# Rock Haven Happenings

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December 2023

## December Dates

## December 2

National Fritters Day

## **December 7**

Hanukkah

#### December 10

International Children's Day

## December 15

Bill of Rights Day

## **December 18**

Bake Cookies Day

#### **December 21**

First Day of Winter

#### December 25

Christmas

## December 26

Kwanzaa Begins

# H Note from Natalie

Dear Residents and Families,

As the festive season approaches, I want to send my warmest wishes to each and every one of you. Christmas is a time of magic and wonder, bringing love, hope, and togetherness to our hearts and homes.

This special time of year reminds us of the importance of treasuring the moments we share with loved ones and appreciating the beauty of spreading happiness and joy wherever we go. I am constantly inspired by the strength, resilience, and positive attitude of everyone at Rock Haven, and I feel truly blessed to be a part of this incredible community.

I hope that the season's twinkling lights, and beautiful melodies fill your hearts with peace and contentment. Your stories, laughter, and wisdom enrich our lives in ways that words cannot describe, and we are grateful to have you as a part of our extended family.

Our staff members, thank you for your unwavering commitment and compassion throughout the year. Your tireless efforts ensure that our residents receive exceptional care and joy, and we are grateful for everything you do.

As we celebrate this festive season, may the spirit of Christmas fill your hearts with love, hope, and joy. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with blessings.

Natalie Rolling-Edlebeck, M.F.A., MSW Licensed Nursing Home Administrator Natalie.RollingEdlebeck@co.rock.wi.us 608-757-5000

# News from Nursing

Happy Holidays Rock Haven!

As we move into the holidays, our employees had fun decorating the facility for the season.

Lucy K., our Education Nurse, will be retiring this month after 41 years here at Rock Haven. She has been such a warm presence here for co-workers and residents alike. And while it is true that she will be missed, we are so excited for her.

Congratulations Lucy!

Aimee Thomas
Interim DON

# Infection Control Corner

I hope everyone enjoys the upcoming holidays with family and friends! Remember, being indoors during the cooler months can lead to an increase in illness due to frequent gatherings and being cooped up in the house. During these gatherings remember your hand hygiene, cooking food and maintaining cooked food at safe temperatures and staying away from others if you are experiencing illness.

Chelsea Phillips, RN Infection Preventionist

# HMissive from Social Services

Holiday Greetings from Rock Haven Social Services! No matter how you celebrate, please include your loved ones at Rock Haven however they can best enjoy the season. Social services staff are here to help with suggestions, if needed. Wishing you a safe and healthy holidays and New Year!

Gail, 608-757-5325 Teena, 608-757-5104

# Greetings from Finance

There will be a 3.2% increase in Social Security benefits for 2024 which will increase patient liability amounts. If you have any questions, please contact Mary in the Finance Department at 757-5332.

The Rock Haven Finance Department wishes you a Happy Holiday Season!

Joanne Foss Business Office Manager



# News from Activities

Turkey and card making were two of the many crafts offered in the month of November.

Crafting brings out the artist in everyone, utilizes eye/hand coordination, encourages reminiscing, and offers the Residents something to share with others.





Pet visits remain a highlight for Residents here at Rock Haven. We were able to introduce two new pets in November.

We now have Cash and Carson who visit us. It appears that Cash would like to play Bingo!







Although we are gearing up for Christmas, Halloween was just a few weeks ago. There were pumpkins carved, costumed worn by Residents and staff alike, spooky music and of course - treats.



We were glad to have trick or treaters come to visit.

Here is Irene holding her great grandson - Sonny the skunk as well as visiting with his friends.



Vera Polglaze Activities Director

## From ES/Materials



The grinch maybe my favorite Christmas movie, but this time of year everyone should enjoy the beauty of the season. Spend as much time with family and friends. Be thankful for what you have and who you have to enjoy each day with

Happy Holidays

Michelle Lynch

ES and Materials Manager

## Food for Thought from the Kitchen

We want to start off with a BIG THANK YOU to all of the family members that came out to join our team at Rock Haven. We had a total of 40 family members which I consider amazing for this first major time around for Thanksgiving this year. I also would like to thank all of the teams in pulling together to make sure our guests felt right at home and were accommodated to in a timely fashion. Special thank you to our culinary team for all the hard work and prep that was put into planning and executing the wonderful Thanksgiving meal. Seeing all the family members come in and enjoy themselves and their family members was memorable experience that I hope we can continue on with.

This month, Christmas is coming and we will have a special Christmas menu for the resident's for lunch that day, we always have meal tickets for standard purchase if any family member would like to join.

Have a safe and fun Holiday!

Amanda Beaver Food Service Manager

## Message from Maintenance

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the wreaths this year. We have some talented staff. Some are already hung outside on the stone monuments. Please take a look at all the creative work our staff put into making the season festive.

A friendly reminder that now that the first snow has fallen at Rock Haven, the Courtyards are now closed for the season for your safety.



Maurine Braun Facilities Administrative Assistant

# December Birthdays!

# Resident Birthdays

Ann P.

Jean S.

Esther V.

Dec 4

Dec 9

Dec 16

Pat L.

Arvilla K.

Carol M.

Dec 4

Dec 13

Dec 19

Dorothy E.

Dec 25

# Employee Birthdays

Sue R.

Amy T.

Aimee T.

Andrew A.

Zachary B.

Dec 1

Dec 14

Dec 17

Dec 19

Dec 23

Michelle K.

Marilyn B.

Sarah L.

Jaime B.

Vera P.

Dec 7

Dec 16

Dec 18

Dec 21

Dec 26

Lois C.

Dec 27

Jennifer R.

Dec 27

Karen F.A.

Dec 30

# Welcome to our New Residents!



Richard S.
Carol B.



Ruby N. David H.



Sandstone Mest

Cynthia K.

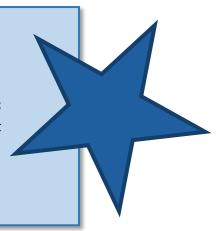
## Rock Stars of the Month

## November Winners

## Audrey B.

Audrey has stepped forward to help with staffing. She has offered to pick up hours and change her schedule when needed. She is always kind and knows what is the best for our residents when their health condition changes

Thank you, Audrey!



## Amanda B.

Amanda has a terrific attitude when working with our residents and staff.

She is ready to work extra hours at any time to provide nutrition for our residents.

Thank you, Amanda!

## Terri H.

Terri is an excellent worker. She goes above and beyond to clean spots on the carpets. She is amazingly kind to all our residents and knows what they need to feel safe and happy.

Thank you, Terri!

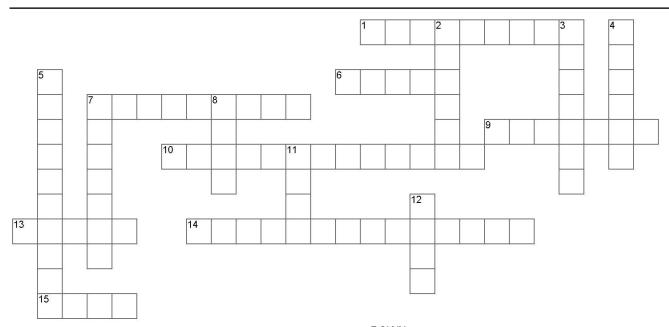
# Welcome to the Team?

Dominique R. RN

Isabel H.

Jameka W. CNA

Terri M.



#### **ACROSS**

- 1. You can fill it with small toys, candy, fruit or coins.
- 6. A popular Christmas color.
- 7. A hard candy with stripes.
- 9. Santa Claus comes through it.
- 10. People have it in their home and like to decorate it.
- 13. Santa's helpers.
- Used to count the days of Advent in anticipation of Christmas.
- 15. It's cold and white.

## DOWN

- 2. Light made of wax.
- 3. It looks like a man made of snow.
- 4. In what season is Christmas Day?
- He brings children their presents on Christmas day.
- 7. Homemade and cut into various shapes related to
- 8. Sent by mail as an expression of goodwill at Christmastime.
- 11. Santa Claus is coming to...
- 12. On January 1st we say "Happy New ......"

Answers: 1, Stocking; 2, Candle; 3, Snowman; 4, Winter; 5, Santa Claus; 6. Green; 7. Cookies; 8. Card; 9. Chimney, 10. Christmas Tree; 11. Town; 12. Year; 13. Elves; 14. Advent Calendar; 15. Snow

