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December 2020

Holiday Guide

Holiday Schedules

Please pay close attention to Lakehouse West notices, NEWSBITS, and the Social Calendar for modifications or changes to programs and schedules related to the holiday season, while maintaining social distancing guidelines.

Hanukkah Observance

Hosted by
Larry & Barbara Olson
Thursday, December 10
4:30 p.m. Dining Room



This is a One-meal day serving lunch at 12:00 pm & 1:30 pm. No regular dinner service. You must sign up in the Events Book for the Hanukkah Observance, in order to attend. Seating is limited on a first come first served basis.

An Evening of Elegance

Wednesday, December 16
Lakehouse West Dining Room
Seating #1, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm
Seating #2, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
This is a one-meal day. (no lunch)



Don't miss the most elegant evening of the year. Enjoy cocktails, appetizers, a sumptuous dinner, entertainment by Eddie Tobin, and a specially decorated Dining Room. Jackets and ties are a must for men and ladies should dress in their best evening wear. A photographer will be on hand taking photos. Note: The dinner seating times have been adjusted to allow residents time for cocktails before dinner. A set dinner menu will be served at 4:30 pm & 6:30 pm.

Christmas Eve Dinner

Thursday, December 24
5:00 pm & 6:30 pm
Dining Room



Enjoy cocktails, wine & piano music by Robbie Rose. Happy Holidays!

Christmas Day Lunch

Friday, December 25
12:00 pm & 1:30 pm
Dining Room
One meal day (no dinner)



Screwdrivers, Bloody Marys and wine served tableside along with a delicious holiday meal. Regular dinner dress required. Merry Christmas!

New Year's Eve Dinner

Thursday, December 31
Lakehouse West Dining Room
Seating #1, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm
Seating #2, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
Lunch is available



Enjoy cocktails & wine, appetizers, a delicious dinner, and entertainment by Dr. Dale Rieth!. Festive holiday dress. Happy New Year!

New Year's Day Lunch

Friday, January 1
12:00 pm & 1:30 pm
Dining Room
One meal day (no dinner)



Screwdrivers, Bloody Marys and wine served tableside along with a delicious holiday meal.

Happy New Year from Lakehouse West !



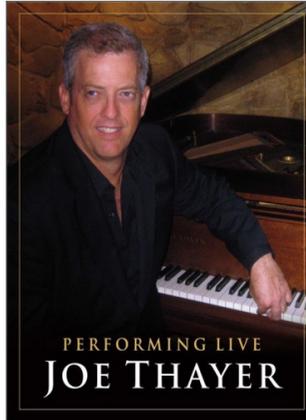
Holiday Entertainers



Dr. Dale Rieth is a Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Indian River State College. Dr. Rieth established the Musical Theater Program Track and is also the recipient of The Community Endowed Teaching Chair for Fine Arts with which he established IRSC's

Performing Arts Academy for area youth. An active conductor and recitalist, Rieth's professional activities include stints for Six Flags Show productions, and the Indiana Repertory Theatre. Holding degrees from Indiana University, Florida State University, and a DMA from the College Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Rieth is also the recipient of a Fulbright Research Fellowship for completing contemporary Choral music of Kenya. Dr. Rieth is the son of Lakehouse West resident Dale Rieth, and will perform at Lakehouse West on December 31.

Robbie Rose began composing original tunes at age 13. Rose attended the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, studying with Fred Hersch, Tom McKinnley, and Miroslav Vitous. Rose has appeared with Cab Calloway, Gil Evans, George Russel, The Rascals, Kenny Garrett, Jerry Bergonzi and David Mann, among others. He composed and recorded many commercial jingles and TV themes, including the theme for "Zoo Life Magazine" which still airs in Europe. He will perform December 24.



Joe Thayer performs nightly at Saraota's finest restaurants such as Mattison's, Main Street's Trattoria, and the Ritz Carlton. With a relaxed piano style and engaging voice, he caters to any crowd's musical tastes. His repertoire includes the classics of Sinatra, Bennett, and Cole Porter,

as well as great singer song writers like Billy Joel and Elton John. His love for all music also includes current covers from Ray Lamontagne, John Mayer, and Jack Johnson. All styles are found in Joe's set from Johnny Cash to The Cure. No matter what the venue, Joe always knows the right tunes to play. Joe has been playing regularly in Lakehouse West Dining Room (at a safe distance of course) and he has become a new resident favorite.

Eddie Tobin has been singing and playing piano since he was eight years old. Attending the University of Miami, Eddie was in the Studio Music and Jazz Piano program. He entertained around the country and on cruise ships. He spent 15 great years in Nashville accompanying the Forester Sisters, who opened for Kenny Rogers, and traveling with Brenda Lee. For seven and a half years, Eddie was music director, pianist, conductor and arranger for Engelbert Humperdinck. He performs jazz, blues, standards, ragtime, classical, pop, calypso and country music. He will entertain us December 16!



Holiday Spirit



What do you tell a child when they ask, “Is Santa real”? or “Are you Santa?”

It’s a question so many of us have heard and it certainly tugged at our heart strings. “Are you Santa?” Here’s what one parent told their child:

I know you’ve wanted the answer to this question for a long time, and I’ve had to give it careful thought to know just what to say and to tell you the truth. The answer is no. I am not Santa. There is no one Santa. The real Santa lives in the hearts of all people. I am, however, the person who fills your stockings with presents. I also choose and wrap the presents under the tree, the same way my mom did for me, and the same way her mom did for her. (And yes, Daddy helps, too.) I imagine you will someday do this for your children, and I know you will love seeing them run down the stairs on Christmas morning. You will love seeing them sit under the tree, their small faces lit with Christmas lights. This won’t make you Santa, though. Santa is more than any one person, Santa is the love of many people, and Santa’s work has gone on longer than any of us have lived. What Santa does is simple, but it is powerful. He teaches children how to have belief in something they can’t see or touch. It’s a big job, and it’s an important one. Throughout your life, you will need this capacity to believe: in yourself, in your friends, in your talents, and in your family. You’ll also need to believe in things you can’t measure or even hold in your hand. Here, I am talking about love, that great power that will light your life from the inside out, even during its darkest, coldest moments. Santa is also a teacher, and I have been his student, and now you know the secret of how he gets down all those chimneys on Christmas Eve: he has help from all the people whose hearts he’s filled with joy. With full hearts, people like Daddy and me help Santa do a job that would otherwise be impossible.

Santa is love, charity, hope and happiness. I alone am not Santa, but, I am one of many Santas’, and now you are, too. As long as there is love and kindness in your heart, Santa will always be real.



Holiday Notes



Patriot Singers will be missed

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Patriot Singers for all their hard work performing, and for all the joy they have given to Lakehouse West residents over the past years. They have been professionally and beautifully organized and directed by resident Peg Smith. Our gratitude to her is great. Unfortunately, we are unable to bring the group together to sing this year, with strict social distancing guidelines in place. Hopefully, when we get through this health crisis, we will once again hear the Patriots sing.

News from the Notable Knitters

It won't be long before Christmas is here and our Notable Knitters have been hard at work completing their hand made gift donations. Although they meet only once a week, many continue working at home and have been moving ahead at an amazing rate! As of November 10th, they have donated 47 completed items, 28 preemie blankets, 6 crib blankets and 13 blanket/shawls for hospice patients. After an article about them was published in the Herald Tribune, they received donations of yarns from Sarasota and Bradenton, as well as notes of appreciation from Sarasota Memorial hospital and our local Hospice. Working together for such a good cause has not only given the Knitters a continued sense of accomplishment and purpose, but has resulted in their warm and genuine bonding. New members are always welcome to join the group. If interested, please contact Helen Fleder or Phyllis McIlraith.



Thank you for Service

A very special thank you to Larry & Barbara Olson for hosting our socially distanced" Hanukkah Service.

Remember?....

when you began making a Christmas list in September and kept adding to it until at least December 15th?

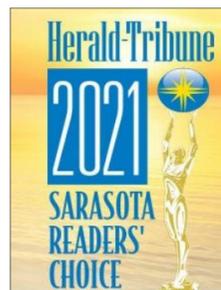
It showed all the things you wanted Santa to bring: a



Shirley Temple doll with clothes for every occasion, perhaps a special dress with lots of embroidered stars on the hem, and black patent leather shoes to wear for the holiday. If you were a boy, a baseball bat was probably on your list. Growing older we decorated lots of Christmas Cookies, made jam, found the perfect "live" tree which we put up early (now we know it wasn't Santa that did that) and began using family silverware and special china. We continued these traditions as we married and raised our own children until it suddenly seemed we were alone, far from all these things.

Enter Lakehouse West where we have made new friends, lots like us, or maybe not. and established different traditions to enjoy.

Merry Christmas! from Lola Lakehouse



Thank you to the many Lakehouse West residents for showing support and taking pride in their home, for the 5th year in a row, by voting for Lakehouse West as the Best Retirement Community! Winners are announced in 2021



Healthy Holidays

Barbara Argue D.O.N.

Barbara is available in the Health Center Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or by calling ext. 507. After hours and on weekends, there is always a nurse on duty 24 hours a day 7 days per week, to provide residents' assistance in a medical emergency. In this instance, call the receptionist (#0) and ask for the nurse to call you. Please do not leave a message at extension 507, as Barbara is not available after 4:00 pm or on weekends.



Laboratory Services

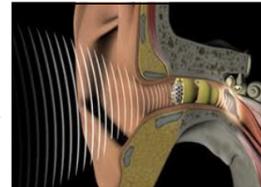
Lab draws are in the Health Center (Barbara's Office) between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. on Tuesdays. No appointment is necessary, but you may want to review your lab slip with the Director of Nursing. Specimen cups are available in the Health Center for you to pick up that morning. Questions? Call ext. 507.



Hearing Aid Services

Fourth Tuesday of every month 9:00 a.m.– 10:00 a.m. in the Card Room.

A representative from Gulf Gate Hearing Aid Center will be in the checking and cleaning hearing aids. They can also change and supply batteries. No appointment is needed.



Fall Prevention Assessment & Balance Screening

with Albert Perez, PTA

Lakehouse West
December 15 & 29

Sign up in the Events Book located in the Great Hall for an appointment.

Albert will come to your apartment for your personal assessment & screening.



Blood Pressure Services

Residents may have their blood pressure checked at any time the Health Center is open.



Podiatrist Services

Dr. Arthur Clode will be at Lakehouse West and will see residents in their apartments. For more information call the Health Center at ext. 507.



Medical Appointment Transportation

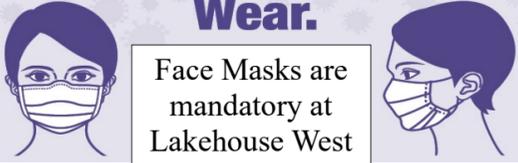
Lakehouse West provides transportation for residents to medical appointments. Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am—12:00 pm

Sign up for medical appointment transportation by 3:30 pm the day before your appointment.



Show that you care. Wear.

Face Masks are mandatory at Lakehouse West



Holiday Memories



My favorite things of the Holiday Season are the decorations at Lakehouse West! It makes our home feel so warm and inviting. Better than any hotel! Have never seen anything like it before!

– Frank Poplawski



My favorite memories of the Holiday Season was having all the family together under one roof. We could enjoy each other's company and just appreciate being together.

– Rosemary Jump



Growing up, my favorite part of the Holiday Season was always Christmas Eve!

As a family, we'd go to church for Christmas Eve services, then we'd go home and fix a special meal while we watch "A Christmas Story."

Then, I'd wake up every hour to see if it was Christmas yet so we could open presents. My parents usually gave in around 6am. I don't think I slept through the night on Christmas Eve till I was 17. I was just too excited!



My favorite memory of the Holiday Season is when my husband came home from fighting in WWII in Germany right before Christmas. It is something I will always remember and cherish.

– Beverly MacDonald



My favorite memory of the Holiday Season is that I, when I was younger, my dad would dress up as Santa at church, but I never knew it was him. That is, until a teenager yelled "Hey Mr. Shafer, where's Mrs. Claus?"

My dad loved being Santa and he was great at it. He would give each of the kids a stocking every year with a special something down in the bottom of it.

– Jackie Gam



While I was still living in Maine, we went to Hawaii for Christmas. Living in FL now, I'm used to palm trees and sunshine at Christmas, but back then this was a huge deal. It was truly wonderful. Now, any time I hear the song "Mele Kalikimaka" it takes me right back to that magical vacation.

– John Dionne



Resident Birthdays in December			NEWSBITS- Best Newsletter 2017, 2018 & 2019 <i>Awarded by Florida Health Care Activity Coordinators Association</i> Editor & Publisher: John Dionne Editorial Consultants: Ginny Cardozo, Writer & Editor Ginny Coveney & Larry Olson, Editors Stephen Martin- Bennet, photo contributor Frank Poplawski, photo contributor
Date	Resident Name	Apt. #	
8	Ronald DeAnna	328	
8	Ewa Hammer	311	
12	Mary Brown	134	
14	Bill Huber	339	
17	Ruth Feldman	247	
18	Carol Ann Pearson	331	
27	Norma Oatway	119	
29	Sallie Haberman	363	
29	Edmund Strauss	256	
31	Joseph Perry	160	

On the last Friday of every month residents sign birthday cards and donate \$1.00 for every card signed to local charities. This program is managed by the Friendship Committee.



In Memoriam
Betty McMillen
Passed away November 2, 2020

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