

Holiday Cheer!



Pat Cassavant (above photo) and Nancy Duggan (below photo) pictured enjoying time with their loved ones at the holiday party.



Our own Lourana

settled in at the piano to lead a fun “Name that Tune” session.

During her brief sojourn from Florida, pianist Janice Hannah dropped by to reprise her popular social-hour sing along.

Santa also made a visit to the House, bearing a personalized gift for every resident!

The highlight of our holiday festivities was a fun Christmas Eve party led by Jana Ahnquist. The event featured an interactive rendition of “The Twelve Days of Christmas” – replete with “cue cards” – and a yuletide-themed version of the Jeopardy game show.

To make the holiday season complete, residents enjoyed guided tours of Sandwich’s renowned “giants,” uniquely designed light sculptures on display throughout the village.

“We have our name on the waiting list and hope to have our very own giant next Christmas!” said Sarah Tribuzio, Executive Director.

Spotlight: Joe continued -

-- on the sinking of the U.S.S. Thresher, the submarine that sank off the coast of Cape Cod with a loss of 129 lives.

He braved the brutally frigid Antarctica to cover the U.S. Navy’s Construction Battalion -- known as the Seabees – as they constructed a South Pole research station.

Following a 5-year stint with the newspaper, Joe accepted a position with a high-profile, D.C.-based news magazine, covering the Capitol’s political news and personalities.

He ultimately struck out on his own, as a free-lance communications consultant for many of Washington’s “V.I.P. clients.”

After spending most of his professional life in Washington, Joe returned to New England where he became reunited with Dorna Allen, whom he knew from his early childhood days.

Their late-in-life reunion would become the most important and loving relationship of Joe’s life.

The couple settled in Sandwich, where they spent nearly a decade together before Dorna’s passing, several years ago, following a lengthy battle with cancer.

Joe described their time together as, “both romantic and tragic at the same time.”



Guests mingled at the holiday party!



Around the House

JANUARY 2023

December’s Holiday Cheer!



Sandra enjoyed a visit from Santa

The house took on a festive holiday feel in December.

The season kicked off in grand fashion with a performance by the Glass Town Carolers, before a packed house of residents and family members. Decked out in traditional Victorian garb, the carolers led a spirited sing along of favorite Yuletide Noels.

Family members and friends joined us again later in the month for a special holiday gathering. Residents treated their guests of honor to a wonderful menu, which included: lobster bisque, scallops and bacon, roast beef crostini, chicken satay and tomato caprese.

Decatur House owner, Steve Austin made a trip to Braintree to pick up amazing desserts from the legendary Konditor Meister bakery.

We all enjoyed a performance by “No Boys Allowed,” a choral group made up of 9-year-old girls who entertained us with carols.

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COMMUNITY SPOT LIGHT

JOE FOOTE



Tall, soft-spoken, and gracious, Joe Foote is a welcome addition to our Decatur House family.

Joe grew up in a lakeside home in the mountains of New Hampshire with his older brother, Donald.

His mother, a schoolteacher, enrolled her sons in private schools where they were challenged to excel.

Joe went on to earn a degree from Harvard University’s School of Law but did not become a lawyer.

“I pursued the law as an avocation, not a vocation,” he said.

Joe’s interests led him to a career in journalism, first as a reporter for the Providence (R.I.) Journal, where he had some adventurous assignments.

In 1963, he reported -- from a naval destroyer

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>HAPPY NEW YEAR New Year's Day</p>	<p>11:00 The 134th Rose Bowl Parade Live from Pasadena, Calif. (TV-channel 10) Puzzles, Word Games and Art Supplies available all day. HAPPY BIRTHDAY LINDA</p>	<p>10:30 Classic Movie Trivia 11:00 High Roller Dice Game 2:00 BINGO 3:00 Balloon Toss 4:00 Afternoon Social</p>	<p>-- HAIR SALON DAY -- 10:30 Fitness Fun 11:00 BINGO 2:00 Seasonal Craft w/Alex 4:00 Afternoon Social</p>	<p>10:30 Music Trivia 11:00 Words-in-a-Word 2:00 Banagrams 3:00 Let's Stretch! 4:00 Afternoon Social -- Conclerge Service --</p>	<p>10:30 "Your Choice Friday" (Choice of Group Activities) 2:00 BINGO 3:00 Knit with Cathy! 4:00 Afternoon Social</p>	<p>10:30 Ring Toss 11:00 Categories Challenge 2:00 POKÉMO 3:00 Balloon Volley 4:00 Afternoon Social</p>	
<p>9:00 Sunday Morning (CBS TV-channel 4) 10:00 Catholic Mass (TV-138) Puzzles, Word Games and Art Supplies available all day.</p>	<p>10:30 Alexander Entertainal 11:00 Words-in-a-Word 2:00 Gary Landgers: "The Honky-Tonk Piano Man" 4:00 Afternoon Social HAPPY BIRTHDAY NICOLE!</p>	<p>10:30 Classic TV Trivia 11:00 High Roller Dice Game 2:00 BINGO 3:00 Balloon Toss 4:00 Afternoon Social</p>	<p>-- HAIR SALON DAY -- 10:30 Fitness Fun 11:00 BINGO 2:00 Seasonal Craft w/Alex 4:00 Afternoon Social</p>	<p>10:30 What's Your Sign? 11:00 Categories Challenge 2:00 BINGO 3:00 Balloon Toss 4:00 Afternoon Social -- Conclerge Service --</p>	<p>10:30 "Your Choice Friday" (Choice of Group Activities) 2:00 BINGO 3:00 Knit with Cathy! 4:00 Afternoon Social</p>	<p>10:00 "The Rosary" (TV-138) 10:30 Fitness Fun 11:00 Words-in-a-Word 2:00 Seasonal Craft w/Alex 4:00 Afternoon Social</p>	
<p>10:00 Catholic Mass (TV-138) 11:00 Sing Hymns w/Jana 2:00 BINGO 3:00 Let's Stretch! 4:00 Afternoon Social</p>	<p>10:30 Beanbag Toss 11:00 Words-in-a-Word 2:00 POKÉMO 3:00 Balloon Volley 4:00 Afternoon Social Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p>	<p>10:30 Music of the 50s 11:00 High Roller Dice Game 2:00 BINGO 3:00 Balloon Toss 4:00 Afternoon Social</p>	<p>-- HAIR SALON DAY -- -- Manicures by Mikaela -- 10:30 Fitness Fun 11:00 BINGO 2:00 Seasonal Craft w/Alex 4:00 Afternoon Social</p>	<p>10:30 Music Trivia 11:00 Words-in-a-Word 2:00 Banagrams 3:00 Let's Stretch! 4:00 Afternoon Social -- Conclerge Service --</p>	<p>10:30 "Your Choice Friday" (Choice of Group Activities) 2:00 BINGO 3:00 Knit with Cathy! 4:00 Afternoon Social</p>	<p>10:30 Ring Toss 11:00 Categories Challenge 2:00 Paint with Me 3:00 Balloon Volley 4:00 Afternoon Social</p>	
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