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November was fun filled and full of activities.

December will be amazing. We have special activities planned and great special concerts and music.

Our traditional Christmas party invitations will be sent out to your family members. We'll hear some



favorite songs in German. It is also a joy to watch and listen to the fabulous Case carolers wearing in their period costumes! **Program is Sunday Dec. 18th at 1 pm.**

We are fortunate to have numerous schools and youth groups sharing their talent at St. Monica's during the Christmas season. Please check your calendar carefully. Many activities are during the evening or on weekends.

On behalf of the Sisters of St. Rita's and the staff; may each one of you enjoy a blessed and joyous Christmas celebration.



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TRANSITIONS

Welcome

Carl Ray – 58

Welcome Back

Ann Krucas

Farewell

Fran Hartwick
Flora Meyerhofer

Hosp./Rehab

Elinore Hauch
Rosemary Iggulden
Marjorie Salbrieter
Mary Thomas
Barbara Wallace
Lydia Schilke

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

RESIDENTS

December 5 th	Jeanette Beaudry	1916
December 8 th	Donald Marino	1925
December 13 th	Beverly Schacht	1923
December 13 th	Barbara Tracy	1935
December 19 th	Mary Hetzel	1931
December 20 th	Fr. Uhen	1917
December 27 th	Ilene Sadowski	1924

STAFF

December 3 rd	Beverly Bogosian
December 27 th	Mackenzie Zimmerman

December Birthstone – Turquoise

December Flower – Narcissus

LUNCH AND DINNER NOTES

11:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. – Doors open to Dining Room.

11:45 a.m. & 4:45 p.m. – Bell will ring, the prayer will be said, and any announcements will be read.

11:50 a.m. & 4:50 p.m. – Food is served.



Support your volunteer Priests and Pastors. Attend the services of your faith.

Catholic Mass is held daily at 8:30 a.m. and Rosary is said daily at 4:15 p.m.

A Protestant church service is held every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

All services are held in the Chapel near the front entrance.

If you lose or misplace any item, please report its loss immediately to the office. THANK YOU.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign out when leaving the building. Always put the date and time you will be gone, and who you are with. This is important, not because the staff is nosey, but for your safety. What if we had a fire and could not find you. If you have signed out, we would know you are safe. Thanks.

The sign out sheet is located in the front entrance by the public phone. And, don't forget to let the nurses know you are going out. Pick up your medications before you leave if you will need them!

**DO YOU NEED LARGE PRINT BOOKS?
THEY ARE AVAILABLE ON LOAN FROM
THE RACINE LIBRARY. SEE BARB OR ASK IN
THE OFFICE ABOUT CHECKING THESE OUT.**

For our new residents, the following are the names, locations and description of uses for certain common areas at St. Monica's.

Activity Room – The glassed room located at the south end of the Lower Level. It is used primarily for video and exercise programs.

Auxiliary/Bingo Room – The large room on the north end of the Lower Level. It is used primarily for Bingo, special events, and parties.

Card Room – The upper level lounge located half way between the Main Entrance and the South Entrance, and used for dispensing Large Print Books and for playing Kings in the Corner cards. The machine to magnify reading materials is also located there.

Coffee Room – The open area at the middle of the Lower Level near the elevator. It is used for some special activities, plus daily coffee and cookies.

Library – The room off the Living Room area with a large table used primarily for meetings and voting.

Living Room – The open area in the middle of the Upper Level near the Main Entrance and Front Office that that is used for many music programs, games and resident meetings.

Lower Level Atrium – The open area located at the south end of the Lower Level near the South Entrance. It is used primarily for bowling, putting and piano recitals.

Multi-Purpose Room – The glassed room located in the center of the Lower Level off the Coffee Room. It is used for foot doctor appointments, nails, crafts and some games.

RESIDENTS – IF FAMILY AND/OR FRIENDS WILL BE DINING WITH YOU AT LUNCH, PLEASE LET THE KITCHEN KNOW BY 10:00 A.M.

NOVEMBER 14TH RESIDENT MEETING MINUTES

Resident council members attending the meeting are Donna Barnes, Joanne Lamb, Nancy Sheets, Lorraine Stachow and Barb Wallace. Attending for St. Monica's were Barb(activities), Joanie(activities) and Sister Clare (housekeeping). Dr. Voekel represented the board members. He opened the meeting with a prayer.



Housekeeping: Refrigerators are being defrosted as time allows. Residents are allowed to clean refrigerators themselves if they want to. Flannel sheets are available in limited supply, let Sr. Clare know if you want them. Some shower mats have stains that do not come out, but they are clean. If you are able, please pick them up after use and put them over a bar or bathroom tub. Try to remember your laundry and change it out on time. Sr. Clare and her staff were given compliments on the great job they are doing.



Nursing: Let's keep washing our hands, it's cold and flu season. If you cough or sneeze, please turn your head and sneeze into your shoulder or arm. This really helps prevent the spread of germs.



Kitchen: Carol will be very busy baking cookies for the holidays. A request was made for tomato soup without vegetables and grilled cheese sandwich. Requests were made for mayonnaise and mustard to be put on tables when cold cuts are serviced. Compliments were paid to Carol and her staff for the outstanding job they do in food preparation and dining services.



Maintenance: Please use sticking putting if you are hanging decorations on your door. It can be purchased at Shopko or Kmart. Maintenance staff was also complimented on the great job they do around the building and grounds.



Activities: Some activities may be delayed due to all the holiday activities being held during December. Christmas decorations are going up quickly and ornaments are being made on Dec. 1-3. Make sure you check the calendar carefully, there are weekend activities and special groups coming in. Our big Christmas party is held on Dec. 18th at 1pm. Your family is invited to join this joyous occasion. We round the year out with our New Years Eve program on Dec. 30th at 1:30.

LOCATIONS FOR PROGRAMS IN NOVEMBER

(Special Programs in Bold Italics)

Auxiliary/Bingo Room

Baking All Day on 12/9

Baking with Sue on 12/21

Beading with Sue on 12/29

Bingo (all programs)

Boy Scout Group on 12/20

Christmas Ornaments on 12/1, 12/2 & 12/3

Crafts (all programs)

Family Christmas Party on 12/18

Girl Scouts Bingo & Carols on 12/10

Park HS Girls' Chorus on 12/19

Kiwanis Youth Symphony on 12/12

Magic Show on 12/28

New Year's Eve Party on 12/30

Faith Sharing

Chapel

St. Richard's Choir on 12/18

Multi-Purpose Room

Foot Doctor

Nails

7Up, 7Down Card Games

Activity Room

Arts with Jan

Exercise Programs

Shut Box on 12/13 & 12/23

Wii Bowling

Upper Level West Wing

Story Hour

Living Room

4H Group Musical on 12/20

Accordion Music

Blood Pressures

Bob Ropiak Sings on 12/4

Christmas Music w/Juan on 12/12

Christmas Musical on 12/20

Current Events

Giant Crossword Puzzle

Girl Scouts Visit on 12/17

Heavenly Visit on 12/15

Juan Contreras on 12/12

Lobster Bisque Singalong on 12/14

Movies (including Specials)

Girl Scouts Christmas Singalong 12/3

Pet Visits

Piano with Jana

Resident Bell Choir on 12/16

Resident Meeting

Singalongs

Wheel of Fortune

Lower Level Atrium

Balloon Fun

Bowling

Horlick HS Girls' Chorus on 12/15

Meet in Living Room

Christmas Lights Tour on 12/19

Shopping at Kmart on 12/7



DECEMBER SPECIAL PROGRAMS

What a better way to begin the month of December than making **Christmas Ornaments**. We started last year making our own and have room for many more. **Sue Luxem**, our friend and the daughter of **Felix & Lorraine Stachow**, has set up three days of ornament making. Thank Sue and make ornaments in the **Auxiliary/Bingo Room** on **Thursday, December 1st at 1:00 p.m., Friday, December 2nd at 1:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 3rd at 10:00 a.m.**

Also on **Saturday, December 3rd**, the **Girl Scouts** have a **Christmas Singalong** to share with us. How nice of them to share a Saturday afternoon with us. Join them at **1:00 p.m.** in the **Auxiliary/Bingo Room**.

Bob Ropiak, the multi-talented musician, sings and delights us again on **Sunday, December 4th at 1:00 p.m.** in the **Living Room**.

We will go **Shopping at Kmart** on **Wednesday December 7th**. A signup sheet will be posted by the mailboxes. Meet in the **Living Room** at **1:00 p.m.** for the ride to Kmart.

The very popular dice game, **Shut Box**, is back on **Tuesday, December 13th and Friday, December 23rd** both at **1:00 p.m.** in the **Activity Room**. Come and join in the fun.

Christmas and baking go hand-in-hand, so an entire day has been set aside to **bake**. We will start at **9:30 a.m.** in the **Auxiliary/Bingo Room** on **Friday, December 9th**, and will continue into the afternoon. Christmas music and the aroma of baking cookies will most certainly mean Christmas is on the way.

On **Saturday, December 10th** another nice **Girl Scout Troop** will be sharing their time with us to provide **Christmas Bingo** followed by **Christmas Carols** at **10:00 a.m.** in the **Auxiliary/Bingo Room**.

On **Monday, December 12th**, **Juan Contreras'** melodious **flute** will add a special beauty to our favorite **Christmas Songs** at **10:30 a.m.** in the **Living Room**.

Also on **Monday, December 12th**, the always welcome **Kiwanis Youth Symphony** is back. We are fortunate to have them perform for our holidays at **6:00 p.m.** in the **Auxiliary/Bingo Room**.

Lobster Bisque first performed in August at our Family Picnic. They were very entertaining and well received by all attending the Picnic. This group has been busy preparing for their December performance. Joanie and Barb are excited to see what they have planned for us on **Wednesday, December 14th at 1:30 p.m.** in the **Living Room**.

The **Horlick High School Girls' Chorus** fills our building with song. When they perform, we will know Christmas is in the air. Join them on **Thursday, December 15th at 1:00 p.m.** in the **Lower Level Atrium**, followed that afternoon by a **Heavenly Visit** at **3:30 p.m.** in the **Living Room**.

On **Friday, December 16th**, St. Monica's very own **Resident Bell Choir** will be trying to master Christmas songs. Check them out in the **Living Room** at **12:30 p.m.** For those coming to observe our bell ringers, you are welcome to accompany us in song.