freedom is not free and what the cost of our freedom really is.

There are no words to fully encompass the amount of gratitude we have for all the men and women who have or are currently risking their lives for ours, but we will never stop trying to show it!

Thank You!

Did You Know?

- Civil War-era political cartoonist Thomas Nast is responsible for modern depictions of Santa Claus and created the republican party's elephant.
- Life magazine began as a humor magazine in the 1880s, competing with the satirical magazines Judge and Puck.

Resident Ambassadors

We are in search of Resident Ambassadors. These Resident Ambassadors will work in collaboration with our community management team and Zoey to help new residents become acclimated to their new home.

These Ambassadors will serve as a form of "welcoming committee" for new residents here at Parker Place. Our Ambassadors will help show new residents around areas to provide greater insight, encourage and invite them to get involved, be a go-to person if they have any questions and be a familiar friendly face through this time of transition.

While all residents act as representatives of the community, Ambassadors serve to proactively promote the Gracious Retirement Lifestyle we offer. If this is something you would be interested to learn more about or get involved in, please let Zoey know.

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Birthdays

Richard Kornblum, 7th

Paul Iannini, 7th (Employee)

Wanda Prendergast, 12th

Marie Penko, 14th

Kris Farms, 14th

Mary Ann Aitutis, 17th

Bob Suydam, 20th

Carole Clement, 22nd

Janice Harman, 24th

Terry Hodous, 30th

Mary Lou Terry, 31st

Anniversaries

Louis & Gwendolyn Mosely, 12/3/1977

Horace & Betty Patchin, 12/27/1995

Locations

Activity Room, AR

Atrium, AT

Chapel, CH

Dining Room, DR

Dining Room Fireplace, DRFP

Front Patio, FP

Game Room, GR

Library, LB

Outing, OUT

TV Lounge, TV

Breakfast: 8 a.m.

Dinner: 12:30 p.m.

Supper: 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:30 Sit and be Fit, AR 10:30 Arts & Crafts with Legacy, AR 11:30 Current Events, AR 1:30 Resident Meeting, DR 2:00 Arts & Crafts with April, AR 3:00 Chair Balloon Volleyball, AR 3:00 Decorating Committee 6:45 Wii Bowling Team 3, AR	2 9:30 Stronger Seniors, AR 10:00 Scenic Bus Ride, OUT 11:30 Creativity Coloring, AR 2:00 Target Golf with Brent, AR 3:00 Cocoa & Cookies with VPA/VNA, FP 4:00 Our Country Store, AR 6:45 Bingo	3 9:30 Exercise with Legacy 11:00 Pictionary, AR 12:00 October & November Birthday Bash 2:00 Gingerbread House Building 3:00 Floor War Winner Ice Cream Party, AR 6:45 Wii Bowling Team 4, AR	4 9:30 Get Up and Move, AR 10:00 Christmas Cookie Frosting, AR 11:30 Cornhole Tournament, AR 2:00 Bingo with Zoey, AR 3:00 Nickel, Left Right Center, AR 4:00 Happy Hour, AR 6:45 Wii Bowling Team 5, AR	5 11:00 Rosary, CH 2:00 Chair Balloon Volleyball, AR 4:00 Pinochle, AR 6:45 Movie Night, AR
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Guess Who?

Can you guess which staff member this is?

I'll give you three hints:

1. Her favorite food is pizza
2. She loves dogs
3. She loves to travel

Our Mystery Baby from last month was none other than Mrs. Lori Bender!

If you would like to be featured as our mystery child of the month in future newsletters, please bring a baby or childhood picture of yourself to Zoey.

Who am I?

A Bit About Gingerbread

Starting in November and moving all through December, we have been working on our annual Hawthorn Gingerbread House. We have spent countless hours and loads of fun building our Route 66-themed gingerbread creation. In honor of all of our gingerbread fun, here are some interesting gingerbread facts.

Gingerbread and the Many Shapes It Takes Has a Long History

First appearing in ancient Greece and Egypt, gingerbread was used more for ceremonial purposes. Later, gingerbread found its way to Europe when 11th-century Crusaders brought back ginger from the Middle East for the aristocrats' cooks to experiment with. As ginger and other spices became more affordable to the masses, gingerbread caught on and eventually became the gingerbread we know and love today!

Gingerbread Takes Form in Europe

An early European recipe for gingerbread consisted of ground almonds, stale breadcrumbs, rosewater, sugar and, naturally, ginger. The resultant paste was pressed into wooden molds. These carved works of art served as a sort of storyboard that told the news of the day, bearing the likeness of new kings, emperors, queens or religious symbols. The finished cookie might be decorated with edible gold paint (for those who could afford it) or flat white icing to bring out the details in relief.

In the 16th century, the English replaced the breadcrumbs with flour and added eggs and sweeteners, resulting in a lighter product. The first gingerbread man is credited to Queen Elizabeth I, who knocked the socks off visiting dignitaries by presenting them with one baked in their own likeness.

Gingerbread Today

Today, gingerbread is a baked sweet containing ginger and sometimes cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, cardamom and anise, and sweetened with any combination of brown sugar, molasses, light or dark corn syrup, or honey. Gingerbread can take the shape of thin, crisp cookies like snaps, it can be dark, spicy and cake-like with lemon glaze or even in the form of a house!

Gingerbread Houses

The gingerbread house became popular in Germany after the Brothers Grimm published their fairy tale collection which included "Hansel and Gretel" in the 19th century. Early German settlers brought this lebkuchenhaeusle (gingerbread house) tradition to the Americas.

Welcome New Residents!

Miriam Neal

- She loves cats
- Her favorite dessert is chocolate ice cream
- Her favorite place to vacation is Washington, D.C.

Lois Keres

- She loves Cleveland sports
- Her favorite food is steak
- She loves to play cards

Miriam Neal

Lois Keres

The Heart that Gathers Gives

Through the month of October, we were challenged to create a wreath which would be donated to our local first responders as a thank you for all they have done for our community. This competition was all about having fun and giving back to the folks in our city who truly deserve our utmost gratitude!

We thought there was no better way to show gratitude to our Station #3 Firefighters than with a bald eagle inspired wreath. A big thank you to everyone who signed the personalized card we put on the back of our wreath, which truly showed how grateful we are!

Fun Fact: To create our vision, we ended up using over 750 spoons!

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