

## JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

### Management TEAM

**DONALD CROW**  
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**TERESA ROBERTS**  
*Vice President*

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*EVP Finance*

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*Administrator*

**SALLY HERNANDEZ**  
*Nurse Manager*

**MELISSA MCBRIDE**  
*Office Manager*

**TRISHA MCCHESTER,  
TRACIE DAVIS,  
TARISSA WRIGHT**  
*Community Chefs*

**XAVIERA CARRANZA**  
*Activity Coordinator*



### 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 } PORK  
SPECIAL } POTSTICKERS



Asian pork dumplings, pan seared in sesame oil, drizzled with teriyaki glaze and sprinkled with toasted sesame seeds



Happy  
BIRTHDAY!

JAN  
2

Leonard O.

JAN  
18

Marjorie G.

JAN  
23

Doris A.

JAN  
29

George M.



New Staff  
WELCOME!

- Grace
- Deanna



RESIDENT } SPOTLIGHT } HAROLD M.



Harold M. was born in Alva, Kentucky, and is the proud father of a son and a daughter. Over the years, Harold built a strong work ethic, beginning his career in a hardware store in Hamilton, Ohio. He later attended Bob Jones University for a year and went on to hold various office positions with different companies. While office work paid the bills, Harold knew it wasn't where his heart truly was. He eventually found long-term fulfillment at Delco Products, where he worked for 30 years before retiring.

Retirement didn't slow him down—Harold went on to serve as the head of a ministry group at North Fairfield Baptist Church for many years, where the program continued to grow under his leadership.

One of Harold's fondest memories is enjoying the cookies his late wife used to bake, a treat that still brings him comfort and joy.

Today, Harold shares that what he enjoys most about living at Grand Oaks is the food, the people, and being close to his family

C F W E G I C I C L E L A W X N R A	BOOTS
L R S C E T A R B E L E C S C A R F	CELEBRATE
C O B S M C Y Y D R C C Q R E M M R	CHILLY
C S R R G W I I E J K L A Y H W H O	COLD
T T A A C I R G O O F R W D L O C Z	EARMUFFS
V Y R A U N A J N W A E K X T N A E	FREEZE
B O B T E T S P M R N N E C B S Y N	FROSTY
O T R S L E D D I N G N O F I N K E	FROZEN
O E M A I R T E Y P R C X J O O F Y	GLOVES
T G L O V E S S G G W O F D R E W M P	HAT
S W X H G I P B N A R E H E N F L E	HOT COCOA
G R E K L A F X S N O W B A L L S C	ICE
D J T E D R K A O S F F U M R A E S	ICICLE
Y D R C E Q R S U M I C E L C K R R	JANUARY
I E J E L A S N O I T U L O S E R G	NEW YEAR
H E Z C I R R O Q L I E J K L A N H	RESOLUTIONS
E E I U D S T W A A C A S G O I F R	SCARF
I T Y R E P P I L S W T A P I Q J N	SKIING
W A E K X V E N C S G E L K B T E R	SLEDDING
C H I L L Y E G B O Y K S N O O T R	SLIPPERY



## JANUARY TRIVIA

1. How many sides does every snowflake have?
2. What phenomenon brings freezing air from the North Pole?
3. When does winter officially start in the Northern Hemisphere?
4. What's the largest snowflake ever recorded?
5. Where are the first Winter Olympics held?
6. What color are polar bears?
7. What year did Alaska become a state?
8. What are the birthstone and birth flower for January?



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<h1>January 2026</h1>					
9:30a Porch Talk 4 11a Church Service 1:30p B-I-N-G-O 3p World News 4p Rummikub	9:15a Sit & Fit 5 <b>10a Penny Poker</b> 11a Price is Right <b>2p Arts &amp; Crafts</b> 3p Movie Time <b>Salon Day</b>	<b>9:15a Walmart</b> 6 10a Porch Talk 11:15a Bible Study <b>2p WJ &amp; Friends</b> 3p Puzzles 4p Scrabble	9:15a Sit & Fit 7 <b>9:45a Townhall Meeting</b> <b>10a BINGO</b> 11a Price is Right <b>2p Auction Time</b> 4p UNO	9:15a Porch Talk 1 <b>9:30a Activity Meeting</b> 10a Rummikub 11a Price is Right <b>2p New Year's Part</b> New Year's Day	<b>Leonard's B-Day</b> 2 9:15a Sit & Fit <b>10a BINGO</b> 11a Price is Right <b>2p Happy Hour &amp; Blackjack</b> 3p Scrabble	9:30a Porch Talk 3 10a Hidden Objects <b>2:30p Penny Poker</b> 4p Board games
11 9:30a Porch Talk 11a Church Service 1:30p B-I-N-G-O 3p World News 4p Rummikub	9:15a Sit & Fit 12 <b>10a Penny Poker</b> 11a Price is Right <b>2p Arts &amp; Crafts</b> 3p Movie Time	<b>9:15a Walmart</b> 13 9:30a Porch Talk 11:15a Bible Study <b>2p LCR</b> 3p Puzzles 4pm Scrabble	9:15a Sit & Fit 14 <b>9:30a Painting</b> <b>10a BINGO</b> 11a Price is Right <b>2p BINGO</b> 3p Coloring 4p UNO	9:30a Porch Talk 8 <b>10a Painting</b> 11a Price is Right <b>2p Cornhole</b> <b>3p Treat Time</b> 4p Dominos	9:15a Sit & Fit 9 <b>9:30a Dollar Tree</b> 10a Porch Talk 11a Price is Right <b>2p Trivia</b> 3p Rummikub 4p Puzzles	10 9:30a Porch Talk 10a Hidden Objects <b>2:30p Penny Poker</b> 4p Board games
18 Marjorie's B-Day 9:30a Porch Talk 11a Church Service 1:30p B-I-N-G-O 3p World News 4p Rummikub  <b>Salon Day</b> Martin Luther King Jr. Day	9:15a Sit & Fit 19 <b>10a Penny Poker</b> 11a Price is Right <b>2p Arts &amp; Crafts</b> 3p Movie Time  <b>Salon Day</b>	<b>9:15a Walmart</b> 20 10a Porch Talk 11:15a Bible Study <b>2p Birthday Party/ BOHO</b> 4pm Scrabble	9:15a Sit & Fit 21 <b>9:30a Painting</b> <b>10a BINGO</b> 11a Price is Right <b>2p BINGO</b> 3p Coloring 4p UNO	9:30a Porch Talk 15 <b>10a Cornhole</b> 11a Price is Right <b>2p Trivia/Drinks</b> <b>3p Treat Time</b> 4p Dominos	9:15a Sit & Fit 16 9:30a Porch Talk <b>11a Lunch at Crossroads</b> <b>3p Penny Poker</b> 4p Coloring	17 9:30a Porch Talk 10a Hidden Objects <b>2:30p Penny Poker</b> 4p Board games
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29 George M's B-day 9:30a Porch Talk 11a Price is Right <b>2p POKENO</b> 11a Price is Right <b>2p Trivia/Drinks</b> <b>3p Treat Time</b> 4p Dominos	9:15a Sit & Fit 30 <b>9:30a Bealls Outlet</b> 10a Hidden Objects <b>2:30p Penny Poker</b> 4p Board games					31 9:30a Porch Talk 10a Hidden Objects <b>2:30p Penny Poker</b> 4p Board games



JANUARY  
IN HISTORY

1412  
Joan of Arc born.

1776  
Thomas Paine publishes Common Sense.

1863  
Lincoln signs the Emancipation Proclamation.

1892  
Ellis Island opens.

1901  
Queen Victoria dies; Edward VII becomes King.

1924  
Howard Carter discovers Tutankhamun's tomb.

1926  
John Logie Baird demonstrates television.

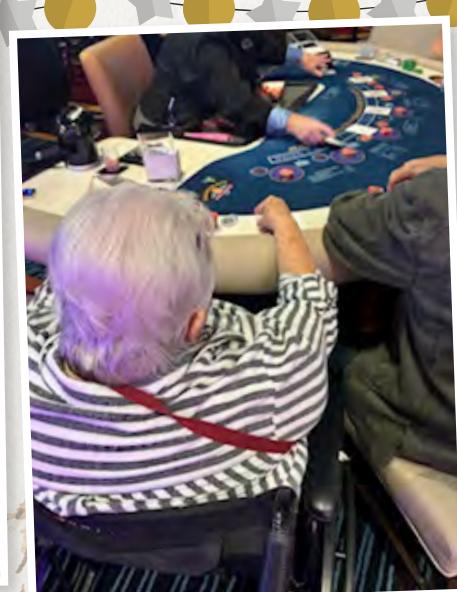
1942  
Declaration of the United Nations signed.

1946  
First UN General Assembly meets.

1999  
The Euro currency is launched.

2009  
Barack Obama becomes the first African-American U.S. President.







## Calendar Spotlight



# Our Roots Run Deep

IN OUR  
COMMUNITY



January 20th      }    Boho Birthday Party  
                          2:00pm



# JANUARY ANSWERS

1. Six
2. The Polar Vortex
3. The Winter Solstice
4. 15 inches wide
5. Chamonix, France  
(1924)
6. Not white! Their skin  
is black, and their fur is  
hollow and transparent
7. 1959
8. Garnet (stone) and  
Snowdrop (flower)