



# HOLIDAY HERALD

*NEW HORIZONS ~ DECEMBER 2011*

**NEW RESIDENT:** We extend a warm welcome to **Marguerite Rowe**, Suite 246. Marguerite was born in Prince Edward Island, Canada and is the mother of six. Among her varied interests, Marguerite enjoys exercise, music and reading. We wish Marguerite much happiness in her new home.



**STAFF HOLIDAY FUND ...** A special thank you to all residents and families who have already made contributions to this year's Staff Holiday Fund. *For those still wishing to participate, donations may be dropped off at the Front Desk until **December 18**.* The many generous contributions by residents and families to the employee holiday fund are distributed proportionately among more than 60 "hands on" staff of New Horizons based on total hours worked the prior year. Winchester Home Care staff, the executive and associate directors, and director of community relations do not receive distributions from this fund. Your holiday gift to this fund is the only occasion when any New Horizons staff may accept a gratuity and will truly help make the season bright for our dedicated team. Feel free to speak with **Jed Geyerhahn**, Executive Director, if you have any questions.

**Thank  
You**

**DAYS OF CHANUKAH:** The menorah is the ultimate symbol of this Jewish holiday. Each of the eight candles represent one of the eight nights of Chanukah, which in turn represent the miracle of Chanukah. In the second century BCE, a Jewish band of rebels known as the Maccabees rescued the Holy Temple in Jerusalem from the Greek pagans who had ransacked it. The group wanted to rededicate the Temple by lighting the eternal lamp. They found only enough oil to last for one night, but a miracle happened and that oil lasted for eight nights. This year, Chanukah begins at sundown on **Tuesday, December 20**, and the menorah lighting will be held at 4:30 PM each evening, through Tuesday, December 27. Residents of all faiths are encouraged to join us as we light the menorah during the eight consecutive evenings of observance for this holiday.



**WELCOME NEW STAFF:** **Mitchell Goulet** joined our Dining Room crew, working primarily Saturday and Sunday shifts. Mitchell is a student at Stoneham High School.

**EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY BREAKFAST:** This annual staff appreciation event is scheduled for **Thursday, December 22 at 10:00 AM** in Rumford Dining Room. In keeping with tradition, residents will present holiday fund checks to staff members and are cordially invited to participate this year.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER:** The food service elves are busy planning a festive holiday dinner for residents and guests on Sunday, **December 25**, with seating at **11:30 AM and noon** in Rumford Dining Room. To assist in our preparations, please inform, dining room supervisor, Jane Doucette, or the Front Desk, *by Friday, December 16*, if you will have any guests, (up to four per resident) or if you expect to be out for dinner that day. The cost for guests is the standard \$15 per person. To allow New Horizons' food service staff the opportunity to spend a portion of the Christmas holiday with their families, the day's evening meal will consist of Gourmet-to-Go parcels, containing extra-special goodies for the occasion.



**LOBBY DISPLAY:** Our lobby display for *December* is "NHC Staff and Family Holiday Photos."

**CURIO DISPLAY:** Be sure to see resident **Janet Mercer's** collection of Wilton Armetale Annual Christmas Plates in the curio case next to Christine's desk (off the main lobby). Each year since the 1960s, Wilton Armetale has introduced collectable pieces in a variety of Christmas themes. Different series have included traditional Christmas songs, street scenes, angels and other religious depictions, children's toys, outdoor and indoor themes from the 19th century, Santas, snowmen, reindeer, trees, tree signet, 12 Days of Christmas, and Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*.



**CONGRATULATIONS!** **Mary Traer** of Winchester Hospital Home Care was recently presented with the prestigious Pace Setting Employee Earned Recognition Award from Winchester Hospital. This peer-nominated award for employee excellence was presented to Mary at New Horizons by Kevin Smith, CEO of Winchester Hospital; Kathy Schuler, VP of Patient Care; and Karen Keaney, Executive Director of Winchester Home Care. Mary was nominated by every member of the Winchester Home Care staff at New Horizons and ultimately selected by a Winchester Hospital award committee. Like several New Horizons team members, Mary is a longtime staff member, beginning her service to the New Horizons community in 1995. New Horizons is very proud to congratulate Mary on this outstanding achievement and thank her for the exceptional care she gives to residents in the assisted living program.



**UPCOMING EVENTS -- SAVE THE DATE**

December 22	10:00 AM	Staff Appreciation Breakfast	Rumford Dining Room
December 25		Christmas Day Dinner	Rumford Dining Room
December 31	6:30 PM	New Year's Eve Champagne Toast	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Living Room

***Happy holiday wishes from the staff of New Horizons!***