

December Birthdays

Russell C.	Dec. 2	Xiang S.	Dec. 16
Eva I.	Dec. 15	Grace D.	Dec. 27
Leta R.	Dec. 16		

Birthday Tea with Alistair

Tuesday, Dec. 5 -
MPR - 2 pm

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Happy
BIRTHDAY
JESUS

MESSAGE FROM RECREATION

We are currently searching for dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers to join our recreation team. As a Recreation Volunteer, you will have the opportunity to engage with and uplift our residents through a variety of activities and events. Whether it's help organizing games, assisting in creative arts and crafts sessions, assisting with fitness classes, or simply spending quality time chatting and laughing with our residents, your presence and enthusiasm will make a world of difference. If you are interested in becoming a recreation volunteer, please reach out to Zhu at zhu.zhang@salvationarmy.ca and we would be delighted to provide further information and discuss how you can get involved. Together, let's create a vibrant and engaging environment for our residents, where laughter and enjoyment are abundant. Join us as a recreation volunteer and be a part of something truly special. Thank you!



Missing You At Christmas

There's a little place within my heart
That is with me every day.
A place where all my memories
Are softly tucked away.

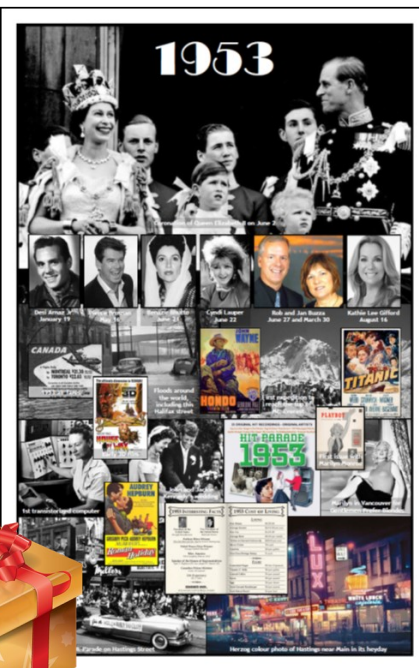
It is the perfect place
In my grief for me to go,
For, words could not explain
How very much I miss you so.

And now that once again
Christmastime has
come around,
It's where the sweetest memories
And thoughts of you are found.

RESPECT

Find out what it means to us

*Being receptive to helpful criticism or
suggestions if they can benefit our
residents or coworkers!*



ORDER TODAY!

We now have birth year poster templates from 1908 -1964. If you would like an individualized one for yourself, friends or family, 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.

The perfect Christmas gift!

BUCHANAN LODGE



Buchanan Buzz

NEWS FROM 409 BLAIR AVE.

DECEMBER 2023

Precious Memories



Aurelia & Alvera help out with the housing shortage



Leta makes beautiful Christmas tree ornaments



Bunny can't wait to eat her Christmas cookies



Reg likes to colour "outside the lines"



Helga always makes a good "impression"

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Thought for December

One of my favourite Christmas movies is an understated classic from 1965. There are no doubt flashier, funnier, and more famous films out there, but few more effective in reminding us of the real meaning of Christmas than "A Charlie Brown Christmas".

Charles Schulz was a genius in using comic strip characters to depict real people experiencing real life. 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 all 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

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'"

That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown!" ~ Linus



Buchanan welcomes new staff since September 2023

Stacey Marie Aquino
Leema Bakhshi
Laurence Baquiran
Jamaica Dela Pena
Balraj Dhaliwal
Venus Dulay
Mary Glades Galdonez

Lynn Grice
Jasminjit Johal
Jashandeep Kaur
Ann Rosehill
Farina Somani
Joan Tirona



HOUSE MUSIC FOR DECEMBER

Dec. 2 - Saturday, Camelia, 1:30 pm - Dave
Dec. 5 - Tuesday, B'Day, MPR, 2 pm - Alastair
Dec. 15 - Friday, MPR, 2 pm - Andante Choir
Dec. 16 - Saturday, Camelia, 1:30 pm - Alastair
Dec. 18 & 19 - Mon./Tues., Christmas Candlelight Service, Multi Purpose Room, 6:30 pm
Dec. 23 - Saturday, Camelia, 1:30 pm - Dave
Dec. 28 - Thursday, Rose, 2 pm - Alastair

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHTING SERVICES

Peace
ON EARTH



Monday Dec. 18 6:30 pm Willow & Camelia | Tuesday Dec. 19 6:30 pm Rose & Magnolia
Special music, Carol singing, Christmas goodies, Santa Chaplains & gifts for all!

To all of our residents, their families and our incredible team of caregivers, thank you for working together so well throughout this year!

Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year

You are loved & appreciated !!

From Blake & our Leadership Team

CHRISTMAS
SWEATER DAY
THURSDAY DEC 21ST



STAFF
CHRISTMAS
DOOR DECORATING
CONTEST

WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON
THURSDAY, DEC 21ST 2023 @ 2PM
1ST, 2ND AND 3RD Prize Winners
at 2PM

