



New Horizons
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Independent and Assisted Living in Woburn, MA

Monthly Update

December 2017

A MOST APPRECIATED BEQUEST: Steve Miloszewski resided at New Horizons for 11 years, celebrated his 100th birthday here, and was an integral member of our community. With an extremely generous gift from his estate to New Horizons, his legacy continues. All of us at New Horizons fondly remember Steve, a man who deeply cared about his fellow human beings. We are proud to honor his memory with a new plaque on display at Choate.



NEW RESIDENTS: Maureen “Mo” Copithorne, Suite 339 joins us from Arlington, where she raised her four children. During her career in a family-owned real estate business, she was active in various community and professional organizations and boards. Mo has traveled extensively; her favorite destinations include Ireland and Pompano Beach, Florida, her “home away from home.” We extend a warm welcome to Mo as she joins her longtime friend, resident **Helene Donahue**, here at New Horizons.

NEW STAFF: Please welcome **Palosha Rashid** to our dining room crew.



CHRISTMAS DINNER: The food service elves are busy planning a holiday dinner for residents and guests on **Monday, December 25** in Rumford Dining Room. This festive mid-day meal costs \$20 per guest and \$10 for children eight and younger. To assist in our preparations, please inform Dining Room Supervisor **Jenna Messina** by **Monday, December 18** if you will have any guests or if you expect to be out for dinner that day. More details on timing to follow. To allow New Horizons’ food service staff the opportunity to spend a portion of the Christmas holiday with their families, the evening meal will consist of Gourmet-to-Go parcels, containing extra-special goodies for the occasion.

CELEBRATING HANUKKAH:

Hanukkah, the eight-day “Festival of Lights” or “Festival of Rededication,” begins at sundown, **Tuesday, December 12**. Residents of all faiths are welcome to join the daily **4:30 PM** menorah lighting ceremony in the third-floor living room. Eight candles represent the eight days during which the lamp of a rededicated Jewish Temple miraculously stayed alight on just a single day’s worth of sacred oil. A ninth candle is used to light the others. The observance dates back to the second century, B.C.E., after a small band of Jews defeated the Greek army that desecrated the Temple.



STAFF APPRECIATION FUND: Each December, all full- and part-time staff of New Horizons — except the executive and associate directors, director of community relations, executive chef, and Winchester Home Care staff — participate in the Staff Appreciation Fund. Staff receive a proportionate share based on their annual number of hours worked. We sincerely appreciate the generosity shown by so many residents and families who have contributed already. For those still wishing to participate, please drop off donations at the Front Desk. Your holiday gift to this fund is the only occasion when any New Horizons staff may receive a gratuity and will truly help make the season bright for our dedicated team. Please speak with **Christine Coakley**, executive director, if you have any questions.

THANK YOU



EVENT SCRAPBOOK: Larry Guiseppe, Woburn's veterans director, led a special ceremony honoring New Horizons' resident veterans for their military service. Mayor **Scott Galvin**, New Horizons Trustee **Charlie Culhane**, **Deacon Phil Hardcastle**, and third graders from St. Charles School also attended. *Pictured at left:* New Horizons' veterans. *Front row:* **Bernie Walsh** and **Wally Larsen**; *second row:* **Jim Hanlon**, **Charlie Dahill**, **Gerry DiChiara**,

Ed Hatch, **Pat DeVasto**, and **Bob Peary**; *third row:* **Guy Mistretta**, **Frank McCall**, **Jim Hurley**, **Jim Sethares**, **Vinny Palumbo**, and **Charlie Gazzara** (not pictured: **Sam D'Agostino** and **Nils Jonsson**).

New Horizons residents enjoyed a fun-filled evening at the recent *Nightclub* event, when our community was transformed into a cabaret setting with live music, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and dancing. *Pictured at right:* on the dance floor are **Frank and Claire McCall**.



A N N U A L T R E E

LIGHTING: The holidays are fast approaching! Ring in the season with our festive tree lighting in the living room on **Friday, December 1**, at **6:30 PM**. This holiday favorite will feature musical entertainment by pianist **Mark Tavenner**.



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE: Join us on **Sunday, December 3**, at **2:00 PM** for our ho-ho-holiday open house. Family and friends of all ages are invited to enjoy our famous make-your-own ice cream sundae bar, face painting, and crafts. Santa will make a special visit and pose for photos with residents and families. Come share the holiday spirit with us!

STAFF APPRECIATION: The annual staff holiday breakfast is scheduled for **Thursday, December 21**, at **10 AM** in Rumford Dining Room. In keeping with tradition, residents are invited to present holiday fund checks to staff members. Residents should notify **Christine**, **Lisa**, or **Barbra** if they wish to participate.



DECORATIONS: Residents are welcome to decorate their front doors with an item of seasonal, personal, or religious significance. As we enter the holiday season, please note that natural trees and greenery are not permitted on the door or within the apartment, as they are considered fire hazards. Instead, please adorn doors and apartments with non-flammable decorations.

CURIO DISPLAY: It is an annual tradition to see resident **Janet Mercer's** collection of Wilton Armetale Annual Christmas Plates on display in the curio case near **Barbra Graham's** desk off the main lobby. Each year since the 1960s, Wilton Armetale has introduced collectable pieces in a variety of Christmas themes.



Mark Your Calendar!

	December 1	Annual Holiday Tree Lighting	6:30 PM, <i>3rd Floor Living Room</i>	
	December 3	Holiday Open House	2:00–4:00 PM, <i>Living and dining rooms</i>	
	December 21	Staff Appreciation Breakfast	10:00 AM, <i>Rumford Dining Room</i>	
	Dec 12–Dec 20	Hanukkah/Lighting of Menorah	4:30 PM, <i>3rd Floor Living Room</i>	
	December 25	Christmas Day Dinner	<i>Rumford Dining Room</i>	
	December 31	New Year's Eve Champagne Toast	6:30 PM, <i>3rd Floor Living Room</i>	

Happy holiday wishes from the staff of New Horizons!

