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**JANUARY**

2012

**FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**



Dear Residents, Families and Friends:

The new year is upon us and I'm hoping it is as good or better than the last. We have our new boilers up and running and if Byron or Paul can teach us all how to reasonably regulate the room thermostats, they should keep us comfortable this winter (this goes for residents and staff). We also have finished installation of a new dishwasher at a cost of \$8,500.00. We received a grant for \$5,000.00 from the Ashton Preservation Association, Inc. The rest was paid for out of the Golden Age Improvement Fund, our donation fund. Please remind people we are a 501C3 charitable organization. We can accept any tax deductible donations.

We hope you all had a happy holiday. We will keep you all posted on the happenings here.

Ollie Hawkins, RN

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**QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything they have.

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**CHRISTMAS TREE CONTEST**

This year we had both unique and traditional tree themes. The kitchen tree found in the largest dining room, took 1<sup>st</sup> place. This one is aglow with white lights and flashing colored ones. Clear glass bulbs were brought in for the residents to paint.

There was a tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The north sitting room is traditional with antique ornaments.

Representing the Housekeeping Department was the tree in the main hall. Resplendent in reds and gold's, it's ruby poinsettias and snow-capped, giant pinecones are its focal points.

Third place was awarded to the nurse aide's tree in the main ward. It has colorful paper ornaments to display the resident's photos. Also, ornaments made in a recent craft class here at CGAR. There were nine decorated trees in all!

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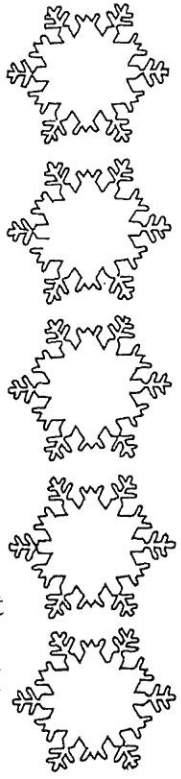
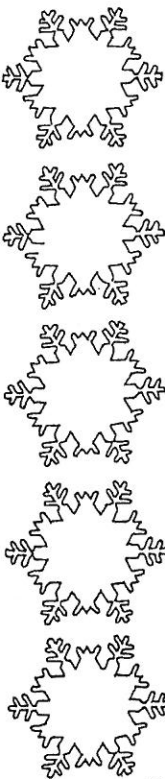
**DECEMBER NOTES**

This year we added new outdoor decorations. Byron Shankel and Paul Shonk were as busy as Santa's "elves", bustling about to get the job done. As usual they strung colored lights onto our fence, then placed the lit Santa with reindeer and sleigh near the front entrance. Shortly after we had a generous donation from Joy Reed of several white, wooden reindeer. Hospice's Browse 'n' Buy Store called that an outdoor lit nativity scene had arrived. Once these beautifully painted characters and animals were added to our display and the star placed above, the job was complete. The "elves" rested.

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, we had our drawing for the eagle which Walt Shaver carved and generously donated. The ticket sales totaled \$334.00. Jim Pikus was the winner. Congratulations, Jim and thanks again, Walt!

This year a special project was undertaken to give the residents personal calendars for Christmas presents. Since Dennis and Barbara Strickler have both computer skills and a keen interest in our facility, they were approached to design and compile them. Each calendar was made to display a resident's picture, and personal poem or verse above the monthly tear off sheet. These were beautifully done and well received. Thank you, Dennis and Barbara for all the time and talent you gave us!

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR - 2012**

**“Thank You” - Carroll County Community**

Carroll Golden Age Retreat would like to say, “Thank You” to all the people of our community that helped make our 2011 year a great success. Looking over the list, we need to thank, there are so many we feel we can say thank you all for being so kind and for the support throughout the entire year.

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**JANUARY/EMPLOYEES JEAN MONTH**

**Enjoy!**

Compliments of our superintendent, Ollie Hawkins!

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**“FOREVER”**

“Forever: Time it takes to brew the first pot of coffee in the morning.” -Author Unknown



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**STAFF PICS**

So, did you figure out whose who on the wall of photographs in the main hall? Well, the suspense is over. Here’s the list.

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| #1 - Vicki Reninger/Kitchen     | #2 - Linda Kersey/Aide        | #3 - Kathy Horn/Activities    |
| #4 - Connie Bake/Aide           | #5 - Judy Wagner/Housekeeping |                               |
| #6 - Lisa Rininger/Housekeeping | #7 - Nancy Drescher/Aide      | #8 - Paul Shonk/Maintenance   |
| #9 - Laurie Rennard/Nurse       | #10 - Melanie Wartluft/Aide   | #11 - Patty Atkins/Nurse      |
| #12 - Kim Berry/Aide            | #13 - Deb Reese/Nurse         | #14 - Barb Cordier/Activities |
| #15 - Kathy Shawver/Kitchen     | #16 - Jeanine Rogers/Aide     | #17 - Beverly Hill/Office     |
| #18 - Sherry Fritz/Nurse        | #19 - Dawn Faulk/Nurse        | #20 - Ollie Hawkins/Office    |
| #21 - Megan Barlow/Kitchen      | #22 - Carla Prato/Aide        | #23 - JoAnn Champer/Aide      |
| #24 - Starlet Salyers/Aide      |                               |                               |

**Thank you, participants!**

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**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

**Residents**

- Bernice Beckley - 12<sup>th</sup>/86 Years Young
- Elizabeth Poplin - 16<sup>th</sup>/87 Years Young
- Carl Marshall - 17<sup>th</sup>/82 Years Young
- Lillian McClain - 18<sup>th</sup>/91 Years Young



**Employees**

- Jeanine Rogers - 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Melanie Wartluft - 15<sup>th</sup>
- Carla Prato - 22<sup>nd</sup>

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**RESIDENT OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY**

**Robert Hudson**

Bob is a very social, friendly fellow. Any time there is a bus trip planned; anywhere, look on the bus, he’ll be aboard. He’s proud to be a veteran, a coon dog man and a Kentuckian by birth. We’re proud to have him here. **“Congratulations, Bob.”**

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**WINTER HUMOR**

- ❁ You know it’s cold when you tell the barber just a little off around the earmuffs.
- ❁ Everyone has a cold. This morning my breakfast cereal even went snap, crackle...kachoo!
- ❁ My lips are soooo chapped that I can only pucker with three days’ notice.



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**RESIDENTS’ COUNCIL MEETING**

Our next Residents’ Council Meeting is set for Wednesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in the Activity Room. Please bring your New Year’s suggestions and comments. You can leave notes for Barb Cordier and Kathy Horn in the mail box by the time clock if you want to.

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