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Seasons By Harold McDonlad

"How Do You See Christmas"

Christmas Day dawned gray and gloomy over West Berlin in 1948. The American soldiers stationed there were cold and tired but, more than that, they were lonely for their families back home. How far away those beloved scenes of home, family, Christmas trees, blazing fires, roast turkey and excited children seemed to these men now fighting a *cold war*. The only bright spot of the day was the annual Christmas show which was hosted once again by Bob Hope and his troupe of volunteers. The fresh-faced young Americans crowded the area surrounding the stage and cheered loudly as the familiar face of Bob Hope appeared with his usual opening wisecracks: "When I landed, General Clay came up to see me, shook my hand, and asked me for my autograph. What a sneaky way to get enlistments!" The audience erupted in laughter at Hope's perfectly-timed punch line. The show rolled on toward its conclusion and, finally, Bob Hope introduced his last guest – the songwriter, Irving Berlin. He was by no means an entertainer. He couldn't read music; his piano-playing was atrocious; his voice was hoarse and raspy – poor fare following the honey-voiced singers who had preceded him. Irving Berlin tried a few tentative notes on his special piano, stopped on a sour note, and started all over again. His introduction was choppy and his voice of poor quality but, from the opening words of the song, every soldier became perfectly quiet and withdrew into a world all his own. Berlin sang the words to his new song: I'm dreaming of a white Christmas, just like the ones I used to knowEyes grew moist and hearts yearned for those celebrating Christmas on the other side of the world. When his last words --- May your days be merry and bright, and may all your *Christmases be white* – died softly away, there was absolute silence for a long moment. Then, at once, the entire audience erupted in thunderous applause. Scarcely a soul has been untouched by words of Christmas, home, family and loved ones.

Christmas means many things to many people, depending upon their background and circumstances. But there is a common bond about Christmas that somehow transcends all barriers. There is a unity of *feeling* among Christmas everywhere that seems to transcend time and space. Christmas is, after all, a *feeling* more than anything else. Christmas was inspired by the *feeling* of love on the part of God when He gave the world the gift of His only Son, born in a stable in a poverty-stricken country. Each person has his own particular traditions of Christmas, but underlying them all is the common bond of love. So long as there is a Christmas there will be the *feeling* that only such a season as Christmas can bring.









FROM MARKETING

Coming up in December...

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH 2:00-4:00 WE WILL HAVE OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE. JOIN US IN THE CAFÉ AT 2:00 FOR HOLIDAY DES-SERTS, ICE CREAMS AND BEVERAGES. AT 3:00 HELEN RIFAS, CONCERT HARPIST WILL BE PER-FOMING IN THE AUDITORIUM. WE HOPE YOU WILL INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO THIS EVENT.



THIS SEEMS AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO THANK YOU ALL FOR THE SUPPORT YOU'VE GIVEN MARKETING AND RELATED EVENTS THIS YEAR. YOU ARE THE HEART BEAT OF OUR COMMUNITY AND RELATIONSHIPS ARE THE HEART OF LIFE. WE ARE GRATEFUL YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO CALL US "HOME". BEST WISHES TO YOU AND YOURS FOR A WONDERFUL AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON.





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Diabetic Neuropathy and Foot Care

Diabetes can mean double trouble for your feet. First, diabetes can reduce blood flow to your feet, depriving your feet of oxygen and nutrients. This makes it more difficult for blisters, sores, and cuts to heal. And second, the diabetic nerve damage called peripheral neuropathy can cause numbness in your feet. Diabetic peripheral neuropathy can also cause sharp pain in your feet. You may become excruciatingly sensitive to the lightest touch, like the sheets on your bed. Come here how to take care of your feet with Karen on December 14th , 2017 at 11:00AM in the auditorium.

A Special Thanks

We would like to extend a sincere **"Thank You"** to Taylor Glen's Hooks and Needles and Garden Clubs for purchasing a new Christmas tree for the area outside the dining room. The tree we have been using is 15 years old and showing its' age. The "tree" will serve us for many years and is given in honor and memory of Donna Cameron who started the Hooks and Needles Club in 2007. We appreciate your contribution for the enhancement of our community and the enjoyment of everyone.







December Outings...

Living Christmas Tree

Join us for a wonderful outing on Monday, December 4th to First Baptist church Salisbury. We will be going to see the Living Christmas Tree. You will be very blessed! We will leave at 6:15 p.m. Please bring a canned food item.



UNCC Outings

Join us on Tuesday, December 5th to go hear the Chamber Orchestra. Tickets are \$8.00. We will leave Taylor Glen at 6:30 p.m.





Shopping Concord Mills

On Friday, December 1st join us for a shopping spree to Concord Mills. This is a great opportunity to get started on your shopping list. You can also stop by and visit Santa.

<u>Carolina Mall</u>

On Tuesday, December 5th we will head to Carolina Mall to shop. This

is Senior Day at Belk's. We will enjoy lunch at the food court. We will leave Taylor Glen at 10:00 a.m.





Let's go around town and see all the beautiful Christmas lights. Downtown Concord is always beautiful this time of year and we will also see some beautiful displays of various homes in Concord. We will see the lights on Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Plan on joining us for a fun night out.



December Outings



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SHOPPING

- 6th Food Lion (*Rite Aide)
- 13th Walmart
- 20th Harris Teeter
- 27th Food Lion
- •DEPART AT 10:00 a.m.



Wooden Spoon

Girls Lunch Outing

The Wooden Spoon On Monday, December 18th we will try out the new restaurant "The Wooden Spoon". The menu looks great. "The Wooden Spoon" is located across from Concord Mills. We will leave Taylor Glen at 11:30 a.m.

Christmas Lunch Outing Union Street Bistro

Please join us on Wednesday, December 6th for a delicious Christmas lunch outing to the Bistro. We will leave Taylor Glen at 11:45 a.m.



Speedway Christmas

Are you ready for a spectacular light display? Join us on Thursday, December 21st at 5:30 p.m. for a gorgeous light display. There are

over 3 million lights. You will really enjoy the lights. There is



also a village that we can visit too! We hope you can attend this fun outing.

Piedmont Choral Society

On December 8th join us for a great outing to hear the Piedmont Choral

Society. They will perform a wonderful Christmas concert that you will not want to miss. We will leave Taylor Glen at 6:00 p.m. and the concert begins at 7:00 p.m. The concert will be at Forest Hills United Methodist Church.



Creative Opportunities



Creative Crafters

Join us on Tuesday, November 14th and Tuesday, November 28th at 1:30 for the creative crafters. We have new projects to work on.

Adult Coloring

What a great way to relax and relieve some stress. Join us for adult coloring on Mondays at 11:00 a.m. in the activity room.



Music Programs







Hymn Time w/ Deb Octy

Join us on Tuesday, December 12th at 3:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. Come and sing your favorite hymns. You will have a special treat on this day. Deb will be bringing some of her chorus students with her.

Sugar Creek Quartet

Come out to see a wonderful uplifting program with all of your favorite hymns on Monday, December IIth at 6:45 p.m.

Learning Connections

The Learning Connections program will be here on • Thursday, December 14th for a Christmas Program. They will perform a play, sing carols and read.

Phoenix Readers

"Christmas Made in America"

This group will be back on Thursday, December 14th at 6:30 for another performance. This is a fun group that you will really enjoy!

Taylor Glen Singers

Your very own Taylor Glen Singers will be performing your favorite Christmas songs on

Friday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

Music Programs Cont.

Prime Time Piedmont

On Monday, December 18th at 6:30 come sing along to your favorite Christmas songs with Prime Time Piedmont Band.

First Presbyterian Choir

On December 20th at 6:30, First Presbyterian Choir will be here for another awesome performance!

JAMMin Singers

This fun and entertaining group will be performing on Sunday, December 10th at 6:30 in lieu of church service.

Cannon School Events

- **December 5th**–The Tri-M Honors Society will be joining us at 6:30 for a great music performance with your favorite instruments.
- December 12th– Join us for a drum circle with Amiee Pfitzner at 6:30.
- December 13th– Cannon Middle School Chorus will be sharing a fun and upbeat singing program at 6:30.

Special Events

Resident Orientation

Calling all new residents. Join us for New Resident Orientation on Thursday, December 7th at 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium.



Special Events

Monthly Birthday Lunch If you have a birthday in December let's celebrate with lunch on Monday, December 18th at 12:00 p.m., in the Dining Room. You may bring a guest for a charge of \$13.50. Sign up in the post office to celebrate your Birthday!

Social Lites & Taylor Glen Angels

Join us on Thursday, December 14th at 4:00 p.m., to talk about January and future months. Bring your ideas for outings, entertainment, etc.

Cheese & "SPIRITS" (BYOB) Social

On Friday, December 8th and Friday December 22nd join us for a fun afternoon enjoying cheese, crackers, grapes and your favorite beverage in the café 3:00 p.m. Bring your own beverage.

Painting Christmas Ornaments w/ Tiffany



On Tuesday, December 5th at 2:00 p.m. Tiffany day will be here teaching a painting class. The topic will be painting ornaments. Please sign up in the post office if you would like to participate in this class. The cost is \$20.00. The picture is a sample of the ornament.

DOOR JUDGING CONTEST

In keeping with Christmas tradition at Taylor Glen we will once again have a Christmas "Door Judging" contest. Our judges are from the Concord Civic Garden Council and will be judging on Friday, December 8th beginning at 10:00 am.

First, second and third Place ribbons will be awarded in buildings A, B and C. The judges will also award a first place ribbon in Assisted Living. Join us in celebrating the

Holiday's by decorating your door for this festive and meaningful season.

Men's Coffee

Join our Chaplain, Harold, and your fellow men for a wonderful time on Tuesday, December 12th at 9:00 am, to chat and discuss sports or whatever interests you. Coffee will be served in the card room at 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Walker Parade

Show your Christmas spirit by decorating your walker and cane! We will start decorating on Wednesday, December 13th at 3:00 p.m. in the auditorium. and then hold a parade on December 20th at 2:30 p.m. The decorating will take place in the auditorium. If you do not have a cane or walker you may pair up with someone that does and help them decorate. Or you can just enjoy the parade on December 20th.

During the parade you will be able to showcase your beautiful designs! We can't wait to see your creativity come to life!

IL Resident Christmas Social

Please join us on Tuesday, December 19th at 2:30 in the café to celebrate the season.

Ladies and Gents, WEAR YOUR FA-VORITE CHRISTMAS SWEATER TO HELP US MAKE THE EVENT MORE FESTIVE. WHOEVER SAID CHRIST-MAS SWEATERS ARE UGLY ANY-WAY? WE DON'T BELIEVE THAT.



SOME ARE ELEGANT, SOME WHIMISCAL AND YES SOME JUST PLAIN TACKY BUT THEY ARE ALL BEAUTI-FUL AND FUN! You are welcome to bring a treat to share if you would like to although not necessary. Just come and have some holiday FUN!



Keep exercising during the holidays. I know it is hard with everything going on but exercising will keep you healthy through the holidays so you can enjoy special events and time with your family. I hope to see you at our classes, in the exercise room or pool or out for a walk. If you have questions let April know.

Spiritual Opportunities

Bible Study

Join Rev. Harold McDonald on Tuesdays at 10:15 am, for Bible Study in the Chapel. Join Rev. Scott Davis on Wednesdays at 10:30 am, for Bible Study in the Chapel.

Andy Griffith

The Andy Griffith series is a great Bible Study and this is offered on Tuesdays at 2:30 pm in the Auditorium.

Evening Worship Services

On Sunday evenings at 6:30 pm, please join us for our evening worship service in the Chapel. Our Chaplain leads the first Sunday of each month. Our retired ministers lead the other Sundays.

Moravian Love Feast

This event will take place on Sunday, December 3rd. The Brass band will start at 4:30 p.m. and the service will begin at 5:00 p.m



Basket Weaving Class and HOE Group will not be held this month. Rest up and great ready to kick it back up in the New Year! Join Kristyn on Tuesday, December 26th at 2:00 p.m. in the card room to play Kings in the Corner. This is a fun card game you will love. We hope you can join us for something new.

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Chess

Do you like to play new games? On Mondays at 10:00 a.m. come play Chess in the card room. You do not have to know how to play. We hope you will give Chess a try. Dr. Bill Swan is leading this group and he has offered to buy more

supplies if other residents show interest in this activity. Come learn something new!

REMINDERS



• Parking Lots buildings A, B and C

As we move into the holiday season most of you will be having more friends and family coming to visit. As a courtesy to all residents, please ask your family and friends to use the parking spaces in rows 3 and 4 as opposed to those next to the building and the spaces immediately behind them. Thank you for your help in this matter.

• Candles

Each year beginning on the first day of December candles are placed by residents in each of their windows. This has been a tradition started by earlier residents. The campus is beautiful at night with the windows aglow with candles. (We must use either electric or battery operated candles.) Thank you for you participation.

Merry Christmas

November Events



On Friday, November 10th a group of Residents went to The Transportation Museum in Spencer, NC

Had a wonderful time!

We were so happy to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of Taylor Glen and our wonderful Charter Members!

Thank you to everyone that made this possible!



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November Events

On Friday, November 17th Residents went to Foxfire Lanes and had a great time bowling! Many strikes, spares and fun memories were made on this outing! Be sure to join us next time, you

don't want to miss out!









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