

DECEMBER 2025

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## A word from your ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Residents, Families, and Friends,

It's the most wonderful time of the year! As Christmas approaches, our halls are filled with twinkling lights, cheerful music, and the cozy spirit that makes Grand Oaks feel like home. December is always such a heartwarming month — a time for togetherness, reflection, and gratitude.

I want to thank each of you for bringing so much joy and life to our community. Whether it's sharing a laugh during activities, joining us for our Christmas socials, or helping decorate the tree, your presence fills our hearts with the true meaning of the season.

Our team has been working hard to make this month extra special with festive events, delicious treats, and plenty of reasons to smile. I encourage everyone to take part — come sing a carol, sip some cocoa, and make new memories with friends who have become family.

As we close out the year, let's take a moment to count our blessings and look forward to a bright and joyful New Year ahead. May your holiday season be filled with peace, laughter, and love.

Happy Holidays!

With warmest wishes,

*Sabrina Straight*

Sabrina Straight,  
*Administrator*





*Chef's*  
SPECIAL

APPLE & BRIE  
CHICKEN



Crisp Chicken Breast stuffed with Apples,  
Tart Cherries, Brie, & Mozzarella Cheeses.  
Served with Poultry Apple Supreme sauce  
& Dried Cherry Garnish.

*Happy*  
BIRTHDAY!!!



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Kathy T.



*New Move-Ins*  
WELCOME!



Patricia W.

Leonard O.



## DECEMBER FUN FACTS!

The zodiac signs for December are Sagittarius and Capricorn, representing adventure and determination—fitting traits for ending one year and entering the next.

Many classic winter spices like cinnamon, cloves, and nutmeg were once valuable trade goods and signified luxury during cold-weather celebrations.

December is the only month that always ends on the same day of the week as September, no matter the year.

While December is one of the coldest months in the Northern Hemisphere, it is one of the warmest in countries such as Australia, Argentina, and South Africa.

The tradition of sending holiday cards became popular in the 1840s in England, when printing costs finally made them affordable to everyday people.

Many cultures used greenery like holly, ivy, and evergreen branches to decorate during winter as symbols of life continuing even in the darkest months.

The month's name is still a reminder of its ancient position—though it is now the twelfth month, its name comes from the word meaning “tenth.”

December often symbolizes reflection, because it marks the end of the old year and invites people to look back on accomplishments, memories, and moments worth keeping.

# December Holidays

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>9:30a Walkie Talkie 10a Porch Talk <b>11a Church Service</b> 1:30p <b>BINGO</b> 3p Rummikub</p>	<p><b>9:15a Sit &amp; Fit</b> 1 9:30a Porch Talk <b>10a Penny Poker</b> 2p LCR 3:30p Christmas Movie 6p Board games</p>	<p><b>9:15a Walmart</b> 2 9:30a Porch Talk <b>11:15a Bible Study</b> 2p Wj &amp; Friends 4p Rummikub</p>	<p><b>9:15a Sit &amp; Fit</b> 3 <b>10a Arts &amp; Crafts</b> 2p <b>BINGO</b> 3:30p Trivia</p>	<p><b>9:30a Activity Meeting</b> 4 10a <b>BINGO</b> 2p Auction Time! 4p Golden Oldies Hour</p>	<p>9a Porch Talk 5 <b>9:15a Casino</b> 11am Price is Right 3p Christmas Coloring 4p Rummikub</p>	<p><b>9:30a 4-H Club Gift Exchange!</b> 6 10a Adult Coloring 11a Price is Right 1:30p Rummikub <b>2:30p Penny Poker</b> 4p Checkers</p>
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<p>9:30a Walkie Talkie 21 10a Porch Talk <b>11a Church Service</b> 12p Family Potluck! 1:30p Bingo! <small>Winter Begins</small></p>	<p>9a Walkie Talkie 22 <b>9:15a Sit &amp; Fit</b> <b>10a Penny Poker</b> 2p Christmas Party 3:30p Christmas Movie <b>Salon Day</b></p>	<p>9am Porch Talk 23 <b>9:15a Walmart</b> 11:15a Bible Study 2p Holly Jolly Happy Hour &amp; Gift Exchange 4p Rummikub</p>	<p><b>9:15a Sit &amp; Fit</b> 24 <b>9:30a Arts &amp; Crafts</b> <b>10:30a LCR</b> 11a Price is Right 4p Puzzle Time</p>	<p>25 <b>Merry Christmas</b> <small>Christmas</small></p>	<p>9a Porch Talk 26 <b>9:15a Pick Your Game!</b> 2pm Christmas Coloring 3p Christmas Movie <small>Kwanzaa Begins</small></p>	<p>9:30a Porch Talk 27 10a Adult Coloring 11a Price is Right 1:30p Rummikub 2p Crossword Puzzles 4p Checkers</p>
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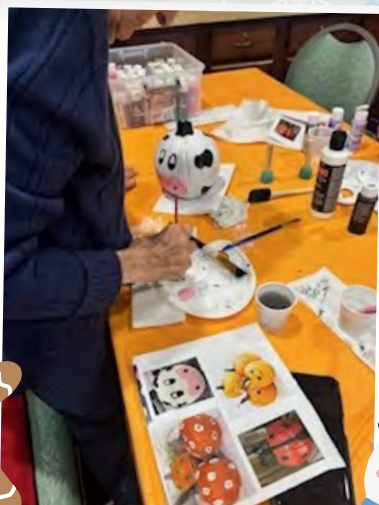
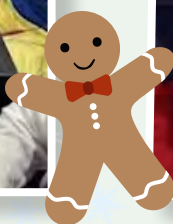
## Best Friend SPOTLIGHT

# KARLA

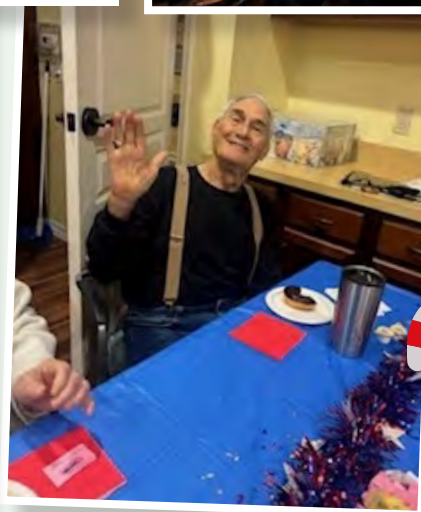
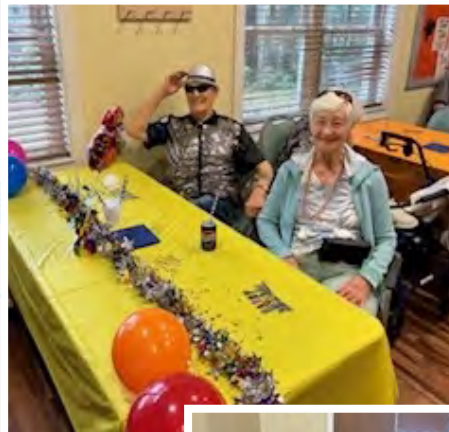


This month, we're shining the spotlight on one of Grand Oaks' absolute favorites — Karla. She holds a special place in Terry Y's heart, not just as a loyal companion but as a gift wrapped in love and memories. Terry's late husband brought Karla home from West Palm when she was just a tiny puppy, and the bond they formed has only grown deeper through the years. Terry chose the name "Karla" in honor of an old friend from Holland, giving her story an extra layer of meaning.

Karla loves chasing after her ball, spending time outdoors, and enjoying her all-time favorite treat — doggy ice cream. She has been by Terry's side for a very long time, bringing comfort, joy, and that steady, unconditional love only a cherished dog can give. She truly is a bright spot in our community.











## Calendar Spotlight



*Our Roots  
Run Deep  
IN OUR  
COMMUNITY*



*Every Monday*

Christmas Movie  
3:30pm



*Every Wednesday*

Arts & Crafts



*December 25th*

Christmas Day!  
9:30am



*December 31st*

New Year's Day!