



Newsletter

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Christmas Party

We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas with our senior members. Be sure to sign up so we will have an accurate count for gifts and refreshments. December 17 from 1pm to 3pm.

There will be musical guests to entertain us, and a special winter wonderland environment to get us into the mood for the upcoming week.

Dress in any way that you feel expresses your inner Christmas spirit.

From the Director's Desk

What a treat it is for me to spend this year's Christmas season with you all! Planning the events and putting up decorations to make you smile is the part of my job that I love most.

This time of year we see people all over the world celebrating their meaningful traditions and rituals that are festive and filled with food, music, and colorful adornment. It is a time when nearly all of us on this beautiful globe are moved toward gathering with those we are close to, feeling a sense of peace and joy.

Let us give the gifts of patience, understanding and love this year as we continue to walk together in a challenging time.

It is the light of our best selves that will bring about the positive changes we all seek. Let us share that light with each other and make a difference for the coming new year. Every day is a new day to make things better for each other.

Merry Christmas

and Happy New Year!

"I love the Christmas-tide,
and yet,
I notice this, each year I live;
I always like the gifts I get,
But how I love the gifts I give!"

-Carolyn Wells

Christmas Parade

Our thanks to Jessica and Marta for organizing the DHS Senior Center's parade entry, and to those of you who have registered to be a part of it.

We are so proud to have all of you representing us in this annual event. If you are not able to participate, be sure to stand on the curb and cheer on your friends!



Creative Writing Classes Coming!

Have you always wanted to write a short story, memoir or children's book, etc.? Now is the time to make that happen!

One of our members, Rocky Laudadio, will be teaching creative writing classes beginning January 12th, 11AM to 1PM in the conference room. This course is not about grammar or spelling, it is about creativity. Sign up today to reserve your spot as seating is limited.

Fair Housing Presentation

If you are a renter or know someone who is, this presentation may be very useful for you. The Fair Housing Council of Riverside County will be at on hand December 10 at 2:00 p.m.

This informative presentation will help you understand your rights as a tenant and provide you with the resources necessary to ensure the protection of those rights.

Please be sure to sign up for this important event!

Auld Lang Syne Origins

The song that many of us sing as we ring in the new year is "Auld Lang Syne." It is adapted from an old Scottish folksong in varied forms, but the version we sing today most likely comes from the version written and set to music by Robert Burns in 1788.

The song became a traditional one to sing for the Scots at Hogmanay, the celebration of the old year giving way to the new. The song and the tradition became popular among the Irish, English and Welsh as well, and was brought over to the United States as the people emigrated to the American continent.

Delicious Mocktail Recipes

Non-alcoholic versions of a few faves:

Mock Champagne is simply Ginger Ale with fresh fruit.

Sangria without the wine! Combine 3 cups of cranberry juice with 1/2 cup of orange juice, 12 ounces of seltzer water, orange slices, apple slices, cranberries, basil leaves and ice.

Blue Hawaiian Mocktail is a beautiful and delicious drink. Simply combine any blue fruit punch with sparkling white grape juice or cider. Place blue sugar sprinkles on a plate, wet the mouth of a tall flute glass and press it into the sugar. Pour in the blue liquid and enjoy!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!