



H.O.M.E.

**“Heritage Offers Many Experiences”
DECEMBER 2011 Newsletter**



December 25th



**Begins At Sunset, Tuesday,
December 20th & Ends At Sunset,
Wednesday, December 28th**

HOMESTEAD HAPPENINGS

Music can be magical and the appeal of music is universal.

In our Homestead program, we are fortunate to have a wide variety of music by professionals, family and resident volunteers. Some of the programs involve listening, but many include audience participation. The mood of the entire audience is lifted and the positive emotional energy persists long after the music has stopped.

The list of the performers that we have had in the last month includes:

Gert Kagan; Our resident pianist, graciously shares her talents with us twice a week

Adam Bergeron; Classical pianist
Susan Pell's “Sing a Long”. A family volunteer who shares her guitar and vocals on a monthly basis

Sonja Maneri; Piano and vocals

Marty Sawyer; Guitar and vocals in a monthly themed program

Barbara Yarkin; Vocalist

Skye Hurlburt; Harpist

Lynn Canavan; Heritage's own *VioLynne*, Classic Activity Director and professional violinist

Tony Derramo; Strolling accordionist, who will also provide music at our Holiday Party on December 14th

We have also enjoyed the talents of Happy Dan, the Music Man and Patrice Monahan, Tunes on Tap.

Feel free to stop by and join your family member for any of the musical offerings listed in our monthly calendar.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Betty Mason & Richard Herstine



RIVERS MUSIC SCHOOL PERFORMANCE,

On Wednesday, November 16th, Heritage residents were treated to a lively performance by the Jazz Ensemble at the Rivers Music School in Weston. The ensemble included more than 15 high school students, who performed songs from the big band era as well as a few by 21st century jazz composers. Residents will have an opportunity to hear both the school chorus and orchestra perform in 2012.



Jazz Ensemble



Annette McGorty (left) & Gert Kagan
(On the Bus)

RESIDENT OF THE MONTH



Elizabeth Burns

Elizabeth was born in Worcester. She was raised in Shrewsbury and lived in the former Old Shrewsbury Inn. She had one older sister. While growing up, her sister had piano lessons and Elizabeth would stand by and watch. While observing her sister, she taught herself to play. When Elizabeth grew older, she was the pianist at the McGinnis Department Store in Worcester. She would demonstrate the music to generate sales. She met the Andrews Sisters and bandleader Bob Crosby (Bing Crosby's brother). She sold 891 records of Gene Autry's "South of the Border".

Elizabeth married John, who was her boss at McGinnis. They had known each other for years. After World War II, John changed jobs and began opening up new Sears stores so they moved their young family 8 times in 12 years! She has 4 children, 3 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson. In the 1960's and 70's, when her children were grown, Elizabeth worked as a real estate agent. She was a million dollar sales person twice! This was quite a feat since housing wasn't all that expensive at that time.

When Elizabeth was well into her eighties, she was a volunteer and then a manager of the Cape Cod Cancer Consignment Shop, an antiques and collectable shop that raised thousands of dollars per year for the oncology department at the Cape Cod Hospital.

Elizabeth loves the food at Heritage. She says "The wait staff is very helpful and Bob (Schilling) and Rachael (Bohmiller) are dear people and the aides are delightful!" She enjoys her audio books and the music programs at Heritage.

Elizabeth is soft spoken and has many interesting memories to share. She is quite a lady!

BAKE SHOP

To welcome-in the fall season and Thanksgiving holiday, Activity Coordinator, Noreen Chartrand, presented a bake shop program where residents helped to make homemade lattice-topped apple pies. The pies were served at an afternoon social followed by a community sing-a-long.

To celebrate Veteran's Day, residents helped make a Wave-Your-Flag cheesecake. The recipe was given to us by Theresa Moore, a member of our Dining Staff, and was included in our Heritage Cookbook. Residents had fun decorating the cheesecakes to resemble the American flag, and they also enjoyed eating the cakes at the Veteran's program and social that afternoon.



Judy Keiler (left) and Gert Kaplan



Eva Blanchard



Edna Feeley

RESIDENTS' DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

Fran Winter – December 4th

Marie Rusch – December 9th

David Blumenthal – December 17th

Peggy Finelli – December 20th

Adele Macaluso – December 20th

Marcia Goodwin – December 23rd

Pat Sinisalo – December 27th

Peg Feeney – December 30th

Welcome New Residents

Henry DeRoche

Beth Sims

Norman Weeks

Welcome New Employees

Kathy Villani – Business Office Manager

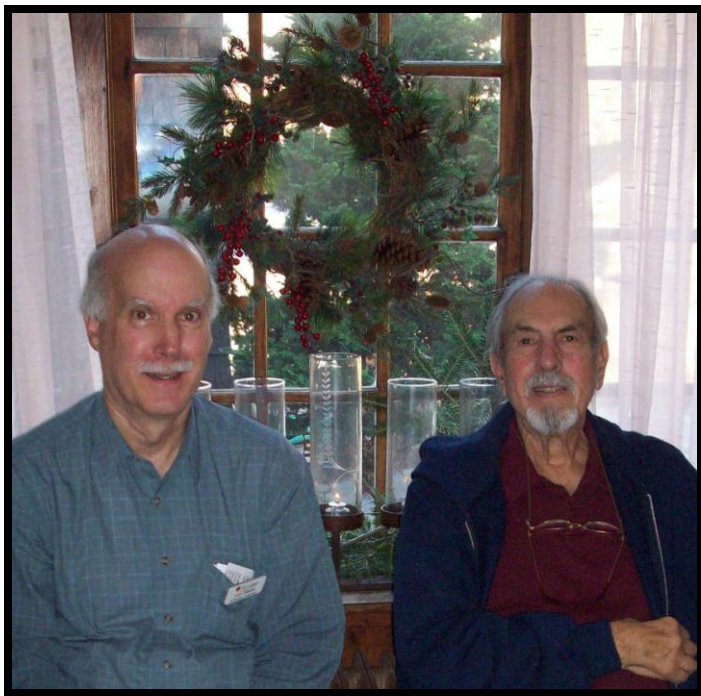
Virginia Chacon – RCA

Riddle of the Month

What do you get when you cross a snowman
with a vampire?

NASHOBA VALLEY WINERY LUNCHEON

On Wednesday, November 30th, residents from the Classic community visited The Nashoba Valley Winery for a lovely luncheon. The winery is located in Bolton, MA and is well-known for its sumptuous meals and locally made wine. The restaurant features seasonally inspired food. We look forward to another luncheon in the spring.



John Mauritz (left) & Harvey Sager

SAVE THE DATES

- Dec. 5th** Wellesley Mass Horticultural Society Festival of the Trees
- Dec. 7th** Museum of Fine Arts Degas Exhibit
- Dec. 12th** Tour of World War II Museum in Natick
- Dec. 14th Holiday Party 5 – 7 PM**

Answer to this Month's Riddle
Frostbite

EMPLOYEES' DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- John Mauritz – December 1st
- Lynette Mveli – December 11th
- Janet Rose – December 21st
- Lorena Sanchez – December 22nd
- Tamar Mano – December 31st

NOVEMBER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

To honor veterans this month, the community service project was chosen to provide aid to veterans at the Bedford, Massachusetts V.A. Hospital. Heritage resident, Grace Kimball, is a Navy veteran specialist Q, 1st Class, who was stationed in Washington, D.C. from 1943 to 1945. She is also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Grace was instrumental in helping us collect essential personal items for older veterans at the hospital. She connected us to Andrea Crossman, the D.A.R.'s liaison to this area, who offered to meet with activity staff and residents to discuss her background and what the veterans' needs were. Donation boxes were provided in each lobby, and residents, staff and family members contributed clothing, toiletries, miscellaneous personal items, as well as contributions of money. On December 1st, Andrea returned to thank us for our efforts and to pick-up the donations to deliver to the veteran's hospital. Look for a press release in an upcoming edition of the Metrowest Daily Newspaper. Thank you, Grace, for all of your efforts.



From Left: Andrea Crossman, Grace Kimball & Noreen Chartrand