

Talk Of The Town

The Monthly Activities Newsletter of the Fay J. Lindner Residences

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THIS JANUARY ...

The other night on the way home from work it was raining out so I couldn't wait to get home and out of the rain. On the radio I heard a story about the people who live in Norway. They have a saying there, "there is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing"... What a way to look at the world? I had to learn more! I found a website that references "The Social Guidebook to Norway", and they explained the idea behind the story, "While many around the world enjoy warmth and sun, Norwegian kids grow up with a unique relationship to nature. Norwegians have a saying for this, it keeps them in a positive mood. Despite the horrible weather conditions, "There is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing". The challenging weather in Norway may help us to understand the Norwegian culture.

Climate shapes cultures, it influences behaviors. How people relate to others, how people relate to strangers. How people make friends, how they eat. How they meet, how they interact, how they party....

Tip: Weather, like most things in life, is as bad as you make it to be. Change your mind-set, buy a proper jacket and do not let the weather stop you. You will feel as happy as a Norwegian."

And with that, I have my New Years resolution: to not let the "weather" stop me. Instead of the usual resolution this year, perhaps consider a different type of promise to yourself. And when you do, let me know! Here's to a fresh new year. Look below to see pictures from our New Year's Eve Time Square ball drop! **Happy 2021!**

Sincerely, your friends at Gurwin



HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

- 1/1: June B
- 1/11: Edith E.
- 1/12: Ethel Y.
- 1/19: Roslyn G.
- 1/21: Carol S.
- 1/23: Rachel S.
- 1/30: Lillian G.
- 1/30: Gloria G.



LET'S GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO:

Lorraine K. who will now be joining the Recreation team full time. She will no longer be at the front desk. We are so happy that she joined the team! Stop by Recreation to say hi.

HOTLINE BINGO UPDATE:



Bingo prizes will be delivered to your mailboxes after the Bingo game is completed. We will no longer deliver room to room.

VISITATION UPDATE!

When allowed, **Lobby Visitation** is as follows:

Monday– Friday at 9:30am, 10:00am, 3:30pm & 4:00pm. Weekend

Visitation Added:

9:30am, 10:00am, 2:30pm & 3:00pm.

If and when we have to stop visitation, we resume **Window Visits through Beth's old office (weather permitting)**. They are offered at 9:30am, 10:00am, 3:30pm and 4:00pm during the week and at limited times on the weekends. When window visits are in session, the Synagogue patio will close.

CALENDAR NOTICE:

Please check Osborne Channel 8 for updates. Channel 6 is Recreation's virtual broadcast network. Tune in and join in on the programming!



LOCAL TRIPS:

Due to the high numbers of Covid in our area, we have decided to suspend bus trips until further notice.

Please come to the front desk to get your daily newspaper!



Video chats are still available during the same time as visits and at 12:15pm on weekdays and for additional times on Saturday & Sunday mornings. **We can accommodate 2 visits a month, whether it is in person, by video, or one of each. The type of visit is your choice.** All can be arranged by emailing fayjvideochat@gurwin.org.

THANKSGIVING GREAT GIVEBACK & ADOPT-A - GRANDPARENT LETTER DELIVERIES

NOVEMBER 25TH

Our friends from the Smithtown Library Children's Department in "The Great Give Back Project" and our friends down in Texas, Erica and her team, wrote, drew and colored hundreds of uplifting cards to be delivered to our residents for the Thanksgiving holiday. These are just a few snapshots of the joy they brought!! Thank you to everyone for all the love & generosity!



HOLIDAY TOUR AT GURWIN DECEMBER 18TH

The different departments took great care decorating various areas of the building in a holiday theme this December. Some spaces were designed to feel like a visit to New York City in the wintertime. Other spaces had a strong winter theme. Shown below are pictures of the process, who helped (residents and staff) and from the day of the actual tour, December 18th. The displays stayed up for the duration of December. The intention was to make the holidays a little brighter this season, and it worked! We brightened our eyes and our hearts.



The Gingerbread House Haven and Winter Wonderland



HOLIDAY TOUR AT GURWIN CONTINUED...

The Log Cabin Room

FAO Schwartz and Tiffany



Serendipity Café and Broadway



CELEBRATING CHANUKAH

We didn't let the pandemic slow down our celebration of the festival of lights! Chanukah looked a little different this year but with no less heart. Rabbi Rimler generously made a nightly menorah lighting video and recorded songs that were played on the evening of each night of Chanukah. Additionally, rabbi went around during the first few nights and gave out song books. The kitchen gave out dreidels and chocolate gelt on the first night of Chanukah. We had one resident light the menorah for most of the nights of Chanukah, just not in the presence of the usual crowd. Recreation had three days of Chanukah socials serving up hot fried potato latkes and applesauce. Chanukah was a happy holiday, and even though we were not able to spend it with family in the normal sense, we were able to communicate via video call, window chats, and we even received Chanukah cards from local members of the community. Hanukkah Sameach!

Artwork pictured below by Resident Carol Sussman

