

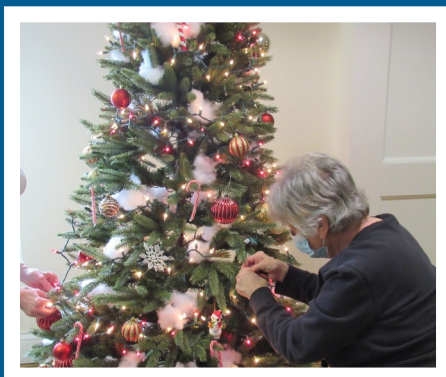
# THE ORCHARD SCOOP

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January 2021

## Snapshots of Christmas.....



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# A letter from the Administrator



Dear family and friends,

Orchard Heights was decorated beautifully for the season due to the dedication and creativity of our entire team. Each team was given a theme and a selection of art supplies. The residents helped with creating the space and enjoyed watching the transformation throughout the season. Willow and Lilac both had even their own special light shows that even coordinated with music. The judging was nearly impossible. In fact, we went through three rounds of judges before a decision could be reached. Ultimately, the winner was the Gingerbread House theme in the dining room. There was a Gingerbread house and 4 foot tall Gingerbread men all of which were handcrafted. The ceiling was adorned with colorful balloons crafted to look like ornaments! The competition continued on our Facebook page for the People's choice award. Visitors to our page were asked to vote for their favorite display and once the votes were tallies, the winner was Snowman Alley (Lilac lane). If you would like to see all of the displays first hand, please check them out on our Facebook page.

If you would like to be on our mailing list and receive the updates, please send your email address to [croy@hamistergroup.com](mailto:croy@hamistergroup.com)

Most would agree we are happy to say goodbye to 2020 and are ready for the new year!

**Colleen Roy**

*Administrator*

## Co-Worker of the Year 2020-Noriah Almontaser

Dependable, trustworthy and friendly. These are just a few words to describe our employee of the year. Noriah has worked with us for exactly one year this December, starting out as a housekeeper and transitioning into laundry full time this past Spring. Since coming to Orchard Heights, Noriah has always taken ownership with any assignment she works. Her contributions to the department are admirable and not something you see every day. She always takes the personal touches to another level and makes sure everything is done right. Noriah knows what our resident's and her coworker's needs are & meets or exceeds them. Even with all the long hours and work that piles in, Noriah will always meet you with a smile. When I ask her what she needs, its always "Nothing, we're all set" or "I'm good, don't you worry" with a laugh. She always takes initiative to fix any issues that occur, the right way, and still manages to get it all done on time. You couldn't ask for a better co-worker. We are so fortunate to have her on our team! Congratulations Noriah ! And a big THANK YOU too!!

## The Winter Garden

For gardeners, January can be a tricky month. Many garden plots are still in the grip of winter's freeze. So why on earth is January celebrated as Mail Order Gardening Month? Gardeners are eternal optimists. Catalogs ripe with glossy green photos of bountiful gardens flood the mailbox with the promise of spring.

Mail Order Gardening Month is the brainchild of the Direct Gardening Association (DGA), a nonprofit organization that provides support, education, and information to gardening companies and home gardeners. The DGA knows how impatient some gardeners can be about getting an early start in the spring, so they provide plenty of outlets for gardeners to prepare themselves during the winter. Catalogs contain a vast array of seeds, and gardeners spend hours in front of the fireplace dreaming about and planning their garden plots.

Starting seeds in containers indoors during the winter has several advantages. Seeds often cost far less than plants, and you are likely to find a wider variety of plants in a seed catalog than at the nursery. But starting your seeds indoors requires care and attention. Seeds can be started in pots or plastic trays. They should be given ample sunlight, often in south-facing windows, but not allowed to get too hot. When you see the first sprouts, you'll enjoy the flush of accomplishment enjoyed by so many winter gardeners.

# Best wishes for a terrific January Birthday

## Residents

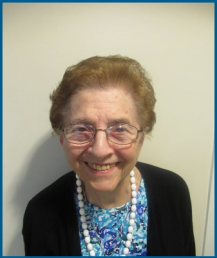
Lois Wenk	January 1
Mary Story	January 6
Tessie Szymanski	January 8
Michele Fisher	January 9
Jean Cerny	January 20
Martha Terpak	January 26
Jeanette Kuck	January 27
Ann Clauss	January 27
Doris Lloyd	January 27



## Co-Workers

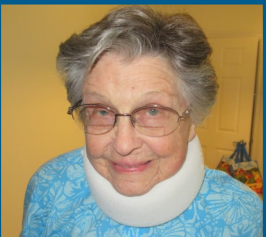
Megan Flynn	January 4
Nicole Brunn	January 8
Jody Narroway	January 8
Noriah Armontaser	January 11
Sheri White	January 15
Nadine Heath	January 26
Karyn Coulter	January 29
Rebecca Horton	January 29
Denise Siuda	January 30

## Resident of the Month– Frances Notaro



Frances is being recognized for her kindness, her easy going personality and for being so complimentary. She is originally from Brant, New York. Frances worked for much of her life at the family canning company and bowling alley. Her family has always been very important to her. She has many interests which include bowling, movies, Bingo, parties, golf, cooking, outings, She also has a love of music. Congratulations Frances!

## Resident of the Month- Betty Funk



We are recognizing Betty this month for her kind, effervescent personality. She is positive and appreciative regardless of the circumstance. She is the proud mother of three and is originally from Queensborough Kentucky. Her travels have included all over Texas, New York and Washington DC. She loves to keep busy. Betty's hobbies and interests include: Garden club, golf, music and cooking and baking. She also loves Orchard Heights trips and activities. Thank you Betty and congratulations!

## Co-Worker of the Month– Kim Hein-Scheffer



Kim started work here almost five years ago as a Personal care aide on the same unit that she is now the charge nurse of. Her co-workers have noticed that she takes excellent care of her residents, works hard and is always willing to assist anywhere she is needed. She is a true team player. Kim graduated from BOCCES and is a Licensed Practical nurse. When not at work, she enjoys spending time with her Pitbull/Shar-Pei mixed breed dog named Zeke. Congratulations Kim and thank you for your dedication to the residents of Orchard Heights.

# Stopping by the Woods on a Winter's Evening by Robert Frost

Whose woods these  
are I think I know.  
His house is in the  
village, though;  
He will not see me  
stopping here  
To watch his woods  
fill up with snow.

My little horse must  
think it queer  
To stop without a  
farmhouse near  
Between the woods  
and frozen lake  
The darkest evening  
of the year.

He gives his harness  
bells a shake  
To ask if there is  
some mistake.

The only other  
sound's the sweep  
Of easy wind and  
downy flake.

The woods are lovely,  
dark and deep,  
But I have promises  
to keep,  
And miles to go before  
I sleep,  
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## Winter Humor

Q. What do snowmen eat for breakfast?  
A. Frosted Flakes.

Q. How did Jack Frost get to work?  
A. By icicle!

Q. What is a mountains favorite type of  
candy?  
A. Snow caps.

Q. How was the snow globe feeling?  
A. A little shaken!

Q. Where do snowmen go to dance?  
A. The snowball.

Q. Which one is faster, hot or cold?  
A. Hot. You can catch cold!



## Your Management Team!!

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