



Seasons Greetings

from Columbus Residence!
Winter 2015

December Events Calendar

“Light Up for Christ” – We begin our Advent journey with an evening of Scripture, prayer, hymns and the illumination of our courtyard on **Tuesday December 1st** at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the service. **Please RSVP by Nov. 24th** if you plan on attending.

Christmas Social & Tree Decorating – Join us on **Thursday December 3rd** at 2:00 p.m. for a festive holiday party to trim the tree in the Main Lounge and enjoy some sweet treats!

Carol Singers – The **“Season Singers”** will be here on **Wednesday December 9th** at 2:00 p.m. to sing your favourite Christmas carols.

Family Night – Celebrate the holiday season and join us for an evening of music and fun on **Thursday December 10th** at 7:00 p.m. **“Keith Bennett & Leslie Montenay”** will be here to provide musical entertainment. Refreshments will be served in the Dining Room after the performance.

4th Floor Christmas Party – Family and friends are welcome to join us on **Thursday December 17th** at 2:00 p.m. for a holiday party with our special care residents. **Lyndia Scott** will be providing musical entertainment and festive refreshments will also be served.

New Year’s Eve/Birthday Party – We will ring in the New Year and celebrate our December birthdays at our New Year’s Birthday Party on **Thursday December 31st** at 2:45 p.m. in our Main Dining Room.

Our Silver Jubilee Celebration

On October 28th we celebrated our Silver Jubilee. Residents, staff, family, friends, board members and invited guests gathered together for a special service to give thanks for our 25 years of serving seniors and to recognize staff for their years of service.

We were honoured to have Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB join us for this very special event. We were also honoured to have Mary Nezil here to help us officially open the “Wally Nezil Meeting Room”. The late Wally Nezil was the founding Chairman of Columbus Long Term Care Society and it has often been said that if not for his dedication, Columbus Residence would not have been built.

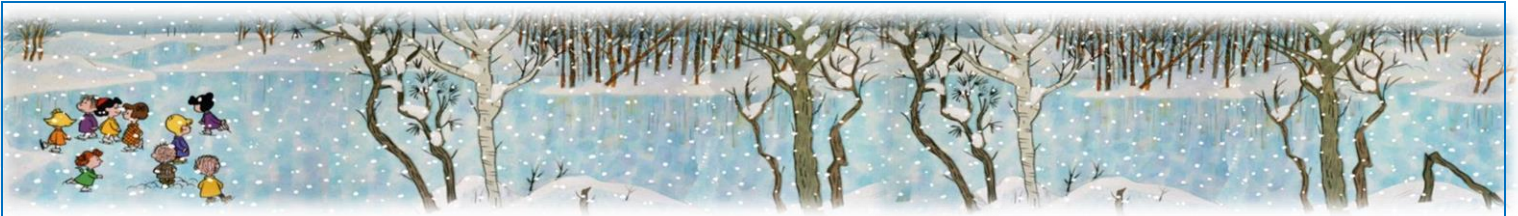
Christmas Craft &

Bake Sale December 5th



Our annual **Christmas Craft & Bake Sale** will be held on **Saturday December 5th** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Donations of baked goods or craft items will be accepted up to **Friday Nov 28th** and may be dropped off at the Activity Room. If you have any questions about the sale, Please contact Paloma in Recreation (Ext 124).



Gifts for Staff Policy

Our policy is that staff may not accept individual tips or gifts from residents or family members. However, on special occasions such as Christmas, if a resident or a family member feels strongly that they want to give an individual gift they may do so, provided the value of the gift does not exceed \$25 **and** the employee is comfortable accepting the gift (*the employee must inform their manager of any/all gifts received*). The purpose of this policy is to protect both residents and staff. For further clarification regarding this policy, please contact Ricky Chau (Ext 118).

If a resident or family member would like to make a donation in recognition of their appreciation to staff as a whole, they may make a donation to the Staff Social Fund.



Flu Season Precautions

Flu season is now upon us and we need to take extra precautions to protect our residents. Family & friends who have **NOT** received their flu vaccination are asked to wear a mask while they are in the building (masks are available at the Front Reception desk). Also, please be sure and use the hand sanitizers and/or wash your hands before and after each visit, and postpone any visits to Columbus Residence if you are experiencing flu symptoms.



when you Choose joy
You feel good
& when you feel good, YOU do good
& when YOU do good it Reminds others of what joy feels like
& it just might inspire them to do the same.

Wishing you and your families a beautiful Christmas season, and may God's blessings and grace continue to be upon us in 2016



Christmas Social Leaves

We would appreciate your help in providing us with information regarding any resident social leave plans over any part of the holiday season. Even if the absence is for only one meal, we appreciate having this information in advance for meal planning and the preparation of social leave medications. You may leave this information with one of the nurses on duty, or you may leave a message at our Front Office (Ext 100) and our office staff will pass this information onto the nurses and/or Kitchen.

Holiday Guest Meals

The holidays are always a popular time for guest meal requests however our limited dining space means we can only accommodate a limited number of guests for any one meal. This includes guests who require table set up only (*no food*). We recommend reserving **as soon as possible** for the following meals:

Christmas Eve Dinner

Christmas Day Lunch & Dinner

New Year's Eve Dinner

New Year's Day Lunch & Dinner

Reservations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis until Wednesday December 16th or until we reach our maximum seating capacity – whichever comes first! If you plan to invite more than 3 guests, you will need to discuss your request in advance with our Food Services Manager, Linda Chiang (Ext 105).

Our special holiday menus will be posted in our elevators and on our website in December.

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