



**New Horizons**  
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Independent and Assisted Living in Woburn, MA



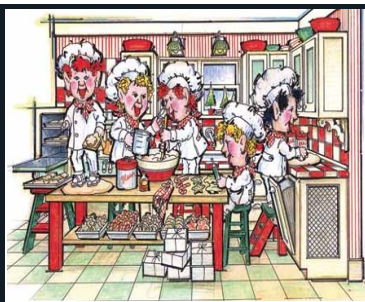
Monthly Update

December 2016



**NEW RESIDENTS: Connie Pearl, Suite 388**, is the mother-in-law of Woburn firefighter Stephen Foley, whose father is former Choate trustee Jim Foley. Born in Maine, Connie grew up in Somerville and later moved to Framingham, where she raised her two children. She simultaneously worked as a secretary for MIT, assisting with NASA's Apollo project, and started her own business as an art consultant, which she continued until she retired to Del Ray Beach, Florida.

**Roseann Concannon, Suite 243**, was born and raised in Somerville. She and her husband made their home in Stoneham with their three daughters and one son. Roseann began her career as a correspondence secretary at Stoneham's New England Sanitarium and Hospital. She then worked at Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Medford, retiring after 32 years. Among her varied interests, Roseann especially enjoys games and exercise programs. *We extend a warm welcome to **Connie and Roseann**.*



**CHRISTMAS DINNER:**

The food service elves are busy planning a festive holiday dinner for residents and guests on **Sunday, December 25**, in Rumford Dining Room. To assist in our preparations, please inform Dining Room Supervisor **Jenna Messina** by **Monday, December 19** if you will have any guests or if you expect to be out for dinner that day. This festive mid-day meal costs \$20 per guest or \$10 for children eight and younger. 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 CHANUKAH:**

*Chanukah* is the story of the little light that shed a great light. The *chanukiyah* is the symbol of Chanukah. The holiday dates back to the second century, B.C.E., when a small group of Jews, known as the *Maccabees* (hammers), defeated the Greek army and rededicated the Temple that had been desecrated. A single day's worth of sacred oil miraculously burned in the eternal lamp for eight days. Each candle of the *chanukiyah* represents one of the eight nights of Chanukah. This year, Chanukah begins at sundown on **Saturday, December 24**. Residents of all faiths are encouraged to join us as we light the *chanukiyah* at 4:30 each evening, during the eight consecutive days of this holiday.



**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. Each employee's share is directly proportionate to each person's active hours worked through December each year. 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. Feel free to speak with **Christine Coakley**, executive director, if you have any questions.

**THANK YOU**



**HONORING OUR VETERANS:** Woburn's veterans director, **Larry Guisepppe**, led a special ceremony honoring New Horizons resident veterans for their military service. **Mayor Scott Galvin**, New

Horizons trustees **Charlie Culhane**, **Deacon Phil Hardcastle**, and **Kathy Lucero**, and third graders from St. Charles School also attended. *Pictured left:* New Horizons' veterans *front row:* **Bernie Walsh**, **Charlie Dahill**, and **Dick Rowland**; *second row:* **Gerry DiChiara**, **Ed Hatch**, **Jim Hanlon**, **Bob Peary**, **Bob Naughton**, and **Tony Rutkosky**; *third row:* **Sam D'Agostino**, **Charlie Gazzara**, **Jim Hurley**, **Pat DeVasto**, **Frank McCall**, **Vinny Palumbo**, and **Ralph Dean**. (Not pictured **Nils Jonsson**). *Pictured right:* New Horizons residents at the annual Mayor's Appreciation Day for Seniors at Woburn Memorial High School.

**ANNUAL TREE**

**LIGHTING:** The holidays are fast approaching. We start the season with our very festive tree lighting. Please join us in the living room on **Friday, December 2, at 6:30 PM**. This holiday favorite will feature musical entertainment by pianist **Mark Tavenner**.



**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE:** Join us on **Sunday, December 4, at 2:00 PM** for our ho-ho-holiday open house. Family members and friends of all ages are invited for an afternoon of merry-making, including our famous *make your own ice cream sundae bar!* Santa will make a special visit and pose for photos with residents and families. Come share the holiday spirit with friends and family.

**STAFF APPRECIATION:** The annual staff holiday breakfast is scheduled for **Thursday, December 22 at 10 AM** in Rumford Dining Room. In keeping with tradition, residents are cordially invited to present holiday fund checks to staff members. Residents should notify **Christine**, **Lisa**, or **Barbra** if they wish to participate.

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



**IN MEMORIAM:** We are very saddened by the loss of residents **Margaret Lannan** and **Tony Rutkosky**. Our thoughts are with their family and friends.



**Mark Your Calendar!**

<b>December 2</b>		Annual Holiday Tree Lighting	<i>3rd Floor Living Room</i>
<b>December 4</b>	2:00–4:00 PM	Holiday Open House	
<b>December 21</b>		First Day of Winter	
<b>December 22</b>	10:00 AM	Staff Appreciation Breakfast	<i>Rumford Dining Room</i>
<b>Dec 24–Jan 1</b>	4:30 PM	Chanukah Lighting of Chanukiyah	<i>3rd Floor Living Room</i>
<b>December 25</b>		Christmas Day Dinner	<i>Rumford Dining Room</i>
<b>December 31</b>	6:30 PM	New Year's Eve Champagne Toast	<i>3rd Floor Living Room</i>

*Happy holiday wishes from the staff of New Horizons!*

