

February
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Malta House News

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Celebrating February

Bird Feeding Month
Black History Month
**Fairy Tales & Fantasies
Month**
Library Lovers Month
Chocolate Month
Friendship Month
Love of Animals Month

Wear Red Day
February 3

**Celebrate Black History
Month**
February 7

Senior Prom Dance
February 11

Lourdes' Pilgrimage Talk
February 15

Malta House Fun Day
February 16

Tea & Classical Music
February 19

Dear Residents, Families and Friends:

Christmas seems long gone. We already are looking forward to February.

We have received our new bus (please see article). We are very grateful for the generous contribution from the Order of Malta that made the purchase possible.

We will have our Senior Prom again on February 11th with Mr. Pink. We all had such a wonderful time last year and have framed some of the photographs. If you have not seen them, please come visit the office.

We will have an afternoon tea with classical music. A string quartet will play for us. The musicians are high-school students and are volunteering through an organization called 'Art of all Ages'.

Please come and join us for our first Malta House Fun Day on February 16th, 2012. All staff members will present a fun activity for the residents and the kitchen will be responsible for creating some fun foods.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Elisabeth Orchard
Director



New Bus for Victory Housing



Clarion Johnson, Jean Strouthers, Joan Glasgow, Joan Desmond and Valencia Camp (from left to right).

This is our new bus in front of Malta House. All our residents are very grateful to have such a wonderful bus. No more bumpy rides!

All of us are very grateful to the Order of Malta for making it possible for us to have a safe and dependable ride.



Valencia Camp, Rose Bente Lee and Elisabeth Orchard

Decorating Malta House with the Volunteers from the Order of Malta



Residents and volunteers from the Order of Malta decorated Malta House for Christmas. Saturday December 3rd was a fun, busy & exciting start to the Christmas season at Malta House. At 10:00 am our faithful volunteers from the Order of Malta – Valencia Camp, Joan Desmond, Joan Glasgow & others, arrived to deck our halls! Everyone pitched in and the result was a Christmas wonderland.

Visit from Rose Bente Lee:



It was a great honor to have Ms. Rose Bente Lee visit Malta House. She is visiting with Ms. Doreen Moffitt (Elle Moreland, Paul Lequin and Ms. Annie Jackson in the background).

Jubilee Majestic Concert Choir



That afternoon, we were serenaded by the Jubilee Majestic Concert Choir under the direction of Dr. Kirdell Minor. Dr. Minor is a good friend of our resident, Corine Thweatt, and visits Malta House frequently. We are grateful for a beautiful and rousing performance.

Christmas Party 2011



Everybody enjoyed the Christmas party this year. We had in the afternoon instead of at lunch time. It made it less hectic for everyone.

Nuts for Nutella – February 5, 2012

On the morning of February 5, try something other than butter and jam on your morning toast. Try Nutella, that delicious chocolate hazelnut spread. It's World Nutella Day.

This spread was first developed in Italy. When taxes on cocoa beans went through the roof, a savvy business man named Pietro Ferrero invented Gianduja, a spread made of 20% hazelnut paste and 80% chocolate. It tasted like chocolate, but was far more affordable. Gianduja was an instant hit, especially with children. In 1963, this concoction was renamed Nutella. Today you can find it all over the world.

Nutella is not just for your breakfast toast. Aficionados add it to crepes, bake Nutella spice cakes and Nutella banana muffins, make Nutella French toast, and even grill Nutella and mascarpone cheese sandwiches. Take one taste, and you too may get hooked.

Tu B'Shevat – February 8, 2012



Tu B'Shevat on the Jewish Calendar is the New Year for Trees. It signifies the earliest blooming trees in the Land of Israel awaking from winter sleep to begin a new fruit bearing cycle. It is celebrated by eating fruit – particularly the fruits of the Holy Land – grapes, figs, dates, pomegranates & olives.

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Groundhog Day

Every February 2, crowds gather at the entrance of a groundhog's burrow and wait for the furry creature to forecast the weather. If it sees its shadow and runs back inside, prepare for six more weeks of winter. If it steps boldly from its burrow, then spring may come early.

The Pennsylvania Germans began the tradition of Groundhog Day in America, with evidence of its practice dating back to 1841. These traditions began in ancient Europe, when people believed that badgers and bears, not groundhogs, could predict the weather. Christians, trying to convert these heathens, absorbed this tradition into their religious celebration known as Candlemas, commemorating the presentation of the baby Jesus at a temple and the purification of Mary. Amazingly, little is remembered of Candlemas, but much is made of an overgrown squirrel that predicts the weather.

February Birthdays

If you were born between February 1 and 18, you are an Aquarius. Water Bearers have attractive personalities, and are very imaginative and intuitive. Aquarians have a strong desire to help humanity, create unity, and thirst for knowledge and truth. People born between February 19 and 29 are Pisces. These Fish have boundless imaginations and often become gifted artists. Their great capacity for love and depth of feeling make them sensitive and caring souls.

Norman Rockwell (artist) – Feb. 3, 1894
Babe Ruth (baseball player) – Feb. 6, 1895
Bill Russell (basketball player) – Feb. 12, 1934
Sidney Poitier (actor) – Feb. 20, 1927
Steve Jobs (innovator) – Feb. 24, 1955
Johnny Cash (musician) – Feb. 26, 1932

None of our residents have a birthday this month.