

January 2021

# FIDDICK'S FORUM

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## Celebrating January

**Get Organized Month**

**International Creativity  
Month**

**Volunteer Blood Donor  
Month**

**First Foot Day**  
*January 1*

**Trivia Day**  
*January 4*

**Bobblehead Day**  
*January 7*

**Make Your Dream Come  
True Day**  
*January 13*

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
*January 18*

**Compliment Day**  
*January 24*

**Kazoo Day**  
*January 28*

**Sundance Film Festival**  
*January 28–February 3*

**Inspire Your Heart  
with Art Day**  
*January 31*

## The Greatest Generation

It was the journalist Tom Brokaw who coined the phrase “The Greatest Generation” as a tribute to those born in 1924 and earlier. This generation faced more than its fair share of hardship, coming of age during the Great Depression and fighting the evils of World War II. There are still many lessons to be learned from this generation, and if we listen carefully enough, we might even learn that any generation can be called the “greatest.”

The Greatest Generation has also been called the G.I. Generation by historians, due to the fact that 16 million Americans served in the military during World War II. This shared trial created what has been called a “collective ethos,” a united mindset that grew out of the rally against the oppressive tyranny of the Nazis in defense of freedom. America was a small country reeling from the Great Depression. The United States Army was smaller than that of Portugal. The Great Depression had also decimated government coffers, making it difficult to find money to support the military. But thanks to a never-say-die, can-do attitude forged in the hardships of the Great Depression, Americans went to work and by 1945 had built a massive army capable of fighting the Pacific, Asia, Europe, and in the Mediterranean, as well as a civilian workforce to support it. Surely there were defeats and missteps in battle, but the Greatest Generation never did cast blame or look for a scapegoat. They instead forged ahead to the next challenge. Perseverance, bravery, and mutual respect would become their generational hallmarks.

Lessons learned during the war were put to use in postwar America. There was little room for patience or endless hemming and hawing on the battlefield. So, too, in the boardroom, in laboratories, and in politics. The most vicious policy fights on the floor of Congress gave way to mutual respect when the day was done. An entire generation had struggled together, fought together, and sacrificed together. This common experience united the Greatest Generation in bonds that could not be broken.

## Greetings from the Administrator

January 2021

Dear Residents, Team Members, Families and Friends.

It has been my intention to connect with you each month as we travel these particularly challenging times. To share our blessings and our challenges each month and to encourage one another to stay the course.

The year of 2020 will forever be remembered as one in which the entire world has been brought to her knees, humbled by the pandemic of Covid19.

While the pandemic continues to be of great medical concern, it also has other serious social consequences. Families and friends are experiencing the emotional impact of maintaining social distance that is imperative to keep the virus under control and at bay. Connection is vital for human life and community. The work of our team has never been so great. We have always ran Fiddicks Retirement and Nursing home as a family setting and how grateful am I that the structure was always there to give the most comfort to our residents during this most difficult year.

Despite our social limitations every effort has been made to keep outside connections intact, keeping our focus on the care and wellbeing of our residents.

We are now entering 2021 and with the entry into a new year, there is hope.

We will soon be given the opportunity to receive the Covid19 vaccine. We must continue to stand together and support one another promoting kindness in all that we do. The past year has been exhausting and we have marvelled at the heroism that surrounds us on a daily basis.

I wish each and every one of you a Happy, Happy NewYear!

Remain diligent on maintaining your health and safety, there is light at the end of the tunnel. We must stay the course.

I remain humbly at your service and a phone call away.

I am grateful for the ongoing support and understanding toward our stand in protecting our residents.

Sincerely,  
Mike Fiddick

Merry Christmas  
Mike Fiddick

## Family Council Update

It is with great excitement to announce that our Cookbook has arrived. It looks great and so many tasty recipes at your fingertips. If you have not already ordered one, they would make great gifts throughout the year or as long as supplies last. You can get your very own copy by contacting the Recreation department.

The cost of the cookbook is \$15.00 dollars with half of the proceeds going to our local Alzheimer Society. Do not wait they will be gone!!!



### Warm Welcome To:



We would love to welcome the following people to the Fiddick's Family.

- Ray Elliott
- John Powell
- Ray Elliott
- Violet Seymour
- Casey Van Der Gulik
- Heather Speed
- Grace Bobisky



### IN MEMORIAL



***When someone you love becomes a memory those memories become a treasure***

***It is with great sadness we mourn the loss of:***

***Kenneth Hyatt  
Harold Clark***

### December fun around the Home



### January Special Events

It is with great anticipation that we say goodbye to Miranda Cole from the Recreation Department for a year. She is off to have her second little bundle of joy and we wish her all the best!



**GIRL**

**OR**



**BOY**

## January Birthdays



### Retirement Home

Tom Case – January 6<sup>th</sup>  
Terry Welsh – January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Cam Allen – January 28<sup>th</sup>

### Ruby Hall

Tracy McCordic – January 14<sup>th</sup>  
Rosey Willer – January 27<sup>th</sup>  
Fran Lyons – January 27<sup>th</sup>  
Doug Paisley – January 30<sup>th</sup>

### Victoria Way

Doug Waller – January 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Ruth Glydon – January 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Barclay

Hart Hentschel January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Nancy Stock January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Maxine Fiddick January 26<sup>th</sup>

### Fairbanks

Joanne Wright January 16<sup>th</sup>  
Violet Seymour January 18<sup>th</sup>  
Donna Watson – January 24<sup>th</sup>  
Len Jerome – January 28<sup>th</sup>

## January Birthdays

In astrology, those born between January 1–19 are Capricorn's Goats. Goats are responsible masters of self-control and considered some of the hardest workers in the zodiac. They are practical planners and leaders who value experience and expertise. Those born from January 20–31 are the Water Bearers of Aquarius. These deep-thinking intellectuals have big and original dreams. The world is full of possibilities, and Aquarians seek freedom in order to reach their greatest potential.

Betsy Ross (upholsterer) – January 1, 1752  
Diane Keaton (actress) – January 5, 1946  
Zora Neale Hurston (writer) – January 7, 1891  
Elvis Presley (musician) – January 8, 1935  
Max Roach (drummer) – January 10, 1924  
Martin Luther King Jr. (minister) – January 15, 1929  
Michelle Obama (first lady) – January 17, 1964  
Etta James (singer) – January 25, 1938  
Oprah Winfrey (TV host) – January 29, 1954  
Jackie Robinson (ballplayer) – January 31, 1919

## Lydia our Elf!!!

