

## The Giving Tree

It is heartwarming to see the generosity of our Village at Penn State family as we come together to help others during the holiday season. Now in our 8<sup>th</sup> year, The Giving Tree Project has become a Village tradition. Residents, staff, volunteers and friends were eager to take part to help local families who are experiencing financial hardship. The Giving Tree project began in late November, when two Christmas trees were decorated with reindeer ornaments, each listing a special gift request on the back. This year we collected over 100 gifts! You could sense the feeling of warmth and goodwill as the packages piled up around the trees. Our local school community is thankful for all the gifts, many of which included extra presents and Christmas surprises. Special thanks to Kellie Vogt for her help in coordinating, shopping and gift wrapping in the Independent Living Community. And a BIG Thank You to everyone who participated in this worthy project.



Above: Ted Taylor



Above: Jim & Joe Keiser

Below: Penn State Career Service Department

Below: Santa & Mrs. Clause



On December 19<sup>th</sup> Santa and Mrs. Claus made a special trip from the North Pole to visit with all their friends at The Atrium. Together with the staff from Penn State's Career Services, Mrs. Claus played the piano and led everyone in singing Christmas carols. The residents had a chance to visit personally with Santa, share their wish list and have their photo taken. With only 6 days left until Christmas Santa had the reindeer parked out front ready to head back to his workshop and Mrs. Claus was ready to tackle her holiday baking.



Above: Dean Arnold



Above: Mort & Edith Kimmel

Below: Helen Marsh with Daughter Wendy



The Village  
at Penn State



News & Views

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**SANTA CAME EARLY THIS YEAR! ANOTHER WONDERFUL STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCH AND PARTY. THANK YOU TO THE RESIDENTS WHO GENEROUSLY HELPED TO MAKE THIS DAY THE MOST SPECIAL OF THE YEAR!**



### Rainfall and Snowfall at The Village

by Marion Deppen

#### Snowfall

December 10 .....Flurries  
December 12 .....Flurries  
December 14 ..... 3.75  
December 15 .....Flurries

#### Rainfall

December 5 ..... .50

#### January Birthdays

|                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| Helen Bastian.....        | 2nd  |
| Helen Malia.....          | 2nd  |
| Dick Kustin.....          | 3rd  |
| Dennis Ricker.....        | 4th  |
| Vera Sneff.....           | 4th  |
| Harriette Casnoff .....   | 5th  |
| Bob Whitford.....         | 6th  |
| Harry Schollenberger..... | 9th  |
| Elaine Whitford.....      | 12th |
| Harriette Casnoff .....   | 15th |
| Peg Marlin.....           | 16th |
| Percy Pierce.....         | 16th |
| Ella Hall.....            | 18th |
| Gordon Robinson.....      | 19th |
| Peter Parke .....         | 21st |
| Jane Thomas.....          | 21st |
| Jim Malia.....            | 26th |
| Karen Flickinger.....     | 27th |

#### WELCOME TABLE

5:15PM: MONDAY, January 29, 2018

If you have lived at The Village for less than one year, you are invited to dine at the Round Table in the Dining Room on Monday, Jan. 29th. This is a fun way to meet other new residents as well as getting to know the two hosts appointed for the evening. We promise there won't be an agenda, just a good time for all! To participate, please sign up at the Front Desk prior to January 28th. If you have any questions, please call Rosalie Dietz at 238-2757.

#### Annual Friends and Family Art Display

The Art Wall is intended for the display our Resident's creative arts and crafts.

However, once a year Village Residents will have the opportunity to display creative works of their family members and acquaintances to honor their artistic talents.

This February and March The Resident Art Wall will be reserved for our annual Friends and Family show.

New to this year's display will be art produced by our Village staff members. If you know an employee who is artistic or skilled in a craft, please extend an invitation to them to participate in this show.

Call Beth Ricker or Kellie Vogt to arrange for the pick up during January for display in this upcoming event.

#### ANNUAL POT LUCK DINNER

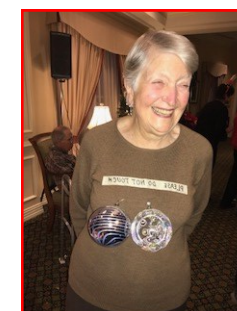
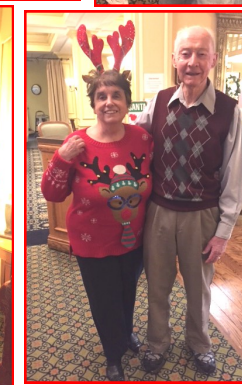
Mark your calendars on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, for our Annual Pot Luck Dinner. Details will be in your cove box in mid-January. Start going through your recipes for the dish you want to share at the dinner. All are invited...cooks, bakers, eaters... for an evening of good food and good conversation.



4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sharing Holiday Memories and Ornament Exchange. Holiday traditions were shared, as well as Christmas Trivia and fascinating origins of popular Christmas traditions! Connie is hanging the ornament that she received from April last year, in her memory!



## Community Room Construction update



Another successful Ugly Christmas Sweater Party. It gets more competitive each year! This years winners were:

All Around Ugliest ~ Rosalie Dietz

Most Original ~ Alice Gilrain

Jolliest ~ Linda Morrow

Most Festive ~ Annie Harvey

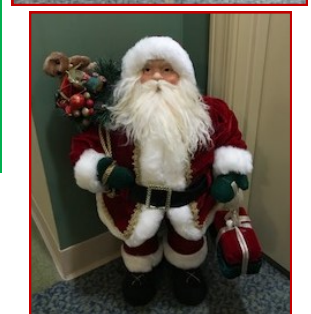
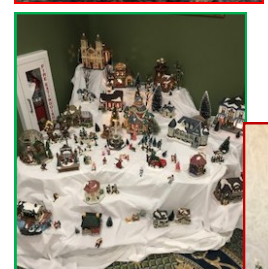
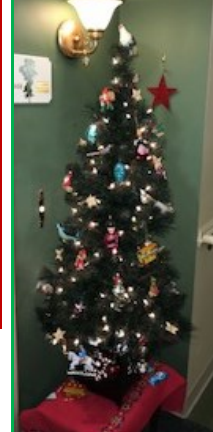
Most Non-Ugly ~ Vi Swope

Funniest ~ Joe French

Most Likely To Get Arrested If Seen In Public ~ Helen Manfull

Congratulations to all, as well as those who answered the trivia questions correctly!





**Congratulations to our Chef Craig who tied for first place in this year's Taste of the Town. Taste of the Town is an inclusive community project that is supported by area businesses and residents. This event brings together the community to mobilize human and financial resources to improve lives in Centre County.**



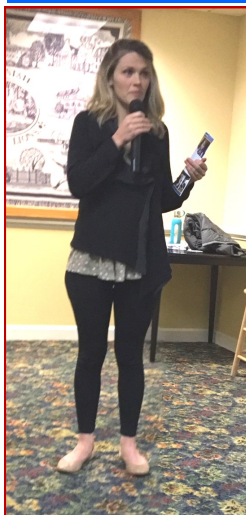
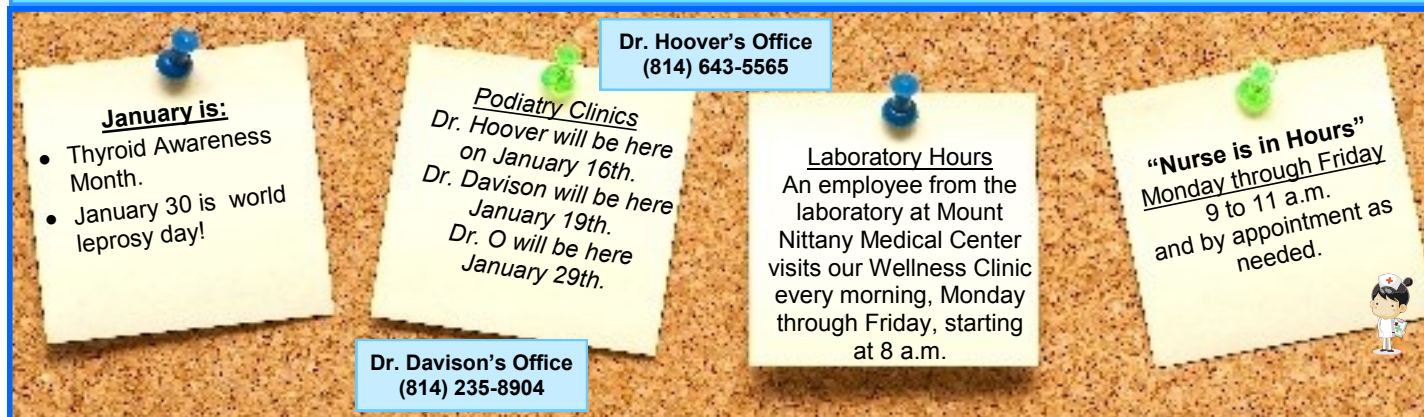
**Chef Craig's winning dish was smoked duck with a butternut squash puree, fried sage and orange-tea foam.**

And the night shall be filled with music,  
And the cares that infest the day,  
Shall fold their tents, like the Arabs  
And as silently steal away  
~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Submitted by Helen  
Manfull

*Poetry Corner*

**"We are like snowflakes, each different in our own beautiful way" ~ Anonymous**



**Lauren Shurgalla (Wells)**  
**Marketing, Development and Relationship Manager**  
**Centre LifeLink EMS, Inc.**

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2018 Membership Year:  
January 1, 2018- December 31, 2018  
**CALL 814) 237-8163**



Kara Federowicz returns to her home town of State College as our new Fitness Coordinator. Kara and her fiancé have relocated from NY, NY because of their love for Penn State, Penn State Athletics and Happy Valley. Kara comes to the Village with her experience as an Advanced Practitioner at the Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS) in NYC. Her experience and knowledge was focused on working with clients extending from Physical Therapy into helping them meet their fitness goals of sport, health, and overall wellness. "Movement is Medicine" is Kara's philosophy of training.

Kara received her Bachelor's Degree and Board Certification as an Athletic Trainer from Penn State in 2007. She continued her education and experience to become a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist through the National Strength and Conditioning Association along with becoming a Level 1 Certified Coach with USA Weightlifting.

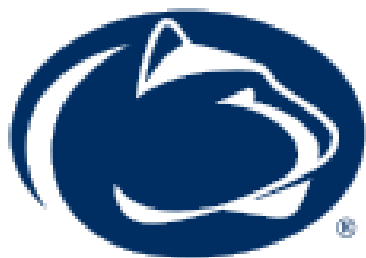


**Pysanky Ukrainian Egg Art Talk & Demo by Mark Ivicic.** Mark was taught Pysanky by his Aunt, Anne Ivicic Haranin. Pysanka is a Ukrainian Easter Egg, decorated with traditional designs using a wax-resist method. Mark says "the best part of making pysanky is the reveal at the end. You never know what you are going to have until you melt the wax away to expose a beautiful piece of art." He will return in the spring with kits to teach a class for residents!





**40 PENN STATE FOOTBALL PLAYERS CAME TO THE VILLAGE THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING FOR A MEET AND GREET WITH RESIDENTS & STAFF! AND, OF COURSE, ICE CREAM.**



**PENN STATE GRADUATE STRING QUARTET**

**Penn State Rock Ethics Institute Honoree, Brian Davis visited VPS to share his vision. The Stand Up Award honors PSU undergraduates who, as ethical leaders, have the courage and fortitude to take an ethical stand for a person, cause or belief. He was honored with the Stand Up Award for creating a booklet, "Penn State Treasure", which features a visual introduction to a variety of academic and other resources designed to help Penn State students succeed. A Senior, Brian's major is African American Studies and he stands up for equality and diversity! Congratulations!**



**The Radio Players presented another hilarious show in November, titled "My Friend Irma: The Thanksgiving Turkey!" Some players included, Lam And Lina Hood, Marge Stoner, Helen Harvey, Roland Fleischer & Kay Sengle**

