



*Our Roots
Run Deep
IN OUR
COMMUNITY*

DECEMBER 2020
JANUARY 2021

Management TEAM

DONALD CROW
Chairman

TERESA ROBERTS
Vice President

SHARON GRISWOLD
EVP Finance

LAURIE ALLEN
Administrator

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Nurse Manager

ROBERT ZELANO
Executive Chef

JOSEPH CALDERON
Sous Chef

DEBBIE ECKER
*Human Resources
Manager*

ANDREW VEERASAMMY
Facilities Manager

BETH KELLEY
Sales Manager

ORLAN ARRIECHE
Maintenance

MELISSA PENATE
Activity Manager



A word from your ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Residents,

Winter is here and the weather has finally gotten a little cooler! I hope you are all getting outside to enjoy it. I also hope you are enjoying all the beautiful exterior holiday decorations that Andrew and staff put up (making us sparkle!), as well as all the interior decorations that the activity staff specially placed for our enjoyment. This is such a magical time of year!

Thank you to all of the residents for your cooperation while the VNA marketing team and their staff filmed for the Grand Oaks virtual tours and TV commercial. We look forward to seeing the finished products!

We will have several holiday activities as Christmas gets closer. I hope you can join us for the Grand Oaks Choir and staff performing "The 12 Days of Christmas" on December 22nd and for the Word Challenge and Ugly Sweater Social on December 24th. For January activities, please see the January Activities Calendar by the front desk.

I would like to give a huge "thank you" to all the residents and families that were able to contribute to the Employee Appreciation Fund. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Warmest wishes,

Laurie Allen

Laurie Allen
Administrator





Resident SPOTLIGHT

MARY W.



Mary was born in Lexington, Massachusetts.

Her favorite childhood memory is being the only girl, since she had two brothers. While attending Lexington High School, Mary was the captain of the women's field hockey team. After high school, she went to Burdett College in Boston, Massachusetts. She loved to exercise all of her life and cook very healthy meals. She loved gardening and even grew prized tomatoes!

The happiest moment of Mary's life was when she married her husband, Clifford. They were married for 34 years and have six children. Now she has 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She wants her children and grandchildren to remember how happy they make her and how much she loves when they visit!

Mary's favorite thing about living at Grand Oaks is the independence she has, her lovely apartment, the friendly people, and having meals prepared by a chef.



Employee SPOTLIGHT

PETE
MUDGETT



Pete was born in Rye, New York, which is a city in Westchester County. He has one

brother named Dave and a sister named Jane. His favorite childhood memories are of his summer vacations spent in New Hampshire at Lake Winnepesaukee. Growing up, Pete played football, baseball, basketball, track and field, wrestling, and was a stagehand for school plays.

After attending Rye Neck High School, Pete went to the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) in Hyde Park, New York. After culinary school, he worked at a country club, a hotel, and a family-owned Italian restaurant. After moving to Florida, Pete was given the opportunity to manage two local restaurants, which he did for 28 years! He has a wife named Deborah, a daughter named Katharine, a son-in-law named Arnell, and two grandsons named Oliver and Benedict.

Pete's favorite thing about working at Grand Oaks is the overall work environment. He recently needed to take some time off, and on his first week back, he was greeted by fellow staff members (including some he didn't know) with warm and kind words!



This Month's
SPECIAL

MAINE
LOBSTER
Ravioli



Maine lobster blended with ricotta, mozzarella, and leeks, then wrapped in striped black squid ink and egg pasta. Finished with a light sherry cream sauce.

Happy
BIRTHDAY!!



DEC
13

Mary W.

DEC
14

Molly C.

DEC
20

Gloria W.

DEC
21

Esther D.
& Bill D.

DEC
28

Jean F.

JAN
01

Charlie F.

JAN
09

Grace M.

JAN
18

Jane C.

JAN
27

Marie M.



New Move-Ins
WELCOME!!

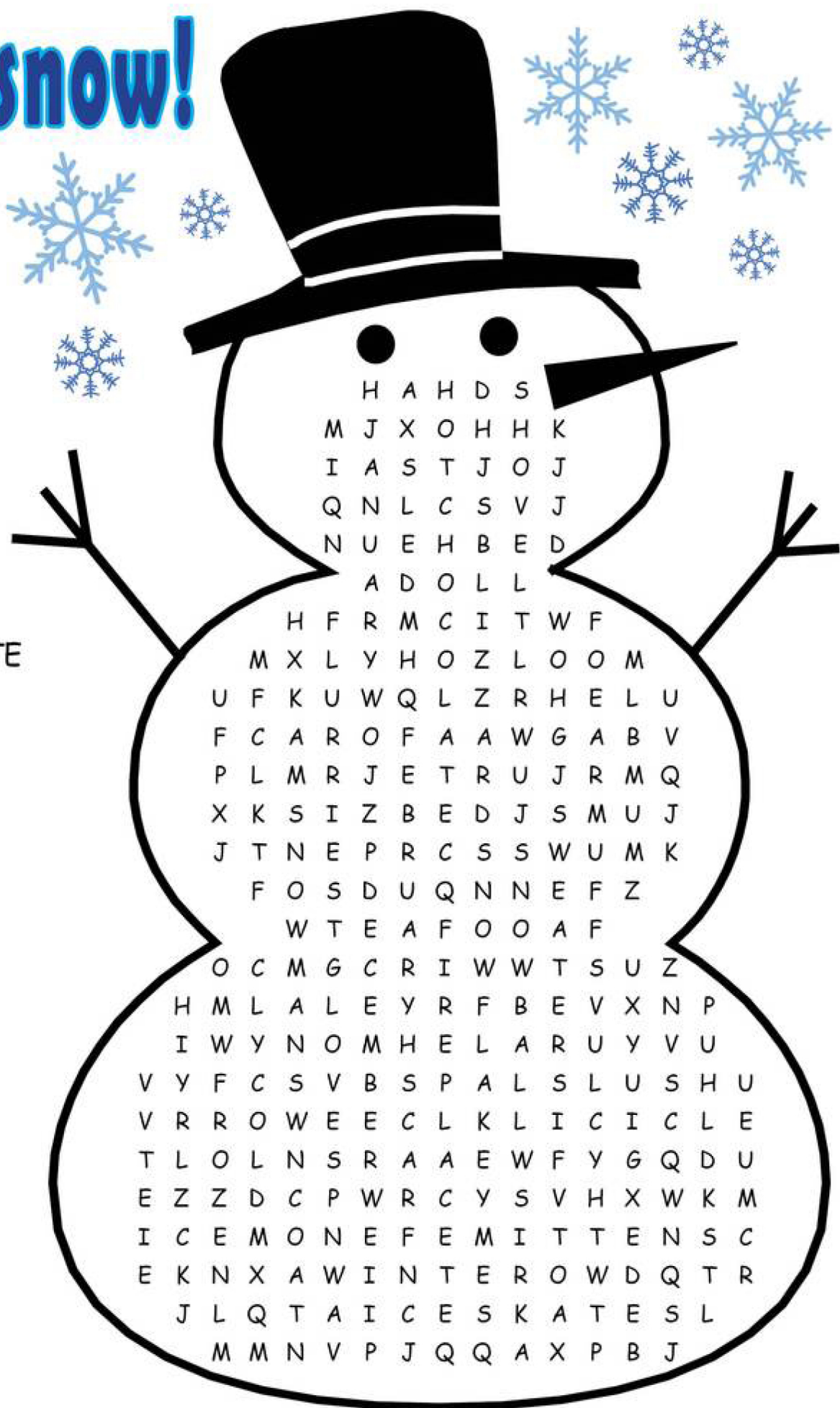
Fred W.
George & Carolyn D.





Let it snow!

BLIZZARD
 COAT
 COLD
 DECEMBER
 EARMUFFS
 FEBRUARY
 FIREPLACE
 FLURRIES
 FROZEN
 GLOVES
 HOT CHOCOLATE
 ICE
 ICE SKATES
 ICICLE
 JANUARY
 MITTENS
 SCARF
 SHOVEL
 SLED
 SLUSH
 SNOWBALL
 SNOWFLAKE
 SNOWMAN
 SWEATER
 WINTER





Christmas Riddles



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Be The First To Match The Riddle To The Correct Answer.

1. ____ What do you get if you cross Santa with a Detective?
2. ____ What Christmas Carol is a favorite of parents?
3. ____ What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?
4. ____ What do monkeys sing at Christmas?
5. ____ What kind of people are afraid of Santa Claus?
6. ____ What did Santa change his name to after sliding down a chimney where the fire was still burning?
7. ____ What do you call Santa when he has no money?
8. ____ Why did the Christmas cookie go to the doctor?
9. ____ Where do Snow-Women like to dance?
10. ____ What is a snowman's favorite lunch?
11. ____ What did the Gingerbread Man put on his bed?
12. ____ How do sheep say Merry Christmas in Mexico?
13. ____ What did the buck say to the doe on Xmas Day?
14. ____ Why was Santa's elf depressed?
15. ____ What goes Oh! Oh! Oh!
16. ____ What did Adam say the day before Christmas?
17. ____ What do elves learn in school?
18. ____ Who delivers Christmas presents to dogs?

- A. Claus-trophobics
- B. Santa Paws
- C. It was feeling crummy.
- D. Merry Xmas, Deer!
- E. Crisp Kringle
- F. Santa walking backwards.
- G. Saint Nickel-less
- H. At Snow-balls
- I. The elf-abet
- J. A cookie sheet
- K. Low 'elf-esteem
- L. Silent Night
- M. Fleece Navidad
- N. An ice-burger
- O. A Christmas quacker
- P. It's Christmas, Eve
- Q. Santa Clues
- R. Jungle Bells



TOTAL CORRECT ANSWERS



Calendar Spotlight



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*Thursday,
Dec. 24*

Word Challenge and Ugly
Christmas Sweater Social
2:15pm

*Friday,
Dec. 25*

Christmas morning gift opening
with Santa in the living room
10:15am

*Thursday,
Dec. 31*

New Year's Eve Celebration
with Ed Schumaker on the
back patio
3:30pm

Answer Key To Christmas Riddles

1. **Q** - Santa Clues
2. **L** - Silent Night
3. **O** - Christmas quacker
4. **R** - Jungle Bells
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