

Community Connection

New Horizons at Marlborough, LLC

Monthly Newsletter

January 2012

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

We welcomed 2012 on Saturday, December 31, as Ron Barclay led afternoon musical festivities. The annual celebration capped off a vibrant season of music, joy and anticipation as Christmas and Hanukkah events filled the December calendar.

Some of the seasonal fun included the resident holiday party with Santa Claus, a piano recital by Camille Foster's students, sing-a-longs and an evening of Lessons and Carols with Elizabeth De Lucia. There were, of course, the nightly lightings of the menorah and the decadent Christmas Day buffet to round out the annual traditions.



Photos courtesy of Arthur Brogren

RESOLUTIONS THAT WORK! The start of a new year is energized with opportunity. Attitudes generally become framed with determination to make good on goals and self-promises that may have fallen by the wayside during the passing of the old year. Fortunately, for New Horizons, many generous individuals committed to hosting activities last year and successfully kept their resolve. Art with Annie, Sing-a-Long with Elizabeth (and daughter Betsey), Jennifer Zion's visits with Jules the Pet Therapy Dog, Ron Barclay's weekly piano concerts and Candie Gebhard's crafting classes...all of these events expanded the offerings from our activities program and brought a refreshing additional element of fellowship to the daily program. We are extremely grateful for all that they do! Resident volunteers include Herb Zschokke's history lectures, Dorothy Rubin's handwriting analysis classes, resident ambassadors Frances Denzel, Alberta Fullem and Mary Lombardo, community readers, food committee and recipe committee members. There are also hidden volunteers who help sort library books, water plants, welcome new residents and quietly go about their business of making this community a welcoming home for so many. If you would like to join the volunteer corps at New Horizons, contact **Molly Lukason**.



Residents enjoying a class of "Art with Annie"



EMERGENCY INFORMATION REVIEW: At this time of year, all residents are encouraged to review the information provided to New Horizons regarding emergency contacts, designated Power of Attorneys (POA) and Health Care Agents (HCA) to ensure that the most current information is on record for use on a resident's behalf. Frequently, email addresses and phone numbers (especially for work and cell phones) will have changed over the course of the year. Sometimes the designee has moved away and is no longer the most convenient choice for fulfilling a responsibility; a candid conversation just to confirm that a designated individual is still agreeable to fill the role of POA or HCA is important to hold. Please forward any changes to **Donna Gallo**, document administrator. For residents of 400 Hemenway, a blank copy of the Resident Emergency Information Form may be downloaded at countrycommunities.com; click on "Forms."



On behalf of all Staff Holiday Fund recipients employed by New Horizons and Care Solutions we say "Thank you!" The overwhelming generosity of so many residents and their family members was felt by these deserving individuals this holiday season. Contributions are completely voluntary and are kept anonymous to staff; however, Cummings Foundation Executive Director Joel Swets issued an acknowledgement letter to all contributors. All donations made throughout the year to the Staff Holiday Fund are distributed in late December.

Mark Your Calendar!

January 20	New Resident Reception with Rob Natoli	2:00 PM
January 26	Durgin Park Dinner	
January 27	Casino Time!	1:00 - 3:00 PM
February 2	"Shake Scene" by Stephen Collins <i>fun with Shakespeare</i>	2:30 PM
February 9	Jazz Pianist Matt McCabe	2:30 PM
February 14	Valentine's Day Dress for Dinner	

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