

The Village Voice

JANUARY 2020



President's Message

Susan Holliman

PRESIDENT

Happy New Year Neighbors!

Time to say goodbye to the good and the bad of 2019 and look forward to all the possibilities that lie ahead of us in 2020. We will keep looking on the bright side and keep putting one foot in front of the other and together we will flourish in 2020.

The best is yet to be!

Be sure to join us on New Year's Eve in the Social Room for appetizers and drinks and later in the dining room for a Surf and Turf dinner followed by BINGO! Be sure to bring a 'White Elephant' gift for bingo. You should have received times and directions on a note in your mailbox, if not, see the bulletin board for the info.



Manager's Message

Christian Penev

MANAGER

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL! As usual, the Holiday season comes and goes in the blink of an eye. We reluctantly pack up our decorations and wait to see what the new year may bring. Remember Y2K? It's hard to believe that it has been 20 years since we were led to believe that the world would come to a screeching halt!



I look forward to 2020 with eager anticipation for all the good things that our wonderful community can provide to our owners and residents. We will continue to strive for lifestyle and infrastructure improvements that enhance the quality of life for our residents, and make Village Green attractive for future owners as well. On behalf of the Village Green Staff, we consider it a privilege to serve you!



Announcements!



THANK YOU:

Thank you Betty Carmon for purchasing the poinsettias the last few years for Village Green. We would also like to thank Betty for covering the front desk while our employee Christmas party was in session.

Flo Cook would like to thank all who helped her and showed concern for her when she had her stroke.

Thank you Helene Cramm and Mary Piper for bringing cookies and breads to the Social Room after Christmas Day Communion.

Thank you Village Green Residents, from all the staff, for your generosity and thoughtfulness in contributions to the employee celebration fund!

JANUARY Birthdays



Resident's Birthdays

Mike Boho 5th
Anne Boho 6th
Nick Schick 13th
Adeline Schwabe 15th
Dora Killis 16th
Pat Schue 16th
Dorothy Teesch 20th
Charlotte Campbell 28th
Jeannine Schol 30th



Employee's Birthdays

Donald Decker 4th
Sofia Serrano 7th
Mason McGraw 23rd
Quinlan Kuehl 24th
Blake Saylor 31st



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Our Mission Statement: Village Green of East Dundee is a community which provides gracious independent living for seniors. Services are provided to maximize quality of life in a loving and caring environment.

Our Core Values: -Belief in God -Good Stewardship -Respect -Hospitality
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Highlights of Our December Activities

We enjoyed decorating Christmas crafts, making Christmas cookies with In Home Personal Services, our resident Christmas party, employee party, entertainment from The Sun Tones Barbershop Chorus and The Prairie Voices.



Our Resident Christmas Party December 19th





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Resident's Birthdays Mike Boho 5th Anne Boho 6th Nick Schick 13th Adeline Schwabe 15th Dora Killis 16th Pat Schue 16th Dorothy Teesch 20th Charlotte Campbell 28th Jeannine Schol 30th	Employee's Birthdays Donald Decker 4th Sofia Serrano 7th Mason McGraw 23rd Quinlan Kuehl 24th Blake Saylor 31st	 Coffee Available EVERY DAY, 10AM-4PM 1:30 PINOCHLE EVERY TUESDAY!	1 Happy New Year	2 10:00 Jewel / Walgreens 10:30 Tai Chi 1:00 Wii Bowling 3:00 Village Singers 4:15 Happy Hour	3 9:00 Beauty Shop 1:30 BINGO! with Prizes 3:00 In Shape w/ In Home	4 1:00 Social Room Games 1:00 Creative Writing Workshop
5 8:30-12:30 Church Trips 11:00 Alt. Catholic Services 11:30 Sunday Social	6 1:30 Bean Bag Baseball 3:00 In Shape w/ In Home 7:00 Bible Study in the Social Room	7 10:00 1st American Bank 10:15 Walmart or Fresh Market 10:30 Tai Chi 1:00 IHPS Health Talk Diabetic Foot Care 3:00 Rosary & Prayers, 3rd floor Chapel All are welcome!	8 10:00 Board Meeting 1:30 Wheel of Fortune 3:00 In Shape w/ In Home	9 10:00 Jewel / Walgreens 10:30 Tai Chi 1:00 Wii Bowling 3:00 Village Singers 4:15 Happy Hour	10 9:00 Beauty Shop 1:30 Video in the Social Room Let's Travel... Somewhere Warm! 3:00 In Shape w/ In Home	11 1:00 Social Room Games 1:00 Creative Writing Workshop 7:00 BINGO!
12 8:30-12:30 Church Trips 11:00 Alt. Catholic Services 11:30 Sunday Social	13 1:30 Volleyball 3:00 In Shape w/ In Home	14 10:15 Aldi's & Dollar Tree 10:30 Tai Chi 1:00 Line Dancing 3:00 Rosary & Prayers, 3rd floor Chapel All are welcome!	15 1:00 Food Advisory Team Meeting 1:30 Activities Advisory Team Meeting All residents are invited. 3:00 In Shape w/ In Home	16 10:00 Jewel / Walgreens 10:30 Tai Chi 1:00 Wii Bowling 3:00 Village Singers 4:15 Happy Hour	17 9:00 Beauty Shop 3:00 In Shape w/ In Home	18 1:00 Social Room Games 1:00 Creative Writing Workshop
19 8:30-12:30 Church Trips 11:00 Alt. Catholic Services 11:30 Sunday Social	20 1:30 Bean Bag Baseball 3:00 In Shape w/ In Home 7:00 Bible Study in the Social Room	21 10:00 1st American Bank 10:15 Woodman's 10:30 Tai Chi 1:00 Book Club Meeting 3:00 Rosary & Prayers, 3rd floor Chapel All are welcome!	22 1:30 Wii Jeopardy 3:00 In Shape w/ In Home	23 10:00 Jewel / Walgreens 10:30 Tai Chi 1:00 Wii Bowling 3:00 Village Singers 4:15 Happy Hour Village Voice Deadline	24 1:00 Don't Get Scammed! Deanna Nieman will host an entertaining and informational activity. 3:00 In Shape w/ In Home	25 1:00 Social Room Games 1:00 Creative Writing Workshop
26 8:30-12:30 Church Trips 11:00 Alt. Catholic Services 11:30 Sunday Social	27 10:30 Welcome New Residents with coffee & donuts 1:30 Bean Bag Baseball 3:00 In Shape w/ In Home	28 11:00 Out to Brunch at the Gourmet House 10:30 Tai Chi 1:00 Line Dancing 3:00 Rosary & Prayers, 3rd floor Chapel All are welcome!	29 10:00 BAT Meeting 1:30 Wii Family Feud 3:00 In Shape w/ In Home	30 10:00 Jewel / Walgreens 10:30 Tai Chi 1:00 Wii Bowling 3:00 Village Singers 4:15 Happy Hour	31 9:00 Beauty Shop 1:30 Resident's Birthday Party Everyone is invited! 3:00 In Shape w/ In Home 7:00 Movie Nite! Sun Rm.	FEBRUARY 1st 1:00 Social Room Games 1:00 Creative Writing Workshop

Writer's Corner *"Write" from our residents*



A MIND OF THEIR OWN

It has been said that modern technology, especially computers, are advancing so quickly that they will soon become smarter than humans.

Makes as much sense as a 100% guaranteed self-driving car being completely safe. The trucking industry is also working on it. Imagine an out of control semi!

Well, it happened to us. My significant other, being of the female gender, thereby automatically being smarter, decided she wanted to upgrade to a smaller laptop. Won't reveal the brand name hoping ours is the only one doing this.



Both of us, being up in years---small unexplained occurrences go with the territory---especially the new laptop computer not doing what she wants. It seems to have a mind of its own. Recently she tried to print something, but it came out in very tiny print. Try as she might, it would not print a normal size.



Our Alexa also does what it wants, regardless of our questions. When we think about what is happening, we don't have to blame ourselves so much. Actually it might be a good thing. As we became a mite slower, both mentally and physically, which we, of course will not admit, some artificial intelligence could be a blessing.

How's that for a positive attitude from someone whose elevator does not always get to the top floor!



MUSIC

"MY Beloved is the Mountain, her peaks, valleys, and solitary places....."

Strange Islands.....Silent Music....."

St. John of the Cross

"In the twilight of life [where] God does not judge us on our earthly possessions and human success, but rather on how much we have loved" – I return in my heart's eye to a memorable evening long ago and far away, to a darkened church, scarcely candle lit, but the Sanctuary Light a constant glow. The portent was one of promise in the silence as I, with the one I loved, knelt in anticipation of sound – the great organ of the Cologne Cathedral.

Into the silence came a shuffling of feet and hushed whispers of the throng who came to fill the pews. One woman stepped on my foot as she squeezed past toward one of the few places remaining. She apologized in German and I responded to her assumption in English. Later we were to learn the couple were from Canada. Many languages from far reaches converged, having a common longing.

"On that glad night, without light or guide, save that which burned within my heart ... guided...more surely than the noonday sun to the place where there waited One who knew me well...

"In the twilight of life..." I hear the echoes of that night – the organand.....

Since then, all music, be it opera, symphony, string quartet, jazz ensemble, marching band, a single triangle that I once drove a hundred miles to hear, all music bows before that "One dark night, fired with love's urgent longing -Ah, the sheer grace!..."

Strange Islands.....Silent music.....in the twilight. ~ ~

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This Month at the Dundee Library...

in January



**YOUR
LIBRARY**

...It's All Right Next Door!



Fox River Valley Libraries

Dundee Library • Randall Oaks Library

Head next door to the Dundee Library for some informational and/or fun adult programs! If you have any questions or would like to register for a program, please call their friendly Information Desk at (847) 428-3661, press 3 or visit their website at www.frvpld.info.

- Adult Bunco, Thurs., Jan. 9, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
- Game Night, Mon., Jan. 13, 6 to 8:30 p.m.
- Tidy Up: Home & Life, Tues., Jan. 14, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Make Your Own Wreath, Thurs., Jan. 16, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
- Dundee Library Book Club: *The Binding*, by Bridget Collins, January 29, Meets the last Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Copies of discussion books are available for pick up five weeks before meetings. Questions? Call Sean at (224) 699-5837
- Layperson's Guide to Mental Illness, Thurs., Jan. 30, 7 to 8:30 p.m.



Visit the Village Green Cupboard! Offering... Soup, salad, sandwiches, etc...*fresh from our kitchen!* Soft drinks, Gatorade, tea, hot cocoa, water, ice-t, milk. Chips, cookies, candy bars. Condiments & crackers. Paper towels, T.P., fabric softener, tissue. Windex, hand sanitizer, hand soap, laundry soap. Hand made greeting cards are also available.

You can visit the Wellness Center if you have any physical difficulty, they are available for assistance. They are located in unit #226 or you can call them at 847-829-8680.

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