

December Birthdays

12/2	Art Schultz	12/27	Jim Boswell
12/6	Marcia Swanson	12/28	Benita Hirsekorn
12/13	Lorraine Wolf	12/29	Lynn Adcock
12/17	Katie Copeland, Florence Dewey	12/30	Virginia (Betty) Holder
12/21	King Trousdale	12/31	Erma Davis
12/22	Gail Long		

December Anniversaries

12/18	Robert & Susan Price	12/23	Don & Jane Radman
12/21	Wolfgang & Susanne Tiedtke		

December Team Service Anniversaries

12/22	Jvon Robertson-Jones (Dietary Services) 1 year
12/31	Franki Groh (Activities) 20 years

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HUNTCLIFF HARBINGER



The mission of the Huntcliff Harbinger is to announce planned events and activities for residents and interested parties. Also included are photographs and stories of resident artwork, club reports, and staff and volunteer recognition. The HH is written and developed by the Harbinger Editorial Staff.

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HIGHLIGHTS of DECEMBER EVENTS

- Men's Club program "NASA Christmas on the moon"
- Fernbank trip
- Brunch with Santa
- Holiday music program - (Brandt Ross)
- Primrose Holiday Concert
- Holiday Hat Day
- Dunwoody UMC Holiday Concert
- Cookies and caroling – (Dawn Hamer)
- Gillian – "Gingerbread houses for the holidays"
- Tour of Governor's mansion
- Holiday Music with Jojo
- Holiday Cake Baking (Ruth and Art Schultz)
- Huntcliff Players program
- Huntcliff Summit Holiday Party
- Diner's Club "Tacky Lights Tour"
- Hanukkah Candle Lighting
- "The Greatest Cowboy" – (Brandt Ross)
- Hanukkah Bingo
- New Years Eve Party

HUNTCLIFF DINNER AND WINE PAIRING



A five-course dinner and wine pairing at Huntcliff in the private dining room was an outstanding event!



Twenty residents enjoyed an exquisite epicurean dining experience. Our Dining Director Brent Andrews and Chef Ryan Holeman created a memorable feast.

(Pictures courtesy of Brandt Ross)



Message from Lisa Schilling—Huntcliff Executive Director

As always, the last part of the year seems to be packed full of activity. We completed the annual apartment inspections and have some follow-up to meet the new codes implemented by the city. Our maintenance team has been diligently working to complete these tasks. We also received delivery of the remaining pieces of furniture for our 1st floor lobby area and 6th floor bar area. We have received a lot of positive comments not only on the look but also the comfort of the new furniture. I hope everyone gets a chance to check it out!

Lastly, I'm excited about the many upcoming events to help celebrate this holiday season. It's truly a special season this year as the first night of Hanukkah falls on Christmas Day! This has only happened 5 times since 1900 with the last time being in 2005. I hope everyone takes time to carefully review the December calendar and that we have a chance to all celebrate as a Huntcliff family!

Activity Summaries

Huntcliff Book Club will not meet in December but members are encouraged to leisurely read during the month "*The Beekeeper of Aleppo*," by Christy Lefteri, in preparation for the January 2025 meeting. Visitors are always welcome to join the group.

Opera: The opera "*Hansel and Gretel*" by nineteenth-century German composer Engelbert Humperdinck will be presented on Sunday, December 15, at 5:30 pm in the Veranda.

Huntcliff Summit Singers had a successful presentation of their fall/winter concert and will resume rehearsals in February 2025 for their spring/summer concert, featuring songs from the 1960s and 1970s.



Huntcliff Players promise another blockbuster comedy show on Tuesday, December 17, at 7:00 PM in the Essex Room. Hilarious acts will include: *Clapper Capers*, *Zorina Mystic*, *Tell Me a Story*, and *Santa Claus, Have You Had the Measles?* and other laughables. Don't miss!!!

The Huntcliff Men's Club (HMC) will have John Baumbusch, our NASA Ambassador, as its featured speaker on December 4, at 2:00, in the Essex Room. He will speak on Apollo 8's "Christmas at the Moon". This was the first craft to circumnavigate the Moon, and they sent a special message back to Earth on Christmas Day. He will bring many models to display during his talk.

The HMC will not have a breakfast or lunch meeting in December. We will begin again during January. Plenty of notice of the time and place will be sent to you later in December.

New Friends



Ralph and Elaine Lehman moved to Huntcliff Summit from Wantagh, Long Island, New York, where they lived for 29 years. They have three children and two grandchildren. Ralph operated a plastic bag market. Their hobbies and interests are taking care of their dogs, knitting, and cooking. Ralph and Elaine have special memories of keeping friends overnight who couldn't drive home. Welcome to Huntcliff, Ralph and Elaine!

Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa is an annual weeklong celebration (December 26 to January 1) that honors African heritage and African American culture. It was created by Dr. Maulana Karenga, professor of Africana Studies at California State University in response to the 1965 Watts riots in Los Angeles. He envisioned it as an alternative to Christmas in order to reclaim important African values and build community among African Americans, but it was soon revised as a non-religious holiday so that practicing Christians would not be alienated (Many African Americans observe Christmas as well as celebrate Kwanzaa).

Dr. Karenga created seven guiding principles to be discussed during the week of Kwanzaa. These seven principles represent seven values of African culture that help build and reinforce community among African Americans. Each of the seven days is dedicated to one of the principles, noted in the Swahili language as follows: **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 seventh or final day, families enjoy an African feast known as *karamu*.

The first Kwanzaa stamp was issued by the United States Post Office in 1997, and in that same year, President Bill Clinton gave the first presidential declaration marking the holiday. Subsequent presidents George Bush, Barack Obama, Donald Trump and Joe Biden also issued greetings in observance of Kwanzaa.

Recent Events

Atlanta Gladiators Hockey Game

On Thursday morning, November 14, ten dedicated hockey fans once again traveled to the Gas South Arena in Duluth to see the Atlanta Gladiators take on the Florida Everblades. The match was close until the third period, when the Everblades scored three goals, to win by a score of 5-2. Pictured below are a few of the residents, along with some of the game action. (Pictures courtesy of Fred Ortyl)

