# January 2021

# Reflections on the Pond

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# **Celebrating January**

# Resident BirthdaysDorene Innerbichler1/12Irene Bowles1/16Ricky Hayes1/22Hazel Tobin1/27Jackie La Cornu1/30



## **Staff Birthdays**

Michael Miglietto	1/06
Lawana Wright	1/12
Cameron Fainu	1/14
Christian Rivera	1/21
Auctavia Bruner	1/27
Airial Hartsock	1/30

# **The Greatest Generation**

It was the journalist Tom Brokaw who coined the phrase "The Greatest Generation" as a tribute to those born in 1924 and earlier. This generation faced more than its fair share of hardship, coming of age during the Great Depression and fighting the evils of World War II. There are still many lessons to be learned from this generation, and if we listen carefully enough, we might even learn that any generation can be called the "greatest."

The Greatest Generation has also been called the G.I. Generation by historians, due to the fact that 16 million Americans served in the military during World War II. This shared trial created what has been called a "collective ethos," a united mindset that grew out of the rally against the oppressive tyranny of the Nazis in defense of freedom. America was a small country reeling from the Great Depression. The United States Army was smaller than that of Portugal. The Great Depression had also decimated government coffers, making it difficult to find money to support the military. But thanks to a never-say-die, can-do attitude forged in the hardships of the Great Depression, Americans went to work and by 1945 had built a massive army capable of fighting the Pacific, Asia, Europe, and in the Mediterranean, as well as a civilian workforce to support it. Surely there were defeats and missteps in battle, but the Greatest Generation never did cast blame or look for a scapegoat. They instead forged ahead to the next challenge. Perseverance, bravery, and mutual respect would become their generational hallmarks.

Lessons learned during the war were put to use in postwar America. There was little room for patience or endless hemming and hawing on the battlefield. So, too, in the boardroom, in laboratories, and in politics. The most vicious policy fights on the floor of Congress gave way to mutual respect when the day was done. An entire generation had struggled together, fought together, and sacrificed together. This common experience united the Greatest Generation in bonds that could not be broken.

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#### **CARRIAGE RIDE 2020**



January 8<sup>th</sup> 1935 an icon was born! Elvis Aaron Presley, known as "Elvis", was an American singer, musician, and actor. He is regarded as one of the most significant cultural icons of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. He energized the world with his music thru his own interpretations of songs and performance. His music style help to influence all races during a transformative era. Elvis will ALWAYS be known as the "King" and his music will live on for centuries to come.



January 18th is Martin Luther King Jr Day

"I have decided to stick to love... Hate is too great a burden to bear."

Martin Luther King Jr.

Martin Luther King was born January 15<sup>th</sup> 1929. He was an American Christian minister and activist who became the most visible spokesperson and leader in the civil rights movement until he was assassinated in 1968. He will forever be remembered for his, "I Have A Dream" speech.





Hello Everyone



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#### LISTENING TO THE CHRISTMAS CAROLERS















# **Basketball for All**



On January 27, 1927, the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team played their first game in Hinkley, Illinois. It was an era when Black players were not allowed to play on professional teams. Abe Saperstein, a Chicago sports booking agent, was impressed with the talent of a team known as the Savoy Big Five, so named because they

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in Chicago's Savoy Ballroom. He recruited them to play on a new team, the New York Harlem Globetrotters, named after the neighborhood that was the center of African American culture at the time. The team competed throughout the country, even beating the Minneapolis Lakers, the best team in the NBA, in 1948. The Globetrotters never joined the NBA but instead became one of the world's most beloved and talented basketball teams, delighting crowds with their play and playful on-court antics.

## We made pillows and scarves



**Greetings!!!** My name is Miia, I am the Care Coordinator in Reflections. It has really been an honor to work with your loved ones and you the family. I, myself, have learned a lot this past year from each and every one of the residents. They are fun to be around and we always have a good time in Reflections. Here we consider ourselves family. As we close this year out, and look forward to the New Year in making more memories, we are hoping for the best as we move forward in tackling this unprecedented pandemic so we can get back to visiting with all family members. Until then, let's keep Facetiming your loved one, and sending those letters for them to open.



# **January Birthdays**

In astrology, those born between January 1–19 are Capricorn's Goats. Goats are responsible masters of self-control and considered some of the hardest workers in the zodiac. They are practical planners and leaders who value experience and expertise. Those born from January 20–31 are the Water Bearers of Aquarius. These deepthinking intellectuals have big and original dreams. The world is full

of possibilities, and Aquarians seek freedom in order to reach their greatest potential.

Betsy Ross (upholsterer) – January 1, 1752 Diane Keaton (actress) – January 5, 1946 Zora Neale Hurston (writer) – January 7, 1891 Elvis Presley (musician) – January 8, 1935 Max Roach (drummer) – January 10, 1924 Martin Luther King Jr. (minister) – January 15, 1929 Michelle Obama (first lady) – January 17, 1964 Etta James (singer) – January 25, 1938 Oprah Winfrey (TV host) – January 29, 1954 Jackie Robinson (ballplayer) – January 31, 1919



Nothing like homemade decorations on a homemade lighted Christmas tree