

# January Birthdays

Zarin R.	Jan. 05	Richard S.	Jan. 22
Jean H.	Jan. 05	Doreen M.	Jan. 22
Joseph R.	Jan. 10	Gerry A.	Jan. 24
Reginald C.	Jan. 11	Olive C.	Jan. 27
Lynda P.	Jan. 12	Sandra V.	Jan. 27
Donald R.	Jan. 15	Art H.	Jan. 30
Victoria G.	Jan. 21		



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## SPIRITUAL HEALTH

JANUARY 2021

**Mondays**  
SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS  
Rose at 10 am | Willow at 11 am

**Tuesdays**  
SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS  
Magnolia at 10 am | Camelia at 11 am

**Thursdays**  
CHAPELS  
Rose at 10 am | Willow at 11 am

**Sundays**  
CHAPELS  
Magnolia at 10 am | Camelia at 11 am

Welcome to 2021!!

We are welcoming the New Year on Jan. 6 & 7

Wednesday, Jan. 6 @ 10:30 am for Rose Garden  
2 pm for Willow Creek

Thursday, Jan. 7 @ 10:30 am for Magnolia Grove  
2 pm for Camelia Park

**Sparkling Toasts, Trivia and Treats!**

Take time to  
thank or  
encourage  
residents, family  
members or co-  
workers who are  
trying to be  
helpful!



Find out what it means to us

## Birth Year Posters

We hope the residents who moved in last year enjoyed opening their Christmas present and reminiscing about the events of their birth year. We will replace the resident's photo if a family member wants to email a better one in jpeg form to Rob.Buzza@buchanan-lodge.com.

## Available for Orders

We now have birth year poster templates from 1908 -1964 so if you would like to have an individualized one for yourself, friends or family members, they can now be ordered through the Chaplains. The cost is \$20, including the 11X17 frame, and the proceeds will be used to enhance the Spiritual Health Programs for the residents.

**It's the perfect birthday gift idea!**



BUCHANAN LODGE



# Buchanan Buzz

NEWS FROM 409 BLAIR AVE.

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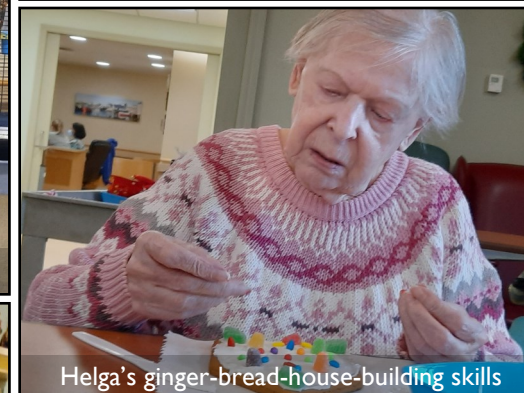
## Precious Memories



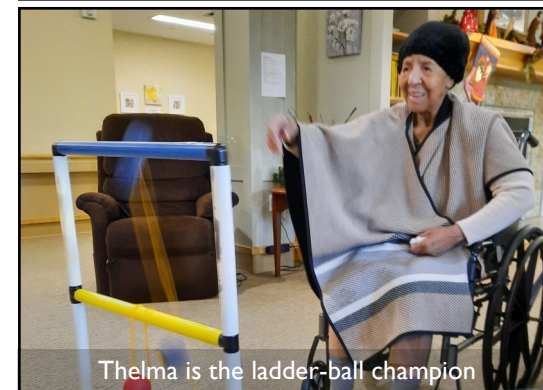
Kathleen celebrates her 104<sup>th</sup> with Jeanne & Ross



Janet keeps the season merry & bright



Helga's ginger-bread-house-building skills



Thelma is the ladder-ball champion



Gerry & Tasha rock around the Christmas tree



Alvera shows Rob why 1937 was a very good year



Dublin loved his Christmas gift from Ana

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# Thought for January

Christmas is over for this year but hopefully the reminders about loving and giving will prepare us for the new year ahead. One of those lessons came via a "A Charlie Brown Christmas." I've always personally connected with this simple yet profound 55 year-old TV children's special. Charles Schulz was a genius in using comic strip characters to depict real people experiencing real life. Our current infatuation with so-called "reality TV" is far less real than the truths woven throughout his first animated prime-time program.

*Keep it Real*

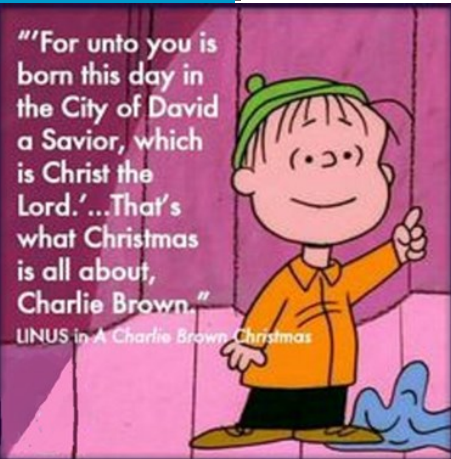
His added touches of realism were challenged by network executives. Instead of hiring proven adult actors, Schulz used real children to provide the voices of his characters, most of whom had little or no acting experience. He also refused to cue the audience with a laugh track, the common practice of that day, insisting that if it was funny, people would laugh without prompting. His decision to feature a jazz piano soundtrack was also wrong for a kid's show, according to the network programmers. A huge audience then and now, rave reviews, and several awards, including an Emmy and a Peabody, have long since silenced his critics.

The premise of the program is Charlie's dissatisfaction with the commercialization of Christmas, so the stripped-down style of the animation, real children's voices, and simple soundtrack all suited Charlie's quest for the real meaning of Christmas. Perhaps the most controversial moment of the show is when Linus quotes from Luke 2:8-14, the biblical story of Christ's birth, ending the scene with his own endorsement: "that's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown!" Again the network questioned the political correctness of such a strong Christian message.

The opposition Schultz faced then would be far worse now. Not only is Christ being removed from Christmas, the whole season is being revamped as just a winter holiday. Using heightened immigration as an excuse, we are chopping away at the Christian roots of North American culture. If we continue, soon the foundation that has made us strong, prosperous, and attractive to the rest of the world, will be completely undermined.

The real reason for the season could soon be completely replaced with meaningless myths of Santa, flying reindeer and talking snowmen, all trying to convince us to buy more stuff to make us less happy. The true story of Jesus must remain the reason for Christmas. Jesus really did live, He really did die for us, and He really did rise from the dead. When we really understand and accept these truths, then this season, the coming new year, and the rest of our life here and beyond, all suddenly have real meaning. Linus said it best: "that's what Christmas is all about!"

Chaplain Rob Buzza



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Dear Family and Friends,

I am happy to let you know that Buchanan Lodge continues to be COVID-19 free!!!

Our system to prevent COVID was put to the test recently when we became alerted to a potential exposure in Magnolia Grove. The good news is that all residents and staff working in Magnolia were tested and the results came back negative.

A lot of excitement has been generated with the roll out of the Pfizer vaccine and with the recently announced approval of the Moderna vaccine. Front-line health care workers including those working in long-term care are a priority. Immunization of Buchanan Lodge staff has started already, with a small number receiving the vaccine so far. We expect the volume of immunizations to pick up in the coming weeks as the vaccine becomes more available with increased supply.

It feels as though we are in a long-distance race between the COVID-19 virus and the vaccine. The race is far from over but now that there is a vaccine, we now have a chance of keeping COVID out of Buchanan Lodge. To win this race we have to remain vigilant. It won't be over until we cross that finish line.... in first place!

Our Chaplains, Recreation, and other staff are doing their best to safely bring joy and happiness to our residents over Christmas and the new year. Last week we held Christmas celebrations in each of the houses, followed by gifts given to each of the residents from the chaplains, and paid for by a special friend of Buchanan Lodge, none other than Sandra Bullock! The residents also enjoyed Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings on Christmas Day!

From all of us at the Salvation Army Buchanan Lodge, thank you for your continued support and cooperation with the new visitation and screening protocols. We wish you and your loved ones much happiness in 2021!

Blessings,

Blake Armstrong,  
Executive Director