



JANUARY NEWSLETTER



H A P P Y N E W Y E A R

The Care Home with a Heart

Welcome to January and a brand-new year. Wow it's hard to believe the year is 2025. Happy New Year, everyone, here's hoping it's a prosperous one with many blessings to be had by all.

December was a very busy month with lots of activities. Karen Routley has been joining us on Tuesday mornings at 10am for elastic band chair exercises. Jerry and the Holy Spirit, Rick Martin, Wes Stubbs, the "Mamas" and Karaoke with Geri were just a few of our regular entertainers. The P.A. Baptist Church Caroler's came to visit and sing Christmas Carols on Dec. 18th. Many came out to enjoy the music and to sing along.



We were able to have two Christmas Bingo's this year, as there were many prizes donated. Our second Bingo was a front for Sandra's Retirement Party. Sandra has been with Good Shepherd for 20 years. Dec 20th was her last day and we, the staff and residents, surprised her with cake and presents. Sandra was a big influence and mentor to all who had the privilege to work under her and alongside her. She will be greatly missed by everyone.

Our clothing sales were a success once again. The money raised was used for stocking stuffers for our residents. Every night, starting a week before Christmas each resident received a little gift in their stocking.



We had a special visitor on December 23rd. Santa came all the way from the North Pole to hand out a sack full of presents. Thank You Santa, (you know who you are) and our elves and helpers who graciously took the time to help Santa with names and gifts. It brought a great smile to many faces.

Our last event of the year was bringing in the New Year. Prizes, noise makers, fun, games and drinks were had by all who were able to attend.

On behalf of Good Shepherd Villa Staff, we would like to take this opportunity to thank these special people who contributed to our Staff Christmas Party. Brenda Macdonald for organizing our party and games. Pat Chuey for our many door prizes. The Broda family for the homemade Salsa basket. Betty MacDonald and the Quan family for the dessert trays and Heather Hlasny and her mother Linda Tyson for the wine and fruit mixes to make Sangria's.

We would also like to thank the many people who have spoiled us with chocolates and goodies over the holidays. Our poor waistlines HA! Ha! Ha!

Upcoming Birthdays

Frank Brothwell - January 4th

Kay Dookhun – January 15th

Evelyn Potter – January 26th

Paul Thomas – January 27th

Condolences to Gordon Balon’s family on his passing. He will be missed by everyone who got to know him. Rest easy big guy!

At this time, we would like to acknowledge the many friends we have lost this year. You will always be remembered in our heart.

Therese Robinson	Lawrence Demerais	Anne Adams
George McIntyre	Lillian Borsheim	Diana Snow
Evelyn Goertzen	Tina Rosina	Stan Walberg
Eunice Evans	Rose Cartier	Cecil McCulloch
Helen Thorpe	June MacDougall	Fern Lloyd
William “Cal” McLaughlin		Bill Banks

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 1st - Happy New Year!!!! No Recreation

January 8th - Resident Council Meeting (please attend) 10:30 am

January 8th - Wes Stubbs 2pm

January 10th – Alice McIntyre on Piano 2pm

January 17th – Birthday party with the “Mamas”

January 15th & 29th - Karaoke with Geri

January 31st – Gille Francoeur & Friends (weather permitting)

Rick Martin will not be here in January, he will return in February

Please let staff know if you are taking a resident or family member from the building. There is a logbook at the front door to sign in and sign out. If the door is locked, please ring the doorbell or call 306-922-1202 to be let in. The doors are usually locked around 6pm for the security of our residents.

If anyone would like to be added to our e-mail list, please send us a message at recreation@goodshepherdvilla.ca You will then receive the GSV monthly Newsletter, Calendar and any Emergency updates. If you have any pictures of past events that you would like to share with us, please use this e-mail as well.

If you want to get any books or audio books from the library, please let Luda or Geri know and they can give you the required form to fill out and get you set up. Library Exchange Day will be on the 16th of this month.

Canteen cart will resume this month. If you want to start up a canteen fund, please talk to Geri. If you would like a special request for the canteen, Geri can try to accommodate you.

We are also selling Progressive Bingo cards. Our Bingo board is usually hung outside the Great Room. A new number will be posted every day with a pattern displayed every month. Cards are \$1 and more than one card may be purchased. Follow the pattern and try to win the jackpot. If not won, it will be carried over to the next month. We encourage the residents to play, as it gets them out of their rooms to come and check the numbers.

We are always looking for ideas for activities, crafts, games, and entertainment for our residents to enjoy. Suggestions are always welcome.

CHRISTMAS BINGO



