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A CHRISTMAS STORY

By Rose Marie Meyer



Once upon a time there was a great-grandpa who had a very special great-grandchild. They spent every birthday and holiday together. This particular grandpa was beginning to grow in age and was not able to do all the things he ordinarily did with his grandchildren. Every summer he would take his grandkids and great-grandkids to the park whenever he could. They would fish together, gather acorns and pine cones. Grandpa would explain to them the cause and effect of the season changes and what transpired with the various growing plants. He would ask questions on the walk home to see how much the kids absorbed.

Then, as life would have it, grandpa became unable to take them to those special places. He now was the one to be taken. Of course, the family loved him very much and were happy to include him in their plans. The grandkids would gather around him at the park and listen to the many stories he had to tell of their past trips.

One day, as the Christmas season approached, he was confronted by the aforementioned great-grandchild, who asked, "Grandpa, what would YOU like for Christmas?" He answered, "Well, I guess I have enough socks and ties to last a lifetime. I don't need anymore dress shirts. I don't wear cuff links anymore. Fruit cake is a no-no. So, I guess I will have to think of something else."

"Oh, I know," grandpa said. "I think I would wish for peace on earth, food for everyone who is hungry, water for those who have none, and shelter for the homeless. I would also wish for my family to have everything that they want and need".

The little great-grandchild smiled happily, hugged his great-grandpa and replied, "I knew that's what you would say. You are so kind to us and I knew you would be kind to all the other people". Then, he looked at his great-grandpa with such a loving stare. He asked "Aren't you going to ask me what I really, really want for Christmas?" Grandpa, thinking about the big sleek bike that the tot had his eyes on for a long time, a year at least, felt he knew the answer but like a loving grandpa, he said "What is it that you want?" It took awhile for the child to answer. You could feel his reluctance to reveal himself. He didn't want to make his grandpa feel sad but being a young child, he answered with tears choking his reply. "My special wish for Christmas would be for Baby Jesus to give you another year to be with us. That's all I want."

You may consider this a fictional story, but is it far from it. There are many, many people out there who feel this way. Just as the grandchild in the story. Unfortunately, they never say it. Don't let this Christmas season go by without saying to someone you love how important they are to and how much you would miss them. It could be the greatest Christmas present they have ever received!



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The Village of Nazareth's Christmas Party



Mark your calendars for
Wednesday, December 20th
for our annual
Village Christmas Party.

Come enjoy the
wonderful food and share in
the holiday spirit with your
neighbors.
Hors d'oeuvres, drinks and
dinner will be served.

Come Join Us....

**Coffee, Donuts and Conversation at 9:00 a.m.
in the dining room on:**



**Friday, December 8th
Friday, December 22nd**

On Thursday, December 28, we will have
our residents/staff meeting at 7:00 p.m. in
the dining room. Please be sure to join us.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY



Come and bring in the New Year
with us on Dec. 29th at 7:00 pm. in the
dining room. Enjoy drinks, snacks and
listen to some fun music with Herb Eberle.

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES AT THE VILLAGE **CHECK YOUR CALENDAR FOR A COMPLETE** **LISTING OF ACTIVITIES AND OUTINGS!**

**Friday,
December 1st, we
will have Happy Hour
and a Pie
Social in the Dining
Room. This is a great
opportunity to enjoy
some pie and meet
others in our
beautiful community!**



**Wednesday,
December 6th, join us
to have lunch at
"The Local House"
located in Arnold.
The bus leaves at
11:30. Sign up in the
outing book at the
front desk if you
would like to go!**



**Tuesday,
December 5th,
Come with us to see
the Christmas lights at
"Our Lady of the
Snows" in Belleville.
The bus leaves the
Village at 6:30 p.m.
Don't forget to sign
up!**



THE VILLAGE AT NAZARETH
VILLAGE VOICE



**Villa Antonio Winery Trip
(pictured left)**

We had a great day for our trip to the winery! The weather was great, the scenery was gorgeous and the food was fantastic! Join us next spring for another winery trip!

Pictured below our just a few of our talented residents that displayed their artwork at our Art Show that was held on November 14th. We had a great turn out and we will be looking forward to next years show!



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st— Nancy Wieners
7th— Sr. Arline Eveld
10th—Jackie Reyes
11th—Sr. Donna Gunn
17th—Dee Dee Hughes
23rd—Marcia McCormack
24th—Marian Knudtson
Sue Tonkovic
30th—Sr. Ann Gerald Siebert
31st—Ray Karcher



Thank you to everyone for coming and celebrating Veteran's Day with us. We have a total of 22 Veteran's in our Community. Pictured below are just some of our Veteran's that were honored. Punch and cookies were enjoyed by all!



Demolition of Gleason Hall



Remember to save your aluminum tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. The collection container is located in the garage, near the door to the lobby. Thank you for you donation!



The **Nazareth Green Team** is collecting the following items to recycle:

- *Ink cartridges (any type)**
- *Rechargeable batteries**
- *Cordless phones**
- *Cell phones**
- *Hearing Aids**

Items can be dropped off at the Concierge desk at the Village—care of Sr. Phyllis. Thanks!