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Celebrating December

Bingo's Birthday Month

Universal Human Rights Month

Hanukkah Continues

December 1-6

Saint Nicholas Day

December 6

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

December 7

Poinsettia Day

December 12

Christmas

December 25

Kwanzaa

December 26-January 1

Boxing Day

December 26

New Year's Eve

December 31

Dates to Remember:

Tree Lighting Ceremony:

Mon., Dec. 6 at 7:00pm

Resident & Family Christmas Party:

Tue., Dec. 14, Bldg.3 - 5p
Bldgs 1 & 2 - 6pm

Resident & Family Christmas Party!



Please join us:

Tuesday, Dec. 14

Bldg 3 = 5:00

Bldgs 1 & 2 = 6:00

**Enjoy live music, delicious food
& presents from
angels in our community!**

** To avoid over-crowded dining areas,
please limit family attendance to 2 or 3
persons max. Call Andrea with questions.
Thank you for understanding.



From Saint to Santa

Illustrator Thomas Nast has been called the “Father of the American Cartoon” for the illustrations he featured in *Harper’s Weekly* magazine in the 19th century. It was Nast who first used a donkey and elephant to symbolize America’s political parties. He fought corruption with scathing political cartoons. But Nast’s most enduring contribution to popular culture might be his depictions of Santa Claus as a jolly, fat man from the North Pole dressed in red and white.

Long before he was Santa Claus, he was Saint Nicholas, the Bishop of Myra, a fourth-century holy man renowned for the miracle of resurrecting three young boys killed by a butcher. For this remarkable feat, Saint Nicholas became the patron saint of children. Over the centuries, veneration of Saint Nicholas would spread. The Dutch called him Sinterklaas, and when the Dutch set sail for the New World in the 17th century, they brought Sinterklaas with them.

Sinterklaas, or Santa Claus, and Christmas, were well-established in America by the 1800s. But in December of 1823, Clement Clark Moore published his poem *’Twas the Night Before Christmas*, and first described Santa Claus not as an austere bishop, but “chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf.” Charles Dickens then published *A Christmas Carol* in 1843, transforming Christmas from a religious holiday into a popular and commercial extravaganza. By January of 1863, with the United States plunged into Civil War, Thomas Nast had plenty of inspiration for his first cartoon depicting Santa Claus.



Nast’s first depictions of Santa portray him not just as a jolly old elf but as an ally of the Union Army, and he used his own long beard as inspiration for Santa’s flowing white one. Over the next 23 years, Nast would make 33 illustrations of

Santa, none more influential than his 1881 image of “Merry Old Santa Claus,” complete with a white beard, rosy cheeks, red suit, and pack full of toys. This image, more than any other, has made Santa Claus who he is today.



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Bah, Humbug!

Maybe it’s the long lines at shopping centers, or maybe it’s the incessant drone of holiday music, but some people just don’t enjoy the holiday season. Luckily, December 21 is Humbug Day, a day to unapologetically embrace your inner Scrooge.



No one knows where the word *humbug* came from. Some think it came into use during the 18th century as the word *Hamburg* during a time when England was flooded with counterfeit coins

from that German city. Others think that it comes from a humming bug, something small, but incredibly irritating. Either way, the word denotes something that is a hoax or nonsense. When Scrooge utters, “Bah! Humbug,” he is declaring Christmas to be a fraud.

Welcome

Helen Smith, Thomas Zaski, Edith Heath,
and Julianne Richards to Fountain View!
We are so glad you are here!

Year-End Appeal: Make a Lasting Difference

Approximately 33% of the residents living in Baruch Senior Ministries' communities are benefiting from our income-based program. This program provides a reduced monthly rate to qualified residents based on their individual monthly income. The income-based program is entirely confidential, it ensures that the resident will be able to remain in their home, and brings peace of mind that they will never be asked to leave due to personal financial circumstances.

In 2021 Baruch Senior Ministries is projecting to provide a net charitable benefit of approximately \$5.2 million to our residents benefiting from the income-based program.

Give Today

Kara on "Hat Day"



Upcoming dress day themes:

Dec. 3 = FV Swag Day

Dec. 10 = Crazy Hair Day

Dec.17= Twin Day

Dec.24 = Ugly Sweater Day

It's a Long Shot

The first Tuesday in December brings World Trick Shot Day, a holiday started by the Harlem Globetrotters, those basketball wizards renowned for making impossible shots look easy. Ordinary people with a basketball hoop and a ball are encouraged to amaze their friends by making trick shots of their own.



If you need inspiration, look to the Globetrotters. Each year on Trick Shot Day, they perform an impossible shot. In 2019, Globetrotter star Hammer Harrison performed the world's highest slam dunk by skydiving from

13,000 feet and slamming the ball home. Share your trick shot on social media, and the Globetrotters might take notice. You could win tickets to a Globetrotters game.

We love our Bingo, and all the games!



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We will sadly miss...

**Donna Bush and
Stephen Brown who recently
passed away. Our thoughts and
prayers are with their families and
friends.**

