

Fiddick's Forum

Fiddick's Nursing & Retirement Home * 437 First Ave , Petrolia, ON, N0N 1R0



Celebrating December

Write a Friend Month

Bingo Month

Safe Toys and Gifts Month

Eat a Red Apple Day
December 1

International Volunteer Day
December 5

Hanukkah
December 12–20

Look for an Evergreen Day
December 19

Christmas Day
December 25

**Make Cut-Out
Snowflakes Day**
December 27

Iceland's Yule Lads

Children eagerly anticipate the arrival of Santa Claus on December 25, but in Iceland children await no fewer than 13 different Santa Claus-like visits. Beginning on December 12 and for 13 nights leading up to Christmas Day, homes are visited by the elf-like Yule Lads, mischievous sprites who are naughty and nice.

The Yule Lads, like Snow White's dwarves, have unique names and personalities and get into unique mischief. According to the National Museum of Iceland, they are: Sheep-Cote Clod, who disturbs sheep; Gully Gawk, who steals foam from buckets of cow's milk; Stubby, who steals food from frying pans; Spoon Licker, who licks batter from spoons; Pot Licker, who licks food from unwashed pots; Bowl Licker, who steals food from under the bed; Door Slammer, who stomps around the house and keeps everyone awake; Skyr Gobbler, who eats up all the Icelandic yogurt; Sausage Swiper, who steals sausages; Window Peeper, who peers into windows and sometimes steals things he finds inside; Door Sniffer, who has a big nose and steals baked goods; Meat Hook, who steals leftover smoked lamb; and Candle Beggar, who steals candles. These Yule Lads arrive to fill a good child's shoe, left on the windowsill, with a gift or treat. Bad children find their shoes filled with potatoes or turnips. This may sound like a harmless Yuletide tradition, but in the past, the Yule Lads were far more terrifying.

In olden days, the Yule Lads—the offspring of two ogres—were joined on Christmas Eve by the Yule Cat, a giant black beast. According to legend, they would gobble up any person found not wearing one new item of clothing. The Icelanders definitely take their myths seriously. Magnus Skarphedinsson, a top elf researcher and headmaster of Iceland's Elf School, says that 54% of Icelanders believe in these beings. The image of the Yule Lads may have changed from naughty to nice over the centuries, but many still fret over their arrival each December.

Friendly Reminder – Signing in

All visitors are to sign in upon arrival and sign out upon departure.

If you require a key faub to access one of the Nursing Home Units, this must be signed out as well.

Over the course of the year, we have had in excess of 50 faubs go missing which is a cost that essentially takes away from our residents.

Each key faub is numbered and counted at the end of each business day.

In the event that a person has signed out a faub and has not returned it, a cost of \$12.50 will be billed.

The front secretaries also report that some visitors are non-compliant with the signing in and out procedures and become upset when asked to do so.

As a reminder, this task is mandatory and is part of our duty as an organization to:

- Know who is present and visiting in the facility
- Know who and where to locate a visitor in the event of an emergency
- Uphold Health and Safety standards

We appreciate your diligence in this matter.

Thank you

Mandy Judah RN, DRC

Family Council

There will be no family council meeting this month as it falls during the holiday season. We will meet again at the end of January. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact the appropriate person.

On behalf of the family council members, we would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday season!

In the new year, we are looking forward to meeting more family members and planning upcoming events! Stay tuned ☺

Merry Christmas!

December Events

Be sure to check your calendars this month as it will be very busy and entertaining as we approach Christmas time! Family and friends are more than welcome to attend any program that we have going on.

Special events include:

December 4th- Jimmy the Crooner

December 5th-12th- Christmas Dinners

December 13th- Birthday Party with Joel Horvath

December 14th- Bell Choir

December 18th- Sisters of Choice

December 20th- Caroling with Hillcrest School

December 29th- New Year's Party



Message from Mike

On behalf of the Fiddick Family, I would like to wish each and every one of our Residents' and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I hope that everyone will be attending our upcoming Christmas

Dinners which are an annual tradition. They will be held during the first week of December for our Nursing Home and on December 12th for our Retirement Home. I

would like to remind families that we dissuade individual staff members receiving gifts from our Residents or Families. If ever

there are any comments or concerns, or if there is anything more that we could do for anyone, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

"I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year....."

Charles Dickens

Kindly yours,

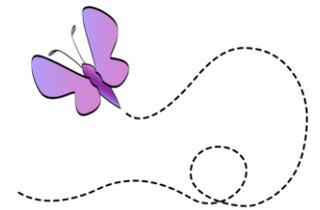
Michael Fiddick, Administrator

Fiddick's Nursing Home Welcomes...

*Betty Maat
Judy Williamson
Joanne Wright
Mervin Freer
Douglas Miller*

And mourns the loss of...

Nancy Jacques



Christmas Dinners

The time is here! Just a reminder for those of you who plan on attending the Family Christmas Dinners with your loved one that these are the correct dates:

Tuesday, December 5th: Barclay Lane

Wednesday, December 6th: Fairbanks Court

Thursday, December 7th: Ruby Hall

Friday, December 8th: Victoria Way

Tuesday, December 12th: Retirement Home

*All dinners will be at 12:30pm. Please remember also to bring your ticket with you and come hungry as there will be lots of delicious food prepared by our fabulous cooks!



Resident Birthdays

Retirement Home

Judy Williamson- December 6th
Tillie Grift- December 9th
Lyle Mitchell- December 18th

Ruby Hall

Ed Morningstar- December 2nd
Ruth Brand- December 5th
Cindy Stewart- December 7th
Ethel Boothe- December 18th

Victoria Way

John McCrea- December 5th

Barclay Lane

Virginia McArthur- December 3rd
Vonnie McCaffery- December 12th
Doreen Mahon- December 23rd

Fairbanks Court

Dora MacFarlane- December 10th
Lucy Kolomeitz- December 18th



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December Birthdays

In astrology, those born between December 1–21 are Archers of Sagittarius. Sagittarians are travelers, open-minded, and constantly in search for meaning. Extroverted and optimistic, Archers seek change and take concrete steps to achieve their goals. Those born between December 22–31 are Capricorn's Goats. Goats are practical, determined and focused on their ambitious goals. They follow a straightforward, well-planned path and persevere with grit and honesty. Their sympathetic and caring natures make them devoted friends.

Bette Midler (entertainer) – December 1, 1945
Dave Brubeck (musician) – December 6, 1920
Eli Whitney (inventor) – December 8, 1765
Rita Moreno (actress) – December 11, 1931
Dave Clark (musician) – December 15, 1942
Ty Cobb (ballplayer) – December 18, 1886
Barbara Billingsley (actress) – December 22, 1922
Humphrey Bogart (actor) – December 25, 1899
Tiger Woods (golfer) – December 30, 1975
Donna Summer (singer) – December 31, 1948

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