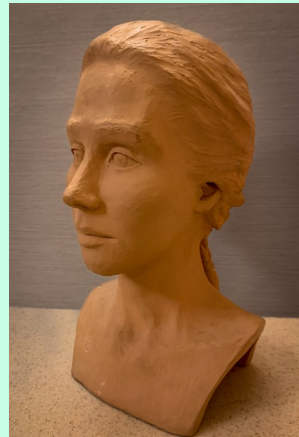
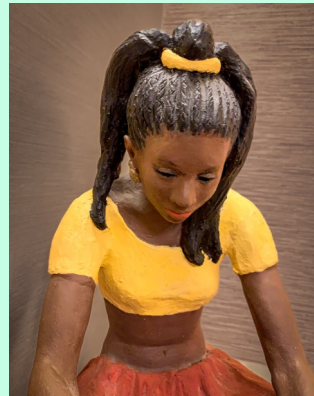




Lois Debrececi our Sculptor



FEBRUARY 2023

HUNTCLIFF HARBINGER



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HIGHLIGHTS of COMING EVENTS

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



- “The America we love” – Stephen Decatur and the pirates of the Barbary Coast – Wed. 2/1 2:00 PM
- For Valentine's Day – “ Love songs from Yesteryear” – Mon. 2/13 3:00 PM
- Program for Black History Month – “The Greatest Lawman “ – Thurs. 2/23 2:00
- Gillian (our crafts wizard) and a new crafts program
- A Valentine's Day Social (bring your wedding pictures)
- Marti Gras party – 2/21

February Outings—Chocolate Factory Outing—National Pizza Day outing – Civil Rights Museum tour – High Museum Tour “Mirror Garden” – Hindu Mandir tour – selected films from the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival

If your club or activity wants to make announcements, updates, or explanations in the Harbinger, please email Brandt Ross (brandtross@gmail.com) or Fred Ortyl (Fredortyl@gmail.com)



Twana Green - February's Highlighted Staff Member

Twana Green celebrates her 26th year with Huntcliff. Twana is a member of the Housekeeping team. She was born in Atlanta and has a sister and two brothers. She has 8 children...5 girls and 3 boys and has 10 grandchildren. Her daughter Alicia Crumley, who has been with Huntcliff for 7 years, began in Housekeeping and recently transferred to Activities and transportation. Twana in her relaxing time loves TV, especially the Lifetime movies. Twana was honored last year with a special celebration on her 25th Anniversary.

Message from Lisa (Huntcliff Executive Director)

It's hard to believe we are already 1 month in to 2023! Our Huntcliff team is pleased to welcome Mary Bethune, our Business Office Coordinator back to work after a 5-week medical leave! We are happy she was taking care of herself but, boy did we miss her and her smiling face!

February is the perfect time to celebrate the bonds that we've built together at our community. Our team of serving hearts works tirelessly to create a warm, inviting environment for everyone. We know the relationships you have with our team are special, and our community wouldn't be what it is without them or you! I am pleased to share that we have added team members to our Dining Department, Housekeeping Department, and our Maintenance Department. I look forward to formally introducing them at our next Resident Association meeting. As we continue to build our team, please welcome our new team members, and thank the ones who have been dedicated for many years!

Lisa

Elder Law Talk



On Tuesday, January 17, the Huntcliff Mens' Club welcomed Stuart Mager, a Seniors Tax and Health Law attorney to our facility. Stuart's talk was well attended with many questions and answers that followed. One important fact is that Stuart will meet clients here in their apartments so that you do not have to travel to his offices. Very convenient. To set an appointment with Stuart call at 678-570-9011 or email him at stuart@magerlawfirm.com.

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February Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Feb 1 Helene Camp, Sue Maran, Bill Sonenshine
- Feb 2 Wilma Asrael
- Feb 5 Tom Bakke, Ruth Schultz
- Feb 9 Marcia Ivers
- Feb 13 Marty Bloom
- Feb 14 Loretta Walker
- Feb 17 Ruth Hewitt
- Feb 19 Carol Chilton
- Feb 20 Betty Taptich
- Feb 22 Janice Lorah
- Feb 25 Lynda Croom
- Feb 26 Jim Masak

Anniversaries

- Feb 1 Eddie and Len Levine
- Feb 8 Kathy and Charles Cayce
- Feb 10 Dale and Eddie Manning
- Feb 20 Arlene and Ira Levy

Brent Andrews' (Huntcliff's Food & Beverage Director) Approach to Soups



"You got a hell of a soup maker back there!" – Bill Anderson (Former Resident) speaking to another resident.

Making soup is a symphony of layering flavors, not just tossing everything in a pot and turning it on. It's also about a therapeutic beginning to the day, a good soup is good for the body and mind. I also view soup as arguably the most important part of the meal. Have a great soup, expectations grow for what's to come. But if you have a bad soup, all of a sudden people start talking about what's the next slop to come out of the galley/ cafeteria. Ever heard of a book called "Roasted Beef Tenderloin for the Soul?" The biggest downfall a restaurant can have is a lack of consistency. If you have something and you like it, when you order it the next time, you naturally expect the same eating experience. If the offering falls short- your expectation of the entire meal is impacted negatively. Enter the importance of recipes and the expectation and the discipline of the cook to read and execute them. So, until people begin eating desserts first, my opinion of the soup will remain, and I'll hope that we'll always have "a hell of a soup maker back there"! **Brent Andrews**

Correction

In the January Harbinger we inadvertently stated the date for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination as April 4, 1969. It should have been written as April 4, 1968. We apologize for the error.

New Friends



Ron Kolze lived in Atlanta since 1961. He is a WW2 veteran after being drafted out of High School. Originally from Chicago, Ron started his own business in Atlanta. He, his wife and two children lived in Buckhead. They also had a home in Hilton Head, SC for 25 years and loved the beach. Ron enjoys reading the newspapers and magazines each day. He has a dog and a cat which he loves.



Steve and Jackie Pierce recently moved from east Cobb to Huntcliff. They have two daughters and four grandchildren. Jackie was a teacher for many years and enjoys doing creative art projects, many of which are hanging on the walls in their apartment. Steve is still working but finds time to enjoy a good book.



Special Valentines Celebration with Marriages of 75 and 74 years



People in many countries around the world have adopted the tradition of declaring February 14 as Valentine's Day -- a celebration of love -- often expressed with gifts of chocolates, flowers, cards and jewelry. But for **J.A. and Delores Markle**, & **Ira and Arlene Levy**, Huntcliff residents, just having each other is awesome.

Both Chicago natives, **J.A.** was home from service in World War II when he and **Delores** first met through friends. They married on December 27, 1947 and have lived happily together for 75 years. They have one son and two daughters; eight grandchildren (all girls); and five great grands (all boys). They say that their secret to marriage longevity is: mutual respect and love. They hold no grudges when they differ; instead, each respects the other's opinion, "talk it out and move on."

Ira and Arlene Levy, also Huntcliff residents, united in 1949 and will celebrate 74 years of marriage on February 20, 2023. Both native New Yorkers, they lived three blocks apart in their childhood. **Ira** had served in the US Army and participated in the Normandy Invasion during World War II. Their first date was to the theater to see SONG of NORWAY, followed by a buggy ride around Central Park. **Ira** says that for him, it was love at first sight. **Arlene** taught elementary grades 3-5 and later undergraduate and graduate courses at Brooklyn College. After retirement, **Ira** resumed his musical career and continues to appear in concerts. This marriage has included two children, four grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Neither **Ira** nor **Arlene** has any recollection of celebrating Valentine's Day, though their lives have been filled with adventure and happiness. Their secret: love and respect and care for others. **Ira** is quick to add emphatically.... "and SEX".

EVERY DAY IS VALENTINE'S DAY FOR THESE TERRIFIC COUPLES

Black History Month

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. That September, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by Black Americans and other peoples of African descent. Known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The event inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures. President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans Today, Black History Month is a time to honor the contributions and legacy of African Americans across U.S. history and society—from activists and civil rights pioneers such as Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Marcus Garvey, Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X and Rosa Parks to leaders in industry, politics, science, culture and more.

Lois Debreceeni Our Sculptor

Lois Debreceeni is Huntcliff's sculptor. She has probably completed over 50 individual sculptures during her 40-year career creating in this artform. She was born in upstate New York, then moved to Indianapolis when she was about 4 years old. From Indianapolis, her parents and Lois moved to Atlanta where she completed her grammar school education. Following high school she travelled to Cleveland to attend Western Reserve University and the Cleveland College of Art, where she obtained her BFA Degree in Interior Design. In college she met her husband Ted while a freshman, pinned as a sophomore, engaged as a junior, and married Ted in her senior year 72 years ago. After her marriage to Ted, her Hungarian mother-in-law began to teach Lois to cook, and she loved it. In fact, she wrote three cookbooks. From the sale of her books, Lois donated proceeds to Breast Cancer, and Children's Cancer research. Following her degree, Lois performed work as an interior designer in Cleveland. Then she began to paint portraits. Several years later, she took a sculpture course and fell in love with developing images from clay. She moved back to Atlanta in 1969 with Ted and their two children. She and Ted moved to Huntcliff in 2016. Over the years her works have sold very well. Lois also developed some sculptures for Huntcliff residents. She stopped creating sculpture work a few years ago due to aging eyes and fingers. We are pleased to feature some of her work on the back cover of this issue.

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 Two shows planned for February. Come and join us. No auditions, no memorizations, just rehearsals and fun. Contact Hal Parker 561-324-0830.

Knitting Club Members completed four afghans to be shipped to Ukrainian refugees. The group is now focused on making hats, scarves, and blankets for chemotherapy and dialysis patients at Northside Hospital. If you want to learn to knit or crochet, please join them on Monday afternoon at 1pm in the Veranda. Contact Lila Nathanson or Wilma Asrael for additional information.

Garden Club Fortunately everything in the Green House survived. February is time to finally clean up the garden bed for spring planting. It's still too early to tend to perennials, but some daffodils are out of the ground, soon to bloom. Several unusual varieties were planted last fall. Look for them in the Rose Garden in a few weeks. Hopefully, timely spring pruning and fertilizing will foster a bountiful rose display this year.

Book Club The group is reading "Lessons in Chemistry". Next meeting will be on February 9.

Men's Club The club will be presenting another program by Brandt Ross in the "America We Love" series (Stephen Decatur: Pirates of the Barbary Coast). The club will have a luncheon meeting at Sandy Springs Diner on February 15. The Huntcliff Summit Singers are practicing for their Spring Concert.

Crafts Check out the Activities Calendar for fun things to make. Quilling is easy to learn and Evie can show you how. Try this in February for Valentines Day cards. Gillian, our "Craft Wizard", will be doing another program in February.

Opera The opera "Werther" by Massenet will be shown on February 26. The lecture series will feature "How to listen to an opera" on February 22.

Support Group The Huntcliff Residents' Support Group meets with professional facilitators. Confidentiality is emphasized. By sharing concerns, and issues, the members help themselves and their loved ones. The group also prepares for difficult times ahead with guidance by facilitators. If you feel responsible for the care of a family member or friend, please consider joining. The group meets on the first and fourth Monday at 3:00pm in the game room. Contact Wilma Asrael for additional information 704-651-6816.

Card Shoppe The card shoppe is open for residents on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for 10:00am to noon. Cards for all occasions are available.

New York Club Anyone who has lived in New York is welcome to join the New York club. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the bar at 1PM to talk about our life living in New York. Looking forward to your joining us. Contact Carol Lewis for more info.

Huntcliff Players

Huntcliff Players is a resident theatrical group formed to perform various humorous skits for and by residents. It all began in 2021, shortly after Hal Parker arrived at Huntcliff from South Florida. While in a previous community Hal was an amateur actor in 12 Broadway shows. He also wrote reviews and assisted in the show's productions. Using his background and love of theater, he formed the Huntcliff Players Theatrical group. Their first show in October 2021 had only three actors and a limited audience. Since then, the group has grown to about 14 resident actors performing two shows a month before packed audiences. Their motto is to have fun while performing. To that end, no one who wants to participate is turned away and there is no required memorization of lines. The cast works hard in the many rehearsals required for each performance. Hal can see significant improvement in actors assuming the characters in the skits and really getting into their roles. Hal is intent to further develop the group and continues to add to the base humorous skits. They went from just doing comedy to performing soap operas, operettas, and even adding music to the format. Based on the success of the group and the innovations coming, we expect to see continual packed audiences for the performances.

Huntcliff's Library



Come visit our outstanding Library located on the first floor. There are about 3,800 books arranged by genre. 50 CD's are also available to borrow, all on the honor system. All book, movies, musicals, and listening music are donated by residents. Please contact Judy Boult (Chair) at 404-780-6292 for additional information.

Your Neighbors' Treasures



Within the next several months we will add a new feature to the Harbinger. This section on the back cover will contain photographs and a story associated with prized resident possessions. Please contact Brandt Ross, or Fred Ortyl for assistance in preparing your material for publication consideration. **For example. As America fought bravely to conserve precious supplies for the WWII Military campaign, the US mint diverted valuable metals to the war effort. The silver nickel issue (1942-1945) released stockpiles of raw nickel. It was composed of copper, silver, and manganese. The steel penny (1943) reduced the mounting demand for copper. It was minted of zinc coated steel while Lincoln cents minted in 1944 and 1945 utilized shell cases; thus further conserving our resources.**