

HOLIDAY HERALD



New Horizons at Choate

December 2009

RESIDENT WELCOME: Our newest resident **Connie Croce, Suite 240**, hails from Burlington. A mother of three, Connie worked many years as a bookkeeper for the commonwealth of Massachusetts. Connie enjoys keeping mind and body active and enjoys square dancing, Tai Chi, exercise class, reading, scrabble and crossword puzzles. We extend a warm welcome to Connie in her new home.

WELCOME NEW STAFF: You may have noticed a new face on the bus; **Tom Mercier** started last week as our new part-time bus driver. Look for Tom on Tuesdays, Thursdays and every other Sunday.

ART APPEAL: Congratulations to **Ruth Tekirian**, as second prize winner in the 46th Annual Open Community Art Exhibit in Woburn. Her award-winning pastel, titled "Girl in Snow," is on display outside the wellness center.

DAYS OF CHANUKAH: In celebration of the Festival of Lights, residents of any faith are encouraged to join us as we light the menorah during the eight consecutive evenings of observance. This year, Chanukah begins at sundown on **Friday, December 11**, and continues until through **Saturday, December 19**. The menorah lighting will be held each corresponding evening at 4:30 PM.



EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY BREAKFAST: This annual staff event is **Wednesday, December 23**, in Rumford Dining Room. In keeping with our tradition, residents are invited to join us in the dining room at 10 AM to present holiday fund checks to the staff. The fund is distributed proportionately among New Horizons staff, based on total hours worked during the prior year. The executive director, associate director, director of wellness services, director of community relations, and Winchester Home Care staff (who are precluded by their firm from accepting financial gratuities from New Horizons) do not receive distributions from this fund.



HO, HO, HO-LIDAY DINNER! On **Friday, December 25**, New Horizons is planning a special holiday dinner (fit for Santa and his merry elves) for residents and guests with seating at 11:30 AM and noon in Rumford Dining Room. The cost for guests for this grand holiday meal will be the standard \$13 dinner charge per person. To assist in our preparations, please inform dining room supervisor Nancy Edwardsen or the Front Desk by *Friday, December 18*, if you expect guests (up to two only per resident, please), or if you expect to be out for dinner that day. As usual, holiday Gourmet-to-Go parcels, containing extra-special goodies for the occasion, will be the fare for your evening meal.

STAFF HOLIDAY FUND – THANK YOU: We extend our heartfelt thanks to those numerous residents and family members contributing to the staff holiday fund. Your donations this year *really* help to make the season bright for our hardworking employees. For those still wishing to participate, donations may be dropped off at the front desk until **December 21**. Your holiday gift to this fund is the only occasion when staff may accept a gratuity from residents and their families.



The staff of New Horizons wishes you good health, happiness, and a very special 2010!