January Holiday

Dr MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. day is a federal holiday in the United States, observed on the third Monday in January each year to honor the life and legacy of America's most prominent leader in the civil rights struggle during the 20th century. Through peaceful protests and powerful speeches, Dr. King challenged racial segregation and inspired a nation to pursue social justice. He was not only a tireless advocate for racial equality, but also for the working classes and the oppressed around the world. Dr. King received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, at that time being the youngest person to have received such an honor, at age thirty-five. On April 4, 1968, he was assassinated by a sniper's bullet in Memphis, Tennessee. President Ronald Reagan signed legislation on November 3, 1983, establishing the third Monday in January as an annual celebration of King's birth. The designation later became a defining moment in volunteerism when in 1994, Congress designated the day not just a day off, but as a "day on" by community action, encouraging Americans to volunteer and serve others to improve their communities. Thus, the Martin Luther King, Jr Day--National Day of Service.

The Georgia Governor's Mansion, located in Atlanta's Buckhead neighborhood, is the official residence of Georgia's Governor, Brian Kemp. It's a Greek Revival style home on 18 acres of beautiful grounds and features historic furnishings and a collection of federal period arts. It has 3 floors, 30 rooms and was built in 1967.

As we entered the Mansion, we were dazzled by all the crystal chandeliers and handsomely decorated and lighted Christmas trees. The trees had an interesting assortment of traditional and Georgia-themed ornaments, including a peanut, peach, onion and mascot dogs. Every room had a "hidden elf on the shelf" which the visitors were requested to find. Each one was cleverly hidden but we found them all!

The holiday decorations were elegant and varied in each room. On one of the fireplace mantels, candied orange slices were entwined in the foliage, and the area was flavored with a citrus scent. Candles, arranged below in the fireplace, glowed warmly. The library shelves were filled with books written by Georgia authors.

The dining room featured small crystal-shaped trees centered on the table that shimmered. Of course, magnificent poinsettias filled the rooms.

Afterwards, we went to an area downstairs where they hold conferences and have entertainment. We received a chocolate chip cookie and took fun photos. We lunched at the very popular and busy OK Cafe. The weather was excellent and the group enjoyed sharing this excursion together.

Huntcliff Harbinger

January 2026

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. It is written and developed by the editorial staff and its contributors.
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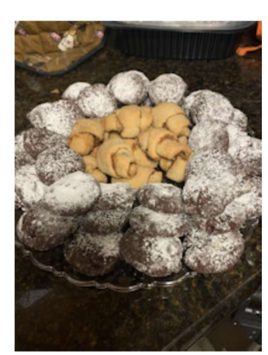
Highlights of January Events

- Another exciting presentation by Hal Parker Players
- Trip to Centers for Disease Control, Driving Miss Daisy, or Fernbank Science Museum
- "This is Your Life"

Cookie Contest



Huntcliff Summit held a cookie-baking contest in January. The winner was no other than Dixie Lampert, one of the excellent reporters for Harbinger. Her winning entry was Rugelach and chocolate mint ginger crunchies. If you understand those words without going to a dictionary you're way ahead of your editor.

Activity Summaries

Hal Parker Players: Observation of the writing profession: “Those who can, do. Those who can’t, write the instructions.” As a student in a state teacher’s college in the 1950’s our mantra was “Those who can, do. Those who can’t, teach.” Finding the humor in our lives is something the Players do every month. Join them to learn how to make our sometimes-stressful lives more fun.

Huntcliff Book Club: will begin the New Year with a discussion of the novel, “The Beekeeper of Aleppo” by Christy Lefteri, on Thursday, January 9 at 2:30 p.m. in the Essex room. Club members are encouraged to attend and visitors are always welcome. While reading the book is recommended, it is not a requirement for attendance.

Sunrise Singers is a group formed 3 ½ years ago for people who just love to sing. It doesn’t make any difference if you sing in the shower, in your car or just quietly to yourself. It is a group of about 30 Huntcliff residents that meet on Tuesday evenings for an hour to sing show tunes, pop tunes, and more for fun. We meet for 10 weeks in the fall and 10 weeks in the spring and then have a show at the end of each season. The Spring concert will begin meetings in February. Come join us, make friends and have fun. See Ken Klein for more details.

Huntcliff Men, formed 3 ½ years ago, is very popular among all the residents. It is divided into 3 areas: trips and tours to interesting places, interesting speakers invited here to the Essex Room, and men only lunches out. One or more of these events occurs every month. We travel on all trips, tours, and lunches out on the Huntcliff bus, and almost all residents can qualify for at least one of the activities. To participate in any of these activities see Don Radman or Larry Hunt.

Blackjack: Check your monthly activity calendar for specific dates and times.

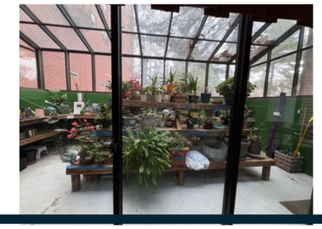
Opera: The opera, **Madame Butterfly,** is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, January 12 at 5:30 p.m., based on availability. If a substitution is necessary, it will be posted prior to the date above. Join us in the Veranda to see this heartrending tragedy.

Art Club: The 2025 art program closed with a two-part documentary about Salvatore Dali: “In Search of Immortality.” The next film in the series of great art will feature the inventor of the Mobile, the marvelous Alexander Calder. The date is Wednesday, January 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the Veranda. We are planning to present sculptors, painters, and ceramists during 2026, along with some new and exciting experiences. Looking forward to seeing you in January!

A New Beginning in Art will begin its second series of lectures, titled “Post Impressionism” on Wednesday, January 8 at 2:00 p.m. in the Veranda. Each session will include two inspiring, informative, short lectures. All previous attendees and other interested residents are encouraged to participate in this new series. For more information, please contact Maury Gerson, Judy Sterne or Joan Abram.

Knit and Stitch Club welcomes all residents who would like to be a part of a congenial group of knitters and stitchers—knitting, crochet, cross stitch, needlepoint and quilting. Our projects include providing items for Northside Hospital and shawls to be used on our bus outings. These get-togethers are held each Monday, 1-2 p.m. in the Lobby. WELCOME!!!

Greenhouse



The greenhouse, located on the A level behind the swimming pool, is in operation for the winter. If you have plants on your balcony that need a nice warm place for the winter, bring them here. Please follow the guidelines posted inside the door.

Winter Wonderland

If you haven’t checked out the winter wonderland in the library, you’re missing a treat. Created by Evie Childers, it’s a whole old-fashioned village placed on the main table.

More Activity Summaries

CuriosityU Please join us as Huntcliff Summit continues to present CuriosityU, a wide variety of video lectures by college professors on hundreds of different topics. Recent videos have been on The Age of Misinformation, Mount Everest, the Real Story of the Space Race, and the History of Jewish Delis. Future presentations will include Rosa Parks, Ernest Hemingway, American Railroads, and Christmas Movies: Classics, the Best, and the Worst. Each presentation is about 50-60 minutes, followed by a discussion of the material, which lasts only as long as residents are interested in speaking about the topic. CuriosityU videos are presented on Sunday at 2:30 PM in the Veranda Room, and each week’s topic is posted in advance in the elevators and on the bulletin board.

1. **Brandt Ross Programs:** Westward Ho! Stories of the early western migration……. Sacagawea , Lewis and Clark and the 1804 expedition;
   Stories from the Oregon Trail; & the building of Transcontinental Railroad.
2. The greatest Cowboy? (Kit Carson? Wyatt Earp? Wild Bill Hickock? Or……Charlie Goodnight?)

BUNNY’S READING GROUP Allen Levi’s book, “*Theo at Golden”* is the current book being read at this very special reading group. If you are experiencing any special issues or just enjoy having a book read to you, then consider attending. A discussion about the book follows the reading and it’s a great opportunity to socialize. Come to the Library at 1:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month. Always check the monthly calendar or elevator notices so you don’t miss out.

A Message from Lisa

As we welcome a brand-new year, we're reminded that every year brings us many gifts. For many of us, this time of year isn't about resolutions but about appreciating the things we enjoyed (and endured) in the past year, and the anticipation of the things we look forward to doing in the new year.

As we step into this new year, may you continue to focus on the things that bring us joy:

- Connections that lift our spirits
- Hobbies that spark our creativity
- Conversations that make us laugh
- Moments of reflection that bring us joy and peace
- Opportunities to share our stories, experiences, and kindness with others.

All these opportunities are created by each one of you each day here at Huntcliff! You bring the richness to our community by your presence and perspective!

I wish you health, happiness, and many wonderful moments in the year ahead!

Lisa

January Birthdays

4	Carol Langevin	13	Micki Henry
5	Sue Waite	14	Jack Iacobucci
5	Maymie Ho	22	Ann Watson
5	Starr Shulman	24	Jean Goldstein
9	Lester Weintraub	24	Steven Pierce
10	Brandt Ross	25	Jane Radman
10	Susanne Tiedtke	25	Roz Reiss
11	Jerry Rafshoon	29	Nancy Harvey
12	Margaret DiBiase	30	Nancy Halliwell
13	Sheila Baum		

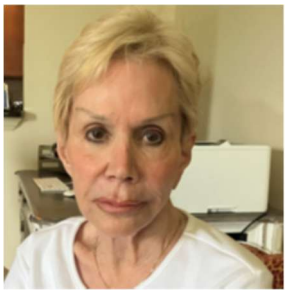
January Anniversaries

23	Marvin and Barbara Fellner	30	Brandt and Ginny Ross

January Service Anniversaries

18	Marie Payen-Barthelemy	Dietary Services	15 years
26	James Sunderland	Housekeeping	5 years

New Friends



Francine Sinkwich moved here from Alpharetta, Georgia. She has one child and two grandchildren. She worked as a nurse practitioner at Northside Hospital. She loves to socialize with friends. She loves animals.

Stan and Sheila Schwartz moved here from Dunwoody, Georgia. They have three daughters, 12 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren. He was a geotech engineer, and she was a second-grade teacher. They are interested in bridge. Their favorite memory is the birth of their first child.

Jim and Nancy Arnett moved here from Sandy Springs. They have two children and four grandchildren. He worked in finance and she was an attorney. Their main interest is their church.

Jerry Rafshoon moved here from Washington D. C. He has four children, nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. His occupation was film production. His hobbies and interests are watching television and politics. His favorite memories are being part of the team to get Jimmy Carter elected president, and his children.

Candy Croft moved here from Indian Harbor Beach, Florida. She worked as a hospital dietitian and in food and nutrition. Her hobbies and interests are history, games, crafts, and puzzles. Her favorite things are clothes. Her special memories are moving many places as a child, especially Naples, Italy, and Bahrain..

Robert and Adele Weinstein moved her from Greensboro, North Carolina. They have two children and four grandchildren. He was an attorney,and she was an elementary teacher. Their hobbies and interests are music, reading, sports, Mah Jong, bridge, and golf. Their special memories are the birth of their children, their daughter's wedding, and Robert's term as president of the local Kiwanis club.