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THE GREEK AMERICAN TIMES



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Martin Luther King Day is observed every year on the third Monday of January - on January 16 this year. King was an influential civil rights leader - best known for his work on racial equality and ending racial segregation in the United States. His life and achievements are remembered and celebrated on this day.

Martin Luther King Jr.
"I Have a Dream" speech,
Aug. 28, 1963



The Feast of the Holy **Theophany** (**Epiphany**) of our Lord God and Savior **Jesus Christ is celebrated** each year on January 6. The Feast commemorates the Baptism of Christ and the divine revelation of the Holy Trinity. At the Baptism of Christ, all three Persons of the Holy Trinity - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - were made manifest. Thus, the name of the Feast is Epiphany, meaning manifestation, or Theophany, which means manifestation of God.



SHARON C.	1-02
DAN P.	1-06
BERNADETTE K.	1-09
EVANTHIA E.	1-17
ANGELINE P.	1-22
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ANTHOULA K.	1-25
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ELLIE K.	1-30



Employee Ugly Sweater Participants.



NOTE FROM LIFE ENRICHMENT ...

Welcome to the January issue of the Greek American Times. (St George?)

Our year ended on a busy and upbeat note! The holidays were delightful! We loved seeing everyone stop by! We were excited to welcome our visitors throughout the month who entertained our residents and staff with Christmas Carols, brought goodies to be shared and many well wishes. Thank you to: the Philoptochos chapters and Youth groups of **St. Haralambos**, St. Athanasios of Chicago, St. Nectarios of Palatine, Ascension of Our Lord of Lincolnshire, St. Demetrios of Elmhurst, Holy Tinint of Chicago, St. Demetrios of Chicago, ST. John the Baptist of Des Plaines **and the Ladies Society of Achladokampos**. Our festivities would not have been as wonderful as they were without you and your holiday cheer. We would also like to thank the Ortheous Dance Group for entertaining the residents with their traditional outfits and dance. Also a huge thank you to **St. Haralambos Philoptochos** for hosting the Annual Holiday Pizza party for our residents. The afternoons were filled with delicious sweets, food and cheerful holiday music.

We also celebrated Hanukkah with our Jewish residents! Thank you Jill from Chicago Mitzvah Campaign for stopping by and spending time with our residents.

We would like to extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in this year's Resident Giving Tree. Because of your thoughtfulness and generosity we were able to provide a gift for each one of our residents.

A warm thank you to all of the staff who participated in our annual **Ugly Sweater Parade** and made all our residents laugh and enjoy the funniest ugly sweaters.

Finally, we would like to thank all of our families, friends and staff who donated all the sweets and cookies for our residents throughout the year.

We look forward to the New Year and all of the fun Activities we have in store. Looking forward to our Outings and Special Music performances in the upcoming year.

The Life Enrichment Department is also going through some changes. We are pleased and excited to announce the new Activity Director AnnaMarie Papadopoulos. She is very excited and thrilled to start her new journey. The Greek American will forever be my home. I will miss everyone and wish everyone the best in the upcoming year!

We wish everyone a safe, blessed and HAPPY NEW YEAR and look forward to all the exciting events in store for 2024!

*- Mayra welcoming AnnaMarie and the
Life Enrichment Department*

P.S If you would like to volunteer please feel free to email or call me, AnnaMarie:

HOLIDAY FAMILY LUNCHEON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH



HAPPY NEW YEAR

HOLIDAY SMOKER RAFFLE DINNER

DECEMBER 11, 2023

MONACO BALLROOM, DOUBLETREE HOTEL, ILLINOIS

THANK YOU TO OUR EVENT SPONSORS, DONORS AND ATTENDEES FOR SUPPORTING OUR HOLIDAY SMOKER RAFFLE FUNDRAISER!



SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ...

Holy Apostles Ladies Philoptochos Society for their very generous donation of **\$40,000** to assist us in upgrading our security cameras for the safety and well-being of our residents, staff and visitors. The Greek American Rehabilitation and Care Centre was one of the beneficiaries they selected for their annual fashion show held this past October. We extend our sincere appreciation to Holy Apostles Philoptochos for their generosity, thoughtfulness and love for our residents our nursing home.



The Hellenic Foundation for selecting the Greek American Rehabilitation and Care Centre as one of their 2023 grant recipients!. This grant will be used to purchase tablets and a laptop specific for the implementation of the new Document Manager project. This program will assist multiple interdisciplinary team members with delivery and tracking of necessary documentation needed for residents charts.

Thank you!

To our **Women's Auxiliary** for all that you do to benefit our residents. The Women's Auxiliary is composed of a group of ladies who love our residents and our Home and want to assist us in any way possible. We are truly blessed to have this group of dynamic women whose mission is: "...to serve the needs of the residents by providing equipment and other items for their wellbeing, dignity, comfort and support."

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WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



HOLIDAY FUN!!



PHOTO

MEMORIES...

HOLIDAY FUN!!

