

JANUARY 2018

# Wentworth Home

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## Celebrating January

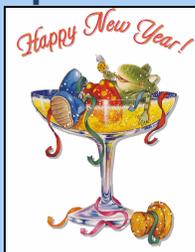
### January

#### Entertainment:

- 01/09 Journey Song
- 01/10 Gary Sredzeinski
- 01/24 Cat Faulkner
- 01/23 Bethene
- 01/31 Wayne from Maine

#### Featured Movies & Documentaries:

- 01/07 "Eddie the Eagle"
- 01/14 "Yankee Doodle Dandy"
- 01/21 "Meet Me in St. Louis"
- 01/28 Shirley Temple "Captain January"



*Happy New Year*

### January Birthday's

**01/08 Clara Couture and Kim Jong-un (1982)** Clara and Kim both have charismatic power over people and could have them marching around singing "Happy Birthday" for hours on this wonderful day.

**01/08 Janet Giffin and Elvis Presley (1935)** The famous singer and Janet will be the KING for the day. Thank you, thank you very much.

**01/28 Claire Papatones and Rick Warren (1957)** Claire and the author- megachurch pastor would agree to a PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE, especially on their birthday!

### Resident of the Month:

#### Gabrielle Fortier



Gabe grew up in Sanford, ME; one of ten children, five boys and five girls. She attended Catholic school before meeting her husband George, and married when he returned from WWII. Together they raised 4 children, George, Ron, Paul and Ann in Somersworth, NH. Gabe is pleased to say she has 7 beautiful grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren! Gabe's husband George passed away in 1975, and at 51 years old,

Gabe became a widow, however a few years later, she met another good man named Ludwik Gosconski, and they enjoyed life together for the next 32 years, with the blessing from the Catholic church. Gabe always loved dancing, playing cards, drawing and painting in her art studio at home. When working in her garage studio Gabe opened the door, and people would stop by to purchase her paintings, or place an order for their own paintings. She is very talented. Gabe can be found here at Wentworth Home enjoying arts, crafts, bingo and she

## Looking Back...

### Christmas Events!

**Open House Christmas Party** was a big success. Friends, families and neighbors joined us at our beautiful home to enjoy treats and songs. Jackie and Pat were enjoying refreshments & Ariel was



laughing and enjoying the music with Carolyn.



### Resident Christmas Party

The moments with Santa can be exciting and special. Eveline

snuggles on Santa's lap, Henrietta finds out Santa's beard is really white as snow, and Lorraine is spending a little time



remembering all her Christmas pasts.



## Upcoming Events

First Trivia Fun and Games 01/03

Resident Meeting 01/05

Snow Craft Project 01/12

Travel Tales by Pam 01/17

Prize Bingo 01/23

January Birthday Party 01/26

Painting with Friends 01/30



### "Amazing Lives"

### Memorial Service

Friday 01/19/18 at 1:00PM

With Reverend Mark Rideout

**Over 100 gifts were collected and donated to the Dover Fire Dept's Toy Bank! A big thank you to all!**



**December Birthday Party** Donald, Henrietta and Marion celebrated their birthdays this month. Hip Hip Hurray!



## The Twelfth Day of Christmas



The last day of the Twelve Days of Christmas falls on January 6, and in Ireland it doesn't end with twelve drummers drumming, but with *Nollaig na mBan*, or Women's Christmas, or Little Christmas,

as it's also known. This is the day the Christmas decorations come down and (finally) the women of the house get a much-deserved rest after catering to guests during the busy holiday season. In 1998, an article published in the *Irish Times* newspaper noted that while even God rested on the seventh day, Irish women didn't get to rest until the twelfth!

The holiday is especially common in southern Ireland's counties of Cork and Kerry, where families celebrate a yearly reminder of the strength and importance of Irish women, especially mothers, who have long been considered the backbone of the Irish family. In Ireland's olden times, the women would save the turf, cut the hay, and paint the barn, all while raising the children and feeding the family—no small task considering how large traditional Irish families were. While a woman's role in Irish society has evolved over the years—they have moved far beyond the boundaries of the home and into the community, business, and politics—women are no less revered.

On January 6, it is common for children to give their mothers and grandmothers presents or cook them breakfast. The men take over the household duties for the day while women gather socially in the pubs and restaurants for a little well-deserved girl time. In fact, it is the one time of year when restaurants and bars are filled entirely with women.

Luckily, the notion of Women's Christmas is becoming popular for Irish women beyond Cork and Kerry. And the celebration is becoming more than just a night out at the pubs. Modern Women's Christmas celebrations are including discussions about women's health, political involvement, and most any other women's issues: less food, and more food for thought.

## Flying High

Save the eagles! You'll get your chance on January 10, Save the Eagles Day. There are more than 70 species of eagles around the world, some of which are listed as endangered species, but fortunately most of these majestic birds are large and powerful enough to survive in most any condition. Eagles may not be the fastest or most agile of raptors, but compared to hawks and falcons, they stand out as the largest. Stellar's sea eagle from the northeastern coast of Asia is the heaviest at 20 pounds, but the Philippine eagle, at 3.35 feet tall and with a more than seven-foot wingspan, is considered the largest. This eagle, the national bird of the Philippines, is the world's rarest and most powerful eagle. At the other end of the spectrum is the South Nicobar serpent eagle, considered the world's smallest. Found only on India's Great Nicobar Island, this eagle is barely 1.5 feet tall and, as the name suggests, eats mainly snakes and lizards. Eagles tend to be loners and fly at high altitudes, sometimes up to 10,000 feet. They can hunt from such high altitudes because they can see clearly up to 50 miles away with their "eagle eyes."

## Little Man with Big Success



Charles Sherwood Stratton was born on January 4, 1838, as a large baby, at 9 pounds 8 ounces, but by six months of age, he had largely stopped growing. In 1842, legendary showman P.T. Barnum stopped in Stratton's

hometown and discovered the two-foot-tall four-year-old boy. Barnum hired the child and made Stratton an international star, impersonating Napoleon Bonaparte and performing as Cupid. Renamed as General Tom Thumb, Stratton traveled to England and won an appearance before Queen Victoria. When Tom Thumb married a woman of similar restricted growth, he made the cover of the *New York Times*, beating out coverage of America's Civil War. Indeed, even President Abraham Lincoln hosted their honeymoon.

## **Upcoming Events**

- Resident Meeting 11/02**
- Create a Thankful Tree 11/03**
- Origami Gift Cards 11/08**
- Holiday Veteran's Event 11/10**
- November Birthday Party 11/16**
- A Visit with Mr. Bobo 11/17**
- Turkey Crossword 11/21**
- Make A Holiday Gift 11/30**