

HILL STREET PLACE HAPPENINGS

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A New Year, and a New Look...

~ Susie Sammons

Wishing All of you a very Happy New Year in 2024.

As I reflect on this past year, I feel so blessed to have the freedom to worship and practice my faith, a career that I love, and wonderful family and friends. We have been blessed with good health for the most part, and we have had a lot of fun experiences. This year has not been without our struggles as we welcomed a preemie baby during a very blustery February and March, we continue to learn to live with the threat of COVID, and we had to say goodbye to some very dear friends. Through it all, we try to keep a positive attitude and laugh as often as we can.

I am very traditional, and I don't usually like a lot of change, but I do know that change can be good. I am excited as the process of change can be seen throughout the lobby and dining room areas at Hill Street Place as we update and get a New Look. I have been researching furniture and carpet for a few years. I have worked with some wonderful professionals, and I am excited to see it all coming together. Our maintenance department is working hard at removing wallpaper & repainting, housekeeping is working hard at keeping everything as clean and tidy as possible, and activities has been working hard moving events and planning around our remodel. I thank all of you for your patience and understanding as we go through the process of updating our home. Please watch the Week-at-a-Glance and the whiteboard for any notices.

I know that being under construction is difficult, but I hope you will enjoy the final results.

Activity Professionals Week is in January. We all want to thank you, Jane & Tristan for the wonderful job you do in Activities. You make our lives fun!

Wishing all of you a very Blessed 2024!!! - Susie Sammons



As one year ends and another begins, may we pause to remember all of Hill Street Place's tenants and former tenants who passed away in 2023

Stella Curry • Regina Fox • Ella Sanderson • Lois Fratzke

Kenny Schnaser • Beverly Stassen • Evelyn Lozenski • Harold Fratzke

Jack Bullerman • Hiaria Rader • Jim Calvin • Lori Bruns

Maren Jacobson • Norma Bowers • Marie Schmahl • Leila Leach

PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!

New Years Day	1
Page Turners	2
Tenant Meeting	2
BINGO	2,9,30
Foot Clinic (by Appt)	3,17
Chautauqua: Avera Specialty Clinic, Jessica Lansman	3
Books on Wheels	4
Bible Study: Pastor Ziebell	4,11,25
Wii Bowling	4
Rosary with HRS 3 rd Grade	4
Catholic Mass	5,19
500 Card Party	5
Morning Worship	7,14,21,28
HRS 2 nd Grade Readers	8,15
Game Day: Garbage!	8
Hearing Aid Clinics	9,16
Men's Group: War Memorial The Lyon Co Museum, Jennifer Andries & Bill Palmer	10
Bible Study: Gracia	10,17,24,31
Music: Cowboy Dave	10
Joke Club	12
Brain Games	12,19,26
Baptist Service	14
Sing Along	14
Reminisce	15
Devotions with Jeannie Alex	16
Lutheran Service	18
Lunch Outing: Wooden Nickel	18
Movie Matinee: Indiana Jones and The Dial of Destiny	19
Coloring Fun	22
Wheelchair & Walker Clinic	23
PO•KE•NO 50¢ to play	24
Curana Blood Pressure Clinic	25
Methodist Service	25
Card Makers	26
Monthly Birthday Party	29
Nails with Hope Harbor	29
Fold & Deliver	31
Chautauqua: Forever Foot Care, Ashley Slegers	31
Game Day: Playing Pool	31

Upcoming Events . . .

Tenant Meeting - You are encouraged to attend the tenant meeting in the dining room on Tuesday, January 2nd

Open 500 Card Party - Invite your friends to join us on the first Friday of the month, January 5th, for our 500 Card Party!

Building Updates - While they are updating the carpet we will be moving activities as necessary, be sure to watch your Week-at-a-Glance & the whiteboard for cancellations and changes to times and locations.

Chautauqua - Jessica Lansman of Avera Specialty Clinic will be her on Wed. Jan. 3rd and Ashley Slegers of Forever Foot Care will be here on Wed. Jan. 31st.

Intergenerational Fun - The Holy Redeemer 2nd Grade Readers will be here 8:30 AM the second & third Mondays of January. Come down, spread out, listen and help them as they work on their reading skills! • On January 4th Holy Redeemer third grade will be leading 10:30 AM Rosary. • Hope Harbor will be painting nails & coloring with us on Monday, Jan 29th

Helping Hands at Hill Street Place - During the month of November we recorded a total of **90** volunteer hours. Thank you to everyone who recorded their hours.

Focus of Giving - Our 2023 Focus of Giving was Hope Harbor and with free will donations & our bake sale we raised \$650.00!!

Religious Opportunities - Sun. Morning Worship 9AM, Dining Rm • Sunday TV Mass & Communion 10AM Dayroom • Daily Rosary • Baptist Service 5PM Sunday Jan. 14th, Dining Room • Lutheran Service 10AM Thursday Jan. 18th, Dayroom • Methodist Service 10AM Monday Jan. 29th, Dayroom • Devotions with Jeannie Alex 10AM Tues. Jan. 16th, Dayroom • United Women of Faith Wed. Jan. 10th, Dayroom • Bible Study with Pastor Ziebell Thursdays 10:30 AM Dayroom • Bible Study with Gracia Wednesdays 9:30AM

A message from Gracia

To my friends and fellow residents at Hill Street Place -

I am sending a warm invitation for you to join me for a simple Bible Study in the New Year. We will meet on Wednesdays (January 10,17,24,31) –at 10:30 in the Dayroom for Bible Study. Each session will be different. Please know you are welcome to come for one, or for more—or for all.

Here is one verse from the Bible that I like: *“Things were written in the scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God’s promises to be fulfilled.”* **Romans 15:5**

Together we will look for encouragement as we leave 2023 behind and look forward to a new year of new learning, new experiences - and new things for which we can be thankful. The Bible is about God—He has good things in mind for all of His children. I look forward to seeing you as we meet together on these four Wednesdays in January 2024.

HAPPY NEW YEAR WORD SEARCH

BALL DROP
BALLOONS
CALENDAR
CELEBRATE
CLOCK
CONFETTI
COUNTDOWN
DECORATIONS
FIREWORKS
OUT WITH THE OLD
IN WITH THE NEW
JANUARY
LOUD NOISES
MEMORIES
MIDNIGHT
NEW YEARS
NEW YORK
NOISE MAKER
FRIENDS
PARTY
RESOLUTIONS
TIMES SQUARE
TRADITIONS
TWELVE O'CLOCK

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Last Month at a Glance . . .



Easy Tiramisu

Makes 16 Servings

INGREDIENTS

- 48 sugar-free vanilla wafer cookies
- 1/2 cup brewed, strong coffee, divided
- 2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese
- 1/4 cup Splenda
- 1/4 cup sugar-free chocolate syrup
- 2 cups sugar-free whipped topping
- 1 tablespoon cocoa powder
- Fresh strawberries for garnish (Optional)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Layer the bottom of a 9x13-inch pan with 24 vanilla wafers. Sprinkle 1/4 cup of the brewed coffee evenly over cookies.
2. In a medium bowl, mix the cream cheese, Splenda, and chocolate syrup with a hand mixer. Gently fold in whipped topping.
3. Spread half of the cream-cheese mixture over the cookies.
4. Lay the remaining 24 cookies evenly on top of the spread mixture. Sprinkle the remaining 1/4 cup of brewed coffee evenly over the cookies.
5. Spread the remaining mixture on top of the cookies. Sprinkle with cocoa.
6. Chill 2 hours before serving. Garnish with fresh strawberries if desired.



In Praise of Compliments... ~ Activity Connection

January 24 may be the most positive day of the year—it's Compliment Day! Compliments are not just friendly small talk; they are powerful tools to build and strengthen relationships. After all, when you pay a compliment, you are focused entirely on the other person. A happy by-product is that they also make the person paying the compliment feel good. Giving good & honest compliments is hard work. You must truly get to know the other person by listening to their words, observing their actions, and learning from their experiences. And if you've ever received a heartfelt compliment, you know how good one can make you feel. As Mark Twain once quipped, "I can live for two months on a good compliment."

Have you ever paid a compliment that seemed to go unnoticed? Not all compliments are created equal. If you want your compliment to be heard loud and clear, follow these steps:

1. Be sincere. Don't give a compliment if you don't mean it.
2. Be specific. Don't say something vague; say something that shows you're paying close attention.
3. Go beyond the compliment. Don't just compliment another person; go further by commenting on the positive outcome of that person's action or choice.
4. Follow up with a question. Show genuine interest by asking a question & turning your compliment into a conversation.
5. Expect nothing in return. Never offer a compliment and ask for a favor at the same time.
6. Avoid comparisons. Don't tell someone that they are "better than" something else; value the person in their own right.

Work Hard by Hardly Working...

~ Activity Connection

It may be easier said than done, but January 12 is Work Harder Day. Many businesses these days certainly seem obsessed with getting more from their workers. And hard work isn't just for nine-to-fivers anymore. We are constantly hearing that we must work harder in our personal lives, too: to improve relationships, become healthier, and think smarter. Just how are we supposed to accomplish this never-ending stream of hard work?

Advice abounds for improving productivity. Experts tell us to find help and delegate tasks to talented team members. We must make to-do lists and better manage our time; set realistic goals and reward ourselves for reaching them; watch less TV and get more sleep. But has your boss ever told you to work less?

There are some who believe that in order to work harder, we must work less. Giving workers time off, from a few minutes to a few weeks, from one fewer meeting to 100 fewer emails, allows the mind to focus on its main job: thinking. Some creative types may be at their most productive when they appear to their bosses to be doing nothing. Bill Gates, when he was in charge of Microsoft, would live by himself in a remote cottage for two "think weeks" every year just so he had the mental space to invent the technology of the future. It is hard to imagine what our workforce would look like if employees were pressured to take a couple of "think weeks" off every year on the company dime.

Perhaps it is no coincidence that January 13 is Make Your Dreams Come True Day. Truly, the best way to make your dreams come true is to put in some hard work first. A little luck also couldn't hurt. But, to borrow a line from Thomas Jefferson, "I'm a great believer in luck, but I find the harder I work the more I have of it."

