



**Jean Goldstein an
Extra Ordinary Artiste**



December 2022 **HUNTCLIFF HARBINGER**



Highlights of COMING EVENTS (WOW)

Continue to check the monthly calendar, postings, and bulletins for activity announcements & updates.

All month = Holiday gift sales from different vendors in the lobby

12/5 – Huntcliff Tree lighting

12/11 – “Christmas Story” film showing

12/13 – “Humor on the screen” with Rosemarie

12/15 – Holiday Party

12/18 – Chanukah Party

12/20 – Debut of Summit Singers – “Holiday Concert”

12/22 – Holiday music program with Brandt Ross

12/31 – New Year’s Eve Party

Planned Outings (Call Fatiha for reservations by Nov 23)

12/4 - Atlanta Wind Symphony

12/9 - Christmas Festival Concert

12/16 - Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

12/23 - Atlanta Ballet—The Nutcracker



A Christian Explanation of Christmas

While Christmas is celebrated for many reasons and in many ways by different peoples, Christians celebrate Christmas as the anniversary of the event of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity (We believe in a Triune God - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit), becoming man in the person of Jesus Christ. God, the Son, took on our flawed human nature so that he could eventually be offered to God as a satisfactory sacrifice (having both a Devine and Human nature) to expiate the effects of the original sin of Adam and Eve, the sin of Pride. Halleluiah!! Christians believe this event is a seminal moment in God's plan for salvation history.

Message from Lisa (Huntcliff Executive Director)

It is hard to believe that the end of 2022 is upon us! And as the song goes "It's the most wonderful time of the year!" As we prepare to celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanza, and the New Year, I hope everyone takes time to pause and genuinely enjoy the celebrations and the wonderful gift of spending time with family and friends. I know our team will be working hard to provide many opportunities for you to enjoy all the things that are fun and festive!

I know many of you will be traveling over the holidays. Please be sure to notify the front desk of the dates you will be away from Huntcliff Summit.

On behalf of the entire Huntcliff Summit Team, I wish you all the best for this holiday season!

Lisa

Resident Card Shoppe



The Huntcliff Card Shoppe has just opened in the former Sundry Shop on the first floor. Visitors are invited to obtain 2 free holiday cards from their large inventory for free. Donations are also accepted to rebuild inventory. The Card Shoppe is open from 10am to noon on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The Card Shoppe is hosted by Helene Camp, Bunny Maron, and Loretta Walker.

Newsletter Development Members and Distribution Team

Wilma Asrael, Stan Bernstein, Ray Bowyer, Charlie Cayce, Erma Davis, Marvin & Barbara Fellner, Rosemarie Hosbein, Margaret Johnson, Carol Lewis, Bunny Maron, Fred Ortyl, Kathleen Pringle, Brandt Ross, Marcia Swanson, and Julian Yudelson.

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 2	Shirley Spitz, and Art Schultz
December 6	Shirley Klausner, and Marcia Swanson
December 14	Barbara Schneider
December 17	Katie Copeland, and Florence Dewey
December 19	Don Gibeaut
December 22	Gail Long, and Eileen Winkler
December 28	Benita Hirsekorn, and Barbara Strasser
December 29	Lynn Adcock
December 31	Erma Davis

Anniversaries

December 18	Susan & Robert Price
December 24	Ellen & Harry Freedman
December 27	Delores & J.A. Markle

Chanukah



The Temple of Solomon was built around 950 BCE and destroyed in 586 BCE. It was rebuilt as the Second Temple in the year 516 BCE and destroyed again in 70 CE.

In 167 BCE, Antiochus IV of Syria ordered that an altar to Zeus be erected in the Second Temple. He also ordered the Jews to abandon their laws and traditions, and to sacrifice swine's flesh upon the altar. This created a wide-spread revolt, led by Mattathias, a Jewish priest, and his five sons, known as the Maccabees. After three years, the revolt was successful, and the Temple was rededicated. When the Maccabees attempted to rekindle the altar lights, they could find only one priestly-sealed bottle of holy oil to use, enough for only one day. Miraculously, the oil lasted for eight days, by which time the priests were able to produce and sanctify more oil to use.

The word chanukah means "dedication" and the festival of Chanukah was instituted to celebrate this event. The historical events depicted do not appear in the Bible, and it is a minor holiday. Families gather to light candles each night, and the candle holder, or chanukiah, is publicly displayed to proclaim the miracle. One candle is lit on the first night, and an additional candle is added on each successive night, until eight candles are lit on the last night. An additional candle (shammas) is used each night to light the other candles. There are two prayers recited each night as the candles are kindled. There is a custom of eating foods like potato pancakes (latkes) and special jelly donuts (sufganiyot) that are fried in oil to commemorate the one flask of oil that lasted for eight days.

New Friends

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Harry J. Rosa comes to us from Johns Creek, GA. He was director for Sales & Marketing for a paper company. Harry has 3 children and 4 grandchildren. He likes to play golf and he loves Italian food and having a good steak. Harry loves to watch TV and especially sports programming.

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Marilyn Mitchell is a local resident and joins us from across town. Formerly she was employed as a bookkeeper. Marilyn has 2 children and 4 grandchildren. She loves to read, play Mah Jongg, and participate in card games. Marilyn enjoys a good lobster and really likes Gummi Bears.

Welcome Back



Rima & Gabe Elissa just returned to Huntcliff after selling their house in Ohio. They were previously here for about 3 months last Spring. Gabe worked as a Civil Engineer. He loves Chess and has won many trophies and awards playing the game. Rima worked as a medical assistant and then worked in sales. They have 2 children and 2 grandchildren. They both enjoy travelling, sports, and good food. Welcome back!!

Huntcliff's Front Desk Anchor—Shirley J. Andrews



Shirley began her employment as a concierge with Huntcliff Summit in June 2019 and has brought a ray of sunshine with her dedication, loyalty, motherly love, and her style of fashion lets the world know she's an original.

She makes working the front desk look easy as she answers the phone, tends to all residents' requests, performs daily paperwork, makes coffee, and welcomes all visitors/team members. Shirley also validates that non-residents are checked for temperatures, hands are washed, and all are properly signed in. Her attention to detail has greatly assisted Huntcliff to remain safe during the Covid-19 epidemic.

During her spare time, Shirley loves to spend time with her family, travel, and extend her blessings by helping to feed/clothe, and mentor women and children.

Being a multipurpose woman gives Huntcliff Summit that extra edge in knowing that things are going to get done in a timely manner with Shirley at the front line. All of us of extremely happy to have her as a significant part of our community.

Happy Holidays

Jean Goldstein, Our Resident Artist

She has to paint. By the age of 10, Jean knew she didn't want to play the piano. She wanted to PAINT! Born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama, she received a BFA from the university of Alabama and a MFA from Parsons School of Design in NYC. She learned to work in oils, charcoal and watercolors, but now she prefers acrylics. She worked in the advertising field, and for major stores in Birmingham. Jean, along with a partner, started an art gallery in Columbus, Georgia. Jean has 2 children and 3 grandchildren, and has been at Huntcliff for 7 years. Visiting her apartment is like visiting an art gallery. Jean says "Painting excites me" but "Don't paint when it rains ". Our back cover features a sample of Jean's fabulous paintings.

Kwanzaa, A Celebration Explanation



Kwanzaa is an annual weeklong celebration in the United States that honors African heritage and African-American culture. It was created by Maulana Karenga in 1966 and is observed from December 26 through January 1. Kwanzaa is based on African harvest festival traditions in various parts of that continent's western and southeastern regions.

Kwanzaa was originally envisioned as an alternative to Christmas in order to reclaim important African values and build community amidst African-Americans, but was later declared a non-religious holiday so that practicing Christians would not be alienated (many African-Americans celebrate Kwanzaa as well as observe Christmas).

Karenga created seven guiding principles to be discussed during the week of Kwanzaa. The seven principles represent seven values of African culture that help build and reinforce community among African-Americans. Noted in the Swahili language, the principles are:

Umoja (Unity)

Kujichagulia (Self-Determination)

Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility)

Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics)

Nia (Purpose)

Kuumba (Creativity)

Imani (Faith)

Each day a different principle is discussed, and each day a candle is lit on the kinara (candleholder). On the first night, the center black candle is lit, and the principle of umoja, or unity is discussed. On the final day of Kwanzaa, families enjoy an African feast, called karamu.

Activity Updates

Please, Continually check your monthly calendar, elevator postings, cubbies, and other posted announcements to increase your awareness and participation in our events.

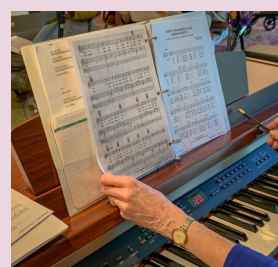
Huntcliff Players The Huntcliff Players will be performing one special show in December. It will be called "The Best of 2022 ". It will feature our funniest skits of 2022.

Art Class Come and learn how to paint with acrylics. Join the class with Sandra each Wednesday at 10:30 in the Art & Crafts Room on level A.

Aquanauts Come join the Huntcliff Aquanauts every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:30 am in the pool. Our instructor, Louise, makes the exercise fun and healthful.

Book Club Huntcliff's Book Club will meet again in January. Check your activities calendar for exact details. The next book is "America's First Daughter" by Stephanie Dray.

Summit Singers The Huntcliff Summit Singers, a group of 23 residents was formed recently and will have their first performance for the entire building on Tuesday, December 20. This will be a Holiday Songfest and feature many winter and holiday traditional songs.



The Men's Club The Huntcliff Men's Club had a very successful lunch on Tuesday, November 15 with 11 men enjoying lunch and conversation at Vintage Pizzeria. There will not be a December meeting or outing because we are partnering with the Huntcliff Women in creating the Summit Singers Chorale group. Contact Art Schultz at 770-855-3321 for volunteer needs.

Garden Club The outdoor beds have been put to bed. The roses have been bedded down under a blanket of pine straw through the efforts of Nancy Halliwell, Marcia Swan, Kathleen Pringle, and Susan Smith. Hopefully their efforts will be evident next summer with lots of blooms and fewer weeds. The green house is now overflowing and most of the plants are identified. If you are keeping plants in your apartments, be sure to protect them from the dry air. They should be placed in shallow trays filled with pebbles and water to provide them moisture.

New Activities Solicitations Please contact Gabe Elissa (330-907-9373) if you are interested in playing chess. Anyone interested in playing Backgammon, please contact Marvin Feller at 954-695-5885.

Club Updates. Contact Brandt Ross (brandtross@bellsouth.net) or Fred Ortyl (fredortyl@gmail.com) if you would like to submit items here about your club's activities.



Deadline For Staff Appreciation Contributions

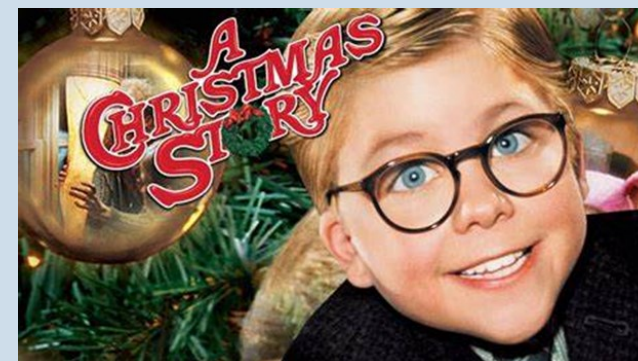
December 8, 2022 is the deadline for the resident contributions to be made this year. Contributions can be made by cash or check. If you choose to pay by check, the check should be made out to "Huntcliff Summit Residents Association," or its abbreviation "HSRA". The suggested contribution is \$1.00 per person per day.



United States Senate Runoff Election is December 6, 2022

Please Vote

A Christmas Story



A Christmas Story is a 1983 Christmas comedy film directed by Bob Clark and based on Jean Shepherd's anecdote from his books. . It stars Melinda Dillon, Darren McGavin, and Peter Billingsley and is a seasonal classic in North America. It has been shown in a marathon annually on TNT since 1997 and on TBS since 2004 titled "24 Hours of A Christmas Story", consisting of 12 consecutive airings of the film from the evening of Christmas Eve to the evening of Christmas Day annually. It is often ranked as one of the best Christmas films.

The movie is narrated by the adult Ralphie Parker reminiscing on one particular Christmas when he was nine years old, wanted only one thing that Christmas: an air rifle. Ralphie's desire is rejected by his mother, his teacher, and even a Santa Claus at Higbee's department store, all giving him the same warning: "You'll shoot your eye out".

The movie captures life in a city in the 1940's during the Christmas holidays. The events in the story touch on the lives of anyone who grew up in this era... "decoder ring", school, dealing with a bully, tree shopping, holiday dinner and wishing for a certain gift is something we can all recall.

We will be showing the "Christmas Story" during the month. If you have seen it, it will refresh your memories. If you haven't seen it, you are in for a treat. There is a "remake" of the movie being released in coming weeks.



Festive For The Rest Of Us

