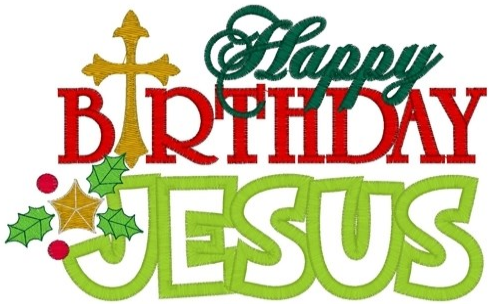


December Birthdays

Russell C. Dec. 2 Leta R. Dec. 16
Ng H. Dec. 10 Xiang S. Dec. 16
Eva I. Dec. 15



Remember the reason for the season

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING PROJECT

Cozy Cafe

SUGGESTIONS & DONATIONS WELCOME!

In the NICK of TIME

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

Monday, Dec. 15 - MPR 1:30 pm
For Willow & Camelia

Tuesday, Dec. 16 - MPR 1:30 pm
For Rose & Magnolia

The stories of St. Nick are a timely reminder of the real Reason for the Season
Special Music, Videos, Carol Singing, Treats & Gifts for all the Residents! Families welcome!!



Gingerbread House Decorating

Dec. 9 - 10 am - Willow Creek
Dec. 12 - 10 am - Rose Garden
Dec. 18 - 10 am - Magnolia Grove

FOR ALL BUCHANAN STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

T.E.A.M. WORK
Together Everyone Achieves More

"Working together with one mind & purpose"

DECEMBER TEAMWORK SUGGESTION

Be generous in offering help to coworkers who might be behind, and if that's you, remember to return the favour!



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.

BUCHANAN LODGE



Buchanan Buzz

NEWS FROM 409 BLAIR AVE.

DECEMBER 2025

Precious Memories



A Buchanan & B.C. tradition - White Spot!



"Going to the dogs" - in a good way



Back to the 50s with the Beauty Shop Dolls



Margaret always lights up the room



Roy Orbison & Patsy Cline at Buchanan!



Watch out guys - Susan's a card shark!



Loving the tea-tasting in Camelia!



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Thought for December

In those moments when we move beyond our chronic selfishness to focus on those we love, we discover the truth in what Jesus said: "it is more blessed to give than to receive".



A Christmas Story

My all-time favourite Christmas movie moment is from "A Christmas Story." Now with a title like that you would expect some reference to the story that started it all – the birth of our Saviour. Not so much. It's about Ralphie and his quest for the ultimate Christmas present – a Red Ryder BB gun. There's wonderful, whimsical scenes of Ralphie's dad fighting with the furnace, Ralphie's friend Flick getting his tongue stuck on an icy flagpole, the neighbour's hillbilly hounds attacking their turkey dinner, the waiters at the Chinese restaurant trying to sing "Deck the Halls", and the recurring warning about BB guns from every grownup - "you'll shoot your eye out!"

A CHRISTMAS STORY

While there are many memorable moments in this holiday classic, one stands out as my favourite. And believe it or not, it does remind me of the first Christmas story. Ralphie has finished opening all his gifts, including the embarrassing pink bunny pajamas from Aunt Clara, and then settles on the couch, sighing with a resigned sense of deep disappointment. Just when he has given up all hope of ever getting his dream gift, his dad notices a long and narrow box hiding behind the tree.

What I love even more than Ralphie's excitement is the unrestrained joy beaming from his dad. His expression at that moment is such a contrast to the frustration on his face throughout the rest of the movie. It reminds me how all of us, even though we are clearly flawed at times, occasionally reflect the One who created us. The Bible says we are uniquely fashioned in the image of God. And in those moments when we move beyond our chronic selfishness to focus on those we love, we discover the truth in what Jesus said: "it is more blessed to give than to receive".

This is the heart of the original Christmas story, a Heavenly Father who gave the greatest gift of all to each one of His children. The gift, when we fully understand it and receive it, transforms our lives, and helps us come back to the way we were intended to live. The families from our church experienced that same kind of joy, and our own little "movie moment" a few Christmases ago. We stayed after

service to form a north-pole-like assembly line, packing hundreds of boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Imagining the smiles on the faces of children around the world opening these gifts gave us more joy than we were hopefully giving to them. It helped to know that everything we packed in those boxes was safety approved – no one would lose an eye!

God designed us to love and to give freely to others (yes, even BB guns) and that's the simple message of "The" Christmas Story.

~ Chaplain Rob Buzzza

Buchanan welcomes new staff since September

Welcome

Dulay, Christine Joy	(Food Service)	Sept 2
Vieira-Moraes, Felipe	(HCA)	Sept 7
Harper, Mandy	(HCA)	Sept 8



- Dec 1 - Music 1:30pm with Dean Smith in Rose
- Dec 3 - Christmas sing-along with Ken, 1 pm in Willow
- Dec 4 - Music 1:30pm with Dean Smith in Willow
- Dec 5 - Music 10:00am with Jenny Pluck Pairs in Camelia
- Dec 5 - Music 1:30 pm Friday, with Steven, in Magnolia
- Dec 12 - Music 1:30pm Friday, with Pete, in Camelia
- Dec 13 - Music 10:30am with Alistair in Rose
- Dec 13 - Christmas sing-along with The Elf Jam in MPR
- Dec 19 - Christmas sing-along with Ken, 1 pm in Magnolia
- Dec 20 - Christmas sing along with Ken, 1 pm in Camelia
- Dec 24 - Caroling with Alistair 1:30 pm - all houses
- Dec 27 - Music 1:30 pm Saturday, with Greg in Magnolia
- Dec 29 - Music 1:30pm with Pete Campbell in Camelia



DEC. 5 11am - 3:30pm | DEC 6 9am - 3pm
Crafts handmade by our very own residents.

There will be: cookies in a jar, brownies in a jar, bath bombs, bath salts, soothing foot soaks, hand-made chocolates, home-made granola, cozy gifts, doggie bandanas, magic bags, decorative book display pieces, home-baked Christmas goodies, Christmas wreaths, Decorative Cake/cookie plates Jewelry, paintings, photography (donated pieces), premade gift baskets, And More...

All sales will be cash or etransfer - No Debit or Credit card transactions available. There will also be a white elephant sale area in the Multipurpose room. Make an offer on any of the goods in that room and it's yours to take home. For more info contact Trish Foley Recreation Coordinator at patricia.foley@salvationarmy.ca or 604-636-3659.

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 Garrison & Leadership Team



Owl Wildlife Rehabilitation
Tuesday, Dec. 10, 10:30 am MPR
 1 hour presentation on Owls and Birds of Prey in B.C.
 There will be more animal enrichment programs in 2026.



LIGHT TOURS - Dec. 17 & 18, 5pm

We will be touring Christmas lights around Queens Park and New West area. We will be having Kentucky Fried chicken dinner at 4pm so we can be ready to board the bus at 5pm.

To join the fun, book space by contacting:
BuchananLodge.recreation@salvationarmy.ca



CHRISTMAS MOVIES

Thursday, December 11 at 1:30 pm in MPR
 Tuesday, December 23 at 1:30 pm in MPR