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Happy Hanukkah



"May the lights of Hanukkah usher in a better world for all humankind."

Anonymous



"Christmas isn't so much about opening presents, as opening our hearts."



for the "NEW" Times of your life!

Christmas Past at SFM





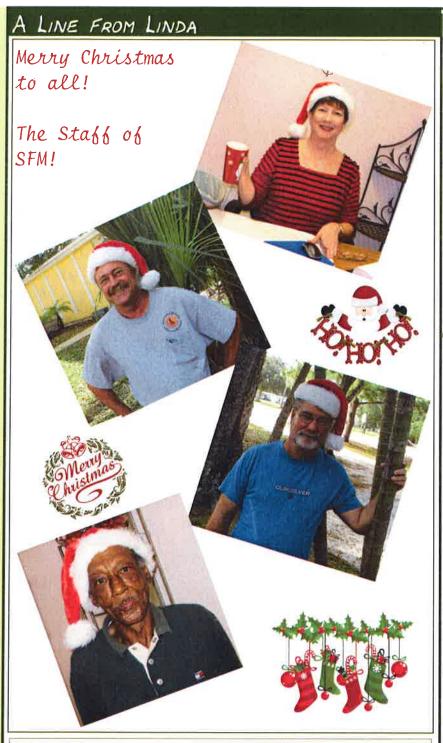






So many wonderful Christmas parties at SFM over the years.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!



Christmas Firsts:

 A Christmas Carol was written in 1843 by Charles Dickens. It took him six weeks to write it.



- 2. Jingle Bells was first written in 1857 for Thanksgiving and then became a popular Christmas song. It was originally entitled *One Horse Open Sleigh*.
- 3. The U.S. Postal Service issued the first Christmas stamps in 1962 and each one sold for four cents!

December Birthdays

Jennie Feathers	B9	12/1
Carol Briggs	H8	12/5
Arthur Nevins	H7	12/6
Marie Nickerson	G5	12/10
Paul Gielselman	F3	12/10
Otilia Beebee	F2	12/14





A GREAT BIG THANKS

to all who helped make our annual bazaar a success. It takes a team of volunteers to make an event such as this work. The bazaar netted just over \$1,200!

Welcome New Neighbors -Mary Grace Civiello - A1



Mary Grace Civiello - A Barbara DeLuca - G8

Maintenance Matters:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ken, Phil and Lugene for the outstanding job they do for SFM!

We take them for granted most of the time BUT we really do appreciate all they do for us!





The Manor Bulletin Board



Bible Study Mondaysat 1:30





Monday Dec. 12th Dinner-6 Bingo-7

Lots of fun door prizes and bigger winnings!

Second Bingo in December will be Monday, Dec. 26th Dinner-6:00 & Bingo-7:00



Holy Cross Catholic Church Annual

Christmas Partu! Monday-Dec. 19th @ 6:00

Our biggest party of the year!

Be sure to sign up early!



Blood Pressure Screening VNA - Mondays - Dec. 12th & 26th @ 11:00



Deacon Dave Tuesday Dec. 20th @ 10:30

Catholic Communion Sunday Mornings @ 10:00





HOLIDAY SING-ALONG

Citrus Elementary School Students **Christmas Carol** Sing-along Wed. - Dec. 7th - 9:15 Refreshments will be served!

New Resident, Mary Grace, (A1) will be assisting us in making fresh pine Christmas arrangements on Tuesday, December 13th at 2:00. If you have a Christmas mug or dish, bring it with you.



A Memorial Service for Ed Bilyieu (C1) will be held on Friday -Dec. 9th at 9:00 in the SFM Social Hall.

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority will be delivering their annual Christmas goodies on Saturday, Dec. 17th beginning at 9:00.



SFM Lunch Bunch - C.J. Canon's

Friday Dec. 9th 12:30





December Dinner Out Sunday-December 4th-4:00

Smokey Bones in Melbourne

Diabetic Support Group Every other Wednesday at 1:00 check your calendar for dates. Everyone is welcome!

St. Helen's 5th Graders **Christmas Carol** Sing-Along Monday-Dec. 12th-10:00 Refreshments

St. Helen's Youth Group **Annual Christmas Carol** Sing-Along Sunday -Dec. 18th -6:30

GET YOUR **GROOVE ON!! COME JOIN ZUMBA** Fridays - 1:30

It's Game Time with Donna and Betty of Mederi and Consulate! Wednesday Dec. 21st @ 6 MM F

10:00

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"Providing affordable, independent living to senior citizens on a limited income in an attractive, safe, and socially supportive environment."

National Candy Cane Day is December 26th

History of Candy Canes: It is believed that in 1670, the choirmaster of the Cologne Cathedral in Germany handed out sugar sticks bent into the shape of shepherds' crooks to young children to keep them quiet during the long living crèche or nativity scene. The custom of passing these candy crooks to children soon spread throughout Europe.



According to the America's National Confectioners Association, in 1847 in Wooster, OH, German-Swedish immigrant August Imgard decorated a small blue spruce tree with candy canes. Approximately 50 years later, red and white stripes appeared on candy canes, but it is not known who first added them. At about the same time, peppermint was added as flavoring.

Creative Forecasting Publication

Music was an early feature of the <u>Christmas season</u> and its celebrations. The earliest examples are hymnographic works and <u>litanies</u>) intended for liturgical use in observance of both the Feast of the Nativity and Theophany, many of which are still in use by the Eastern Orthodox Church. The 13th century saw the rise of the <u>carol</u> written in the vernacular, under the influence of <u>Francis of Assisi</u>.



In the Middle Ages, the English combined circle dances with singing and called them carols. Later, the word carol came to mean a song in which a religious topic is treated in a style that is familiar or festive. From Italy, it passed to France and Germany, and later to England. Christmas carols in English first appear in a 1426 work of John Audelay, a Shropshire priest and poet, who lists 25 "caroles of Cristemas", probably sung by groups of wassailers, who went from house to house. [1] Music in itself soon became one of the greatest tributes to Christmas, and Christmas music includes some of the noblest compositions of the great musicians.

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DECEMBER 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Christmas Social Activities in RED		November 29th Birthday Dinner 5:30		1 Publix-9:00	2 ZUMBA-1:30	3
4 Communion- 10:15 Dinner Out 4:00	5 Letha-9:00 Bible Study- 1:30	6 Rosary-9:30	7 9:15-Citrus Elementary Singalong Diabetic Support Group- 1:00	8 Walmart-9:00	9 Ed Bilyieu Service at SFM -9:00 Lunch Bunch- 12:30	10
11 Communion- 10:15	12 St. Helen's 5th Graders-10:00 VNA-11:00 Bible Study-1:30 Dinner-6:00 Christmas Bingo-7:00	13 Making Fresh Pine Christmas Arrangements at 2:00	14	15 Publix-9:00 Hall Closed for Private Christmas Party	16 ZUMBA-1:30	17 Beta Sigma Phi Sorority Christmas Goodies Delivered-9:00
18 Communion- 10:15 St. Helen's Youth Group- 6:30	19 Letha-9:00 Bible Study- 1:30 Holy Cross Christmas Party-6:00	20 Deacon Dave 10:30	21 Winter Begins Mederi/ Consulate Game Day-10:00 Diabetic Support Group-1:00	22 Walmart-9:00	23 ZUMBA-1:30	24
25 HAPPY HANUKKAH	26 VNA-11:00 Bible Study- 1:30 Dinner-6:00 Bingo-7:00	27	28	29 Publix-9:00	30 ZUMBA-1:30	happy hew year