

## January Newsletter

# The Greens of Elgin



### Notes from the Board President:

Dear Owners and Residents,

As we usher in the new year, 2022, I hope that we can all see “the light at the end of the tunnel.” While COVID is still with us, we now have tools to fight the battle. A year ago, the vaccine was just becoming available and now most of us are vaccinated and even boosted. Let us diligently use those tools by wearing a mask, washing our hands and getting whatever shots become available even if it means another booster.

Thank you for your generous donations to our Employee Christmas Fund. The total amount collected this year was \$16,426, for an average per donation of \$249. Thanks, once again, to our amazing staff for all they do for us all through the year. While the Christmas Fund is a tangible way to appreciate the staff, let's continue to support them with our smiles and thank you's as we journey through the year!

Our 5 member Board of Directors, Joyce Beutler, Mary Bowman, Ed Hitchler, Coral Reinert, and Janice Withey, are here to serve you. You are invited to discuss your concerns with any one of us. Please make use of our suggestion box next to the sink in the Activity Room. We will read and address the suggestions received at the Forum following each monthly board meeting.

Some reminders for us all:

If you bring your phone into the dining room, please silence it, and if you must take a call, please leave the dining room to do so.

Review your condo insurance to be sure your coverage is up to date and adequate.

A positive mood is beneficial for everyone, especially seniors, and is often a matter of engaging in healthy activities:

Eat a balanced diet.

Get enough sleep.

Get exposure to nature, sunlight, and vitamin D.

Exercise regularly.

Join us in the dining room for meals.

Check our calendar for activities you want to be engage in.

May God bless us all at The Greens of Elgin!



## **Note from HR Manager:**

Hello All!

I hope everyone had a joyous Christmas & Happy New Year with family and friends!

I first want to say a huge thank you for all the donations towards the Employee Christmas Fund. Our employees work so hard and are very dedicated to The Greens. They are incredibly thankful for the donations.

Secondly, to start off the new year, we are implementing an "Employee of the Month". This will recognize the employees who go above and beyond. The recognized employee will receive a small gift to show our appreciation.

Throughout the month, if you'd like, please write compliments for an employee that you feel deserves the title of "Employee of the Month", you can do so by putting those comments in the suggestion box. I will be providing employee comment slips next to the suggestion box. At the end of the month, the slips will be collected, and will help determine the winner.

The first employee who we would love to recognize is Richard Sweitzer! Richard has an exceptional attitude and is always willing to help anyone without any hesitation. We are incredibly lucky to have Richard as a part of our team. Thank you Richard!

On a different note, as a reminder-There shall not be anything outside your storage area in the basement.

Let's have an amazing year, and I look forward to spending 2022 with you all!

Best Regards,  
*Arianne Wagner*

## **EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH, RICHARD SWEITZER!**



## Suggestion Box

The Greens suggestion box is open for business! We will be reading all your suggestions in the Open Forum part of our next Board Meeting. The suggestion box is in the Activity Room below the announcement board.



## Reminders:

Don't forget to wear your mask when leaving your condo.  
Be cautious when leaving the building in winter weather.

## Front Desk

*Hello from the Front Desk*

450 packages were received in the month of December. Not including those that were passed out as resident were downstairs and just picked them up. WOW that is a lot!! We ask you pick up your packages ASAP. Counter space is limited.  
We have 1 garage spots available, if interested please see me at the desk. Resident phone directories were printed up on December 29<sup>th</sup>. If there are any mistakes let me know as the next ones will be distributed in June 2022.  
Housekeeping did a great job in cleaning for the holiday. We ask that you please break down your boxes and remember no Styrofoam in recycling bins.

I would like to inform you about the following units we have either **For Sale or For Rent**.

The following units are **For Sale**:

112 For Sale Listing Agent: Dee Toberman 847-322-7929  
244 For Sale Listing Agent: Kent Petschow 847-627-0244  
302 For Sale Listing Agent: Dee Toberman 847-322-7929  
314 For Sale Listing Agent: Dee Toberman 847-322-7929  
322 For Sale Listing Agent: Dee Toberman 847-322-7929

The following units are **For Rent**:

None at this time

*Diane Medina,  
Office Administrator*



## Vespers Service:

On Monday, January 17, we will be having our first Vespers Service of the 2022 New Year. I hope you will plan to come and hear one of our residents speak on a subject close to her heart. Her name is Peggy West and the subject ; how to reconcile human disabilities with a loving God. Peggy is the mother of a daughter who lives in a community group home in Batavia, that is staffed 24 hours a day. Due to her Daughter's disability and her own passion for theology studies, Peggy enrolled at Northern Seminary in Lombard, Illinois. After receiving her Masters Degree in Christian Theology, she spent the next twenty five years assisting in pastoral care type ministries, including end of life care in the Presbyterian USA denomination. Then life changed for Peggy, now she lives among us, facing physical challenges of her own.

Everyone is Welcome on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, from 3:30pm -4:15pm,  
in the common area by the piano room.

Your Vesper Committee: Leila B., Joan D., Barb L., Sandy O. and Janice W.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS!**

On Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, please join us for a slideshow looking back at 2021 and the wonderful times we had!

Don't forget to join Janet and the activity committee on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am for some coffee and donuts! This will be a wonderful time to meet your neighbors and have a good time.

Please join us for a craft class on Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, we will be making Valentine's crafts! Hope to see you there!

## **Activity Department:**

Hello everyone!

Can you believe we are in 2022 already? Wow! Last year flew by! I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday Season and Happy New Year with your loved ones! We have so many ideas and events that we are planning to make happen for all of you in 2022!

2021 was definitely a year to remember here at The Greens! Lots of wonderful memories were made and we had plenty of fun times. December was filled with joy and lots of holiday cheer, a great way to kick off the new year! I know this year will be an eventful one and I am so excited to be a part of it with our amazing Greens family!

The Activity Department is always looking for your feedback! If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see this year or have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me or our amazing Activity Committee!

Warmly,

*Janet Soto*

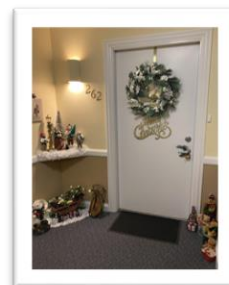
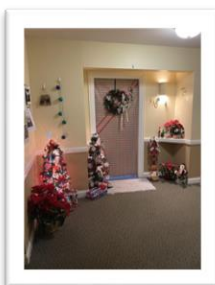
*Activity Coordinator*

## **Deck the Door contest winners!**

I would like to thank everyone who participated in our annual Deck the Door Contest! There were so many breathtaking doors that we had this year. Wow! We have some serious talent here at The Greens you, all did a wonderful job!

Thank you to Ariana and Fidencio for being our Deck the Door contest judges this year!  
Congratulations to our winners!

1<sup>st</sup> place, Elizabeth McAdams! 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Pat & Donald Quillman! 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Donna Fisher!



## **Christmas Cheer Sent:**

On Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, nine residents met in our activity room and sent personalized Christmas cards to former residents who are in Nursing Homes and Hospitals.

I want to say a special thanks to Rita Shall, Dolores Dilacoba, Joan Carlson, Janice Whittey, Joan Didier, Gene Summaria, Myrna Stidham, Barb Lawrence and Ann Newman.

Also, a very special thanks to everyone who donated new Christmas Cards! Coral Reinert, Barb Lawrence, Tony Green, Joan Didier and everyone who took the time to donate and help place cards on the counter in the Activity room. You all helped brighten this Christmas for others. Your holiday spirit is much appreciated thank you all!

## **Busy Buddies:**

In 2021 we had 21 new residents join us at The Greens. We are so pleased they choose the Greens as their new home.

The following people welcomed the new residents:

Gene Summaria, Leslie Armstrong, Mary Bowman,  
Donna Fisher, Leila Bierlein, Paul Folster,  
Joan Carlson, Patty Dwyer, Peggy Folster,  
Mary Edwards, Barb Witt, Rita Shaw,  
Ron Schlick, Marilyn Foster, and Janice Withey

We thank all of you who participated in the Buddy Program. The time you spent with the new residents made their transition to The Greens much easier.

Your Buddy Committee members for 2022 are:

Diane Medina, Janice Withey, Peggy Folster, Paul Folster, Mary Bowman and Grace Limoncelli, and Joan Carlson

Please let any of the committee members know if you'd like to be a Buddy and welcome, any new residents.

## **Note from the Music Committee:**

The Music Committee is pleased to bring two musical artists to The Greens in January.

On Friday, January 21, at 6:45PM, singer – songwriter, Rick Pickren, will perform his music on the guitar, banjo and harmonica. His recordings have been featured on the TV show, The Good Wife, and many PBS programs.

On Friday, January 28, at 6:45PM, Candy Linstrom will be performing. She is well known at The Greens having shared her talent for both Music Committee Programs and for Vespers. Candy's current program will take us "down Memory Lane."

The Music Committee wishes you all a very Happy New Year!

Music Committee Chair: Marilyn Foster. Members: Joyce Beutler, Jim and Carolyn Gathman, Coral Reinert, Joyce Shannon, and Joan Stevenson.



## **FOOD FOR THOUGHT:**

Happy & Blessed January 2022! Happy New Year to you all!

2021 flew by fast! This past year has been a true blessing. When I started here in December 2020, I didn't realize that I would have the pleasure of being around so many wonderful souls. This includes front desk, housekeeping, engineering, activities coordinator, human resources, and of course our kitchen/server team. Working here has been a great and enlightening learning experience. There are so many wise people with life stories here. Some of these stories and heart felt souls have shaped me to being a better man, husband, father, mentor, and of course Chef!

Looking forward to this new year with new creations and menu items. I promise I won't forgot about your comfort food. I know how much the residents here love their meat & potatoes. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any ideas or favorites.

Just a reminder all menu changes, add-ons, cancellations, and guests' menus must go through the front desk. Please do not write "2 meals" or "2 guests" on your menus". Also, all reservations for dining need to communicate with the front desk first.

Once again, Happy 2022!

*Thank you!*  
*Chef James*



  
*Birthdays  
of the  
Month*

### **Resident Birthdays!**

January 10- Patricia D

January 18- Linda A

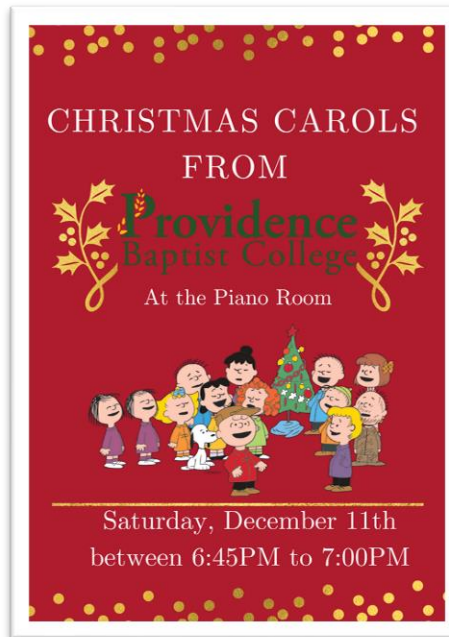
January 27- John S

January 30- Rich K

### **January Employee Birthdays**

January 30 –Fidencio S

January 27 – Sasha





# Mikhail Anthosin / Jazz Quartet



## The Judson School of Music





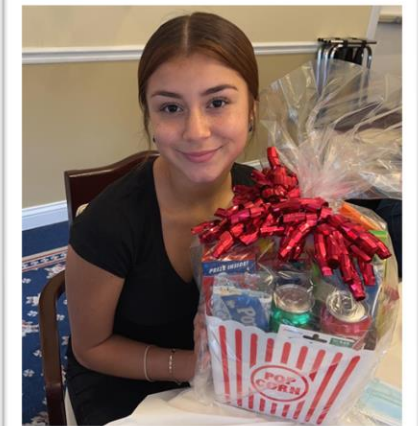


## 2021 Christmas Memories!





# Employee Christmas Party 2021!





# January 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						2pm Movie (North to Alaska) 5:15 Dinner 6:30pm Bingo <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
10:30am Prayer Service 11:30am - 1pm Breakfast Buffet 2:30pm Knitting & Crocheting Club	1pm Fitness Class 6:30pm Bridge	11:00am Walgreens/ & Local Banks 1pm Bingo 6:30pm Hand & Foot Games	10:30am Exploring the Scriptures 11am-2pm Chair Massage by Nora 1pm Green memory slideshow 2021	10am Coffee & Donuts w/ Janet 1pm Walmart 2:30pm Bingo 6:30pm Hand & Foot Games	10am - 2pm Grand Victoria Casino 1pm Fitness Class 4pm - 5pm BYOB	2pm Movie (Rio Bravo) 5:15pm Dinner 6:30pm Bingo
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
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<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
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<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
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<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					
10:30am Prayer Service 11:30am 1pm Breakfast Buffet 2:30pm Knitting & Crocheting Club	1pm Fitness Class   6:30pm Bridge	<p><b>Need some grooming?</b>  Nails by Linda Mondays 8:30am to 1:00pm by appointment only (847) 421-3369.  Dee (Hair Stylist) Wednesdays by appointment (847) 2324-9499.  Diane (Hair Stylist) Fridays &amp; Saturdays (847) 997-3073.</p> 				