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Meet Our Community Ambassador **Jerry Berendsen**



Jerry Berendsen has worn many hats at Creekside in the past ten years. He was our first Maintenance Director when we opened the doors ten years ago. He then became our Chauffeur and Bus Driver. He was our Receptionist for a short while. But in my eyes Jerry is in a position now that fits him perfectly. He is our Community Ambassador. He will be holding a monthly resident orientation to help the new residents adjust to living here at Creekside. Jerry will be available to answer any questions that any of our residents and families have. Jerry will be starting a new Men's Group which will be meeting weekly. He will be planning many great outings "just for the guys". Look for them in future calendars.

Decembers' Men's Groups will be on Wednesday's.



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Creekside's Respite Stay Holiday Time, Family Time

Holidays are about being with family. Busy lives are put aside momentarily and plans are made to get together. You may be traveling great distances to be with one another or maybe just driving down the road. Maybe you see your family often or perhaps only once or twice a year. Regardless, the hope is that we can all slow down enough to re-connect with loved ones and catch up on each other's lives.

Future Planning

This family time can be a great opportunity to talk with your children about your future plans and wishes. Making your plans and wishes known to your family members is a wonderful gift to them!

Consider visiting a retirement or assisted living community prior to your holiday gatherings. Collect information, take a tour and stay for lunch. Decide where you want to spend your retirement years and what you will do if you have changes in your health and your care needs. Making your plans and decisions ahead of time makes things easier on you and your family!

Short Stay Options at Creekside

At Creekside, we also offer short



Guest enjoying a stay in our respite apartment

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Starting the Process

When making your plans, consider bringing other family members into your planning process. Some people decide to have their son or daughter do the "initial research" and information collection for them. Have a family member tour 5 different communities, give you an overview (with the brochures and information included) and then you can visit what you consider the "top two or three". If you prefer to do your own research, spread out your visits so you don't get overwhelmed. One of the benefits of thinking ahead is that you can take your time to make the decision **YOU** want.

So, give the gift of a thoughtful retirement plan this holiday to your family, your spouse, yourself.

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Kick off the holiday season at **Light's of Creekside**

**Thursday, December 1st, 2011
5:00 PM**

Join us at Creekside as we flip the switch to our fabulous outdoor lights and kick off the holiday season. We will be having cocoa and hot apple cider and warm cinnamon rolls in our front lobby. Come dressed for the weather, we will be outside viewing the beautiful lights that The Holiday Lighting Pros of Seattle installed on the outside the building. Ken Fenske will be playing Holiday songs on the Grand Piano for our enjoyment.

- Holiday Songs by Ken Fenske on the Grand Piano
- View the Beautiful Holiday Lights, installed by The Holiday Lighting Pros of Seattle
- Dress in warm clothes for outdoor light viewing
- Hot Cocoa, Hot Cider and Warm Cinnamon Rolls



Creekside Welcomes Our New Residents!

Please join us as we welcome:

**John and Carolyn Paulson,
Jean Schwetz, Betty Watson,
Emma Lischke**

at a New Residents Social, held in their honor
December 11th at 2:00 p.m.
in the Great Room with Joanie

Through December **Food Drive**

Stop in and drop off your donation of non perishable food items at the Creekside front lobby.



December Employee of the Month **Jamie Haine!**



Jamie Haine is our Employee of the Month for December. Jamie's outgoing personality and bright smile make it a pleasure to have her at Creekside. She goes the "extra mile" to help our residents have healthy

productive lives and enjoys interacting with them as she cleans their apartments. The housekeeping department is proud to have her as part of our staff!

December Birthdays

Don Equals, Dec. 11
Paul Frost, Dec. 13
Ralph Martin, Dec. 18
Tom Frye, Dec. 19
Clara Evans, Dec. 12
Dorothy "Rusty" Gentry, Dec. 26
Galen Hogenson, Dec. 27
Petra House, Dec. 30
Dolores Gillespie, Dec. 31



Toys For Tots Drop Off

Now thru December 22nd, 2011



Creekside Retirement Community is hosting a **Toys For Tots** drive. Pull up to our front entrance, drop off a new, unwrapped toy and support this program!

Thank You
for your support!



For more information call
Karen Conway at 360-755-5550



Creekside's "White Elephant" and "Ugly Sweater" Party

**Thursday, December 22nd, 2011
at 2:00 pm in the Great Room**

Come up to the Great Room and join Mandy and Joanie in a fun filled afternoon of good food, great company and holiday cheer. Wear your worst holiday sweater!

**Bring something from your home for our
"White Elephant" Gift Exchange.**

Ken's Cocktail Hour

To be held in the Great Room

**Friday
December 23rd, 2011
at 3:30 pm**

We will be having a signature drink called "The Poinsettia".

Come to the Great Room and join in the festive celebration!



Joanie's Holiday Parties!

Christmas Party

Randy Johnson will be performing for you and Joanie will have Cookies and Hot Cider for your enjoyment.



**Sunday
December 25th, 2011
at 2:00 pm in the Great Room**



Wrap it Up!

We are having FREE gift wrapping!

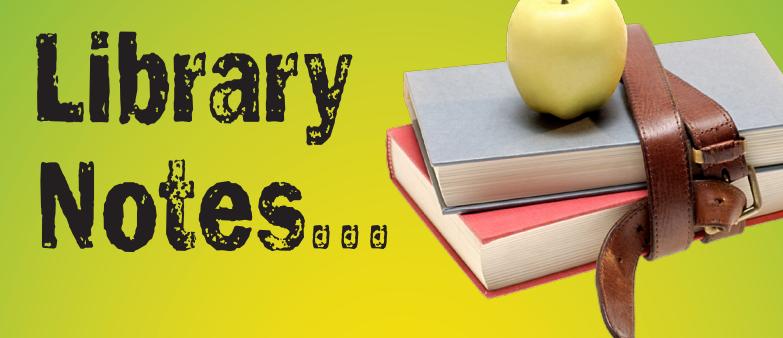
Done by Home Instead – Senior Care

Thursday, December 15th, 2011

**10:00 am to 3:00 pm
in the front lobby**



We are asking for a suggested food donation and/or an unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots.



Library Notes...

Our sincere thanks to Billie Eby for her donation of books from her personal library. We appreciate them very much. **Thank you Billie!** We would also like to thank whoever it was who donated the series of Time-Life books on World War II. **Thank you.** We will be re-doing the AL library soon, so keep watching and happy reading!

Marceine Melcher
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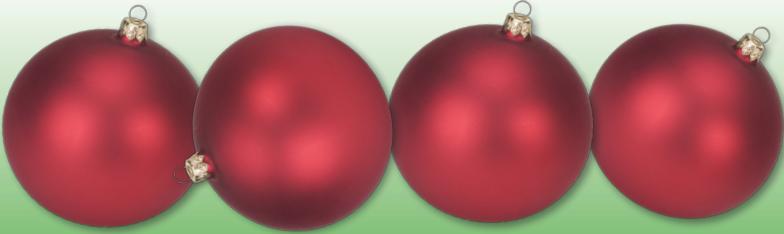
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Creekside Retirement Community Calendar

December 2011


LOCATIONS

ILIL Lobby
ALAL Lobby
GRGreat Room
TRTheatre Room

GAM ...Game Room
SLSolarium
FRFitness Room
ACArts & Crafts Room (AL 2nd floor)

Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

4
 10:00 am, Church Service **TR**
 12:30 pm, Catholic Service **TR**
 3:00 pm, Sunday Matinee **TR**
4:30 pm, Dinner and a Show at Chopstix's!

5
 9:30 am, Exercise **GR**
 10:00 am, Haggens/Banking
1:30 pm, Resident Meeting **TR**
 3:00 pm, Nickel BINGO **GR**

6
 9:30 am, Exercise **GR**
 10:00 am, Trivia **IL**
 1:30 pm, Shopping: Burlington Mall
 3:00 pm, Trivia **AL**
 3:30 pm, Sitting Exercise **AL**

7
 9:30 am, Exercise **GR**
 11:00 am, Chair Volleyball **GR**
 3:00 pm, BINGO **GR**
 3:30 pm, Sing Along **AL**
 6:00 pm, Midweek Movie **TR**

1
 9:30 am, Exercise **GR**
 1:30 pm, Scenic Ride
 3:30 pm, Cooking Hour **AL**
5:00 pm, Creekside's Holiday Reception **IL Lobby**

2
 9:30 am, Exercise **GR**
 10:00 am, Fred Meyer
 1:30 pm, Walking Group **IL**
 2:30 pm, BINGO **GR**
 4:00 pm, Solarium Social **SL**

3
 9:30 am, Exercise **GR**
 1:00 pm, BINGO **GR**
 2:15 pm, Wii Class **GAM**
 3:30 pm, Spinning Yarn with Joanie **AL**

10 **Breakfast with Santa**
 8:30, 9:30 & 10:30 am Seatings **GR**

11
 10:00 am, Church Service **TR**
 12:30 pm, Catholic Service **TR**
1:30 pm, Carolers **GR**
2:00 pm, New Resident Social with Joanie **GR**
 3:00 pm, Sunday Matinee **TR**

12
 9:30 am, Exercise **GR**
 10:00 am, Haggens/Banking
 1:30 pm, Scenic Ride
 3:00 pm, Nickel BINGO **GR**

13
 9:30 am, Exercise **GR**
 10:00 am, Trivia **IL**
 1:30 pm, Shopping: Dollar Store
 3:00 pm, Trivia **AL**
 3:30 pm, Sitting Exercise **AL**

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 9:30 am, Exercise **GR**
11:00 am, Casino Run: Resident Choice
 3:00 pm, BINGO **GR**
 6:00 pm, Midweek Movie **TR**

15 Foot Care Room 218
 9:30 am, Exercise **GR**
10:00 - 3:00, **IL Lobby**
 Gift Wrapping provided by Home Instead - Senior Care
 3:30 pm, Wii Class **GAM**
 6:00 pm, Scrabble

16
 9:30 am, Exercise **GR**
 10:00 am, Fred Meyer
 1:30 pm, Walking Group **IL**
 2:30 pm, BINGO **GR**
4:00 pm, Happy Hour: Jonny Carinos

17
 9:30 am, Exercise **GR**
 1:00 pm, BINGO **GR**
 2:15 pm, Wii Class **GAM**
 3:30 pm, Spinning Yarn with Joanie **AL**

18
 10:00 am, Church Service **TR**
 12:30 pm, Catholic Service **TR**
2:00 pm, Hometowners: Tom & Joe
 3:00 pm, Sunday Matinee **TR**

19
 9:30 am, Exercise **GR**
 10:00 am, Haggens/Banking
 1:30 pm, Scenic Ride
 3:00 pm, Nickel BINGO **GR**

20
 9:30 am, Exercise **GR**
 10:00 am, Trivia **IL**
1:30 pm, Monthly Birthdays with The Renegades
 3:00 pm, Trivia **AL**
 3:30 pm, Sitting Exercise **AL**

21
 9:30 am, Exercise **GR**
 11:00 am, Chair Volleyball **GR**
 3:00 pm, BINGO **GR**
 3:30 pm, Sing Along **AL**
 6:00 pm, Midweek Movie **TR**

22
 9:30 am, Exercise **GR**
2:00 pm, White Elephant, Ugly Sweater Holiday Party **GR**
 3:30 pm, Cooking Hour **AL**
 6:00 pm, Scrabble

23
 9:30 am, Exercise **GR**
 10:00 am, Fred Meyer
 1:30 pm, Walking Group **IL**
 2:30 pm, BINGO **GR**
4:00 pm, Ken's Cocktail Hour: 'Poinsettia' **GR**

24
 9:30 am, Exercise **GR**
 1:00 pm, BINGO **GR**
 2:15 pm, Wii Class **GAM**
 3:30 pm, Spinning Yarn with Joanie **AL**

25 **Christmas Party**
2:00 pm with Randy and Joanie **GR**
Merry Christmas

26
 9:30 am, Exercise **GR**
 10:00 am, Haggens/Banking
 1:30 pm, Scenic Ride
 3:00 pm, Nickel BINGO **GR**

27
 9:30 am, Exercise **GR**
 10:00 am, Trivia **IL**
 1:30 pm, Shopping: Thrift Store
 3:00 pm, Trivia **AL**
 3:30 pm, Sitting Exercise **AL**

28
 9:30 am, Exercise **GR**
 11:00 am, Chair Volleyball **GR**
 3:00 pm, BINGO **GR**
 6:00 pm, Midweek Movie **TR**

29
 9:30 am, Exercise **GR**
 1:30 pm, Scenic Ride
 3:30 pm, Cooking Hour **AL**
 6:00 pm, Scrabble

30
 9:30 am, Exercise **GR**
 10:00 am, Fred Meyer
 2:30 pm, BINGO **GR**
 4:00 pm, Solarium Social **SL**

31 9:30 am, Exercise **GR**
New Year's Eve Party
2:00 pm with Joanie **GR**
