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2022 December Holidays

December 18th
**1st Day of
Hanukkah**



December 21st
Winter Begins

December 25th
**Christmas
Day**

December 31st
**New Year's
Eve**



December at the Townehouse

Give Joy!



Invite your family and friends to celebrate this Joyous Season with everyone here at the Townehouse. Our December calendar is filled with holiday entertainment, fun parties, and delectable dining.

We will serve our Christmas dinner on Friday, December 23rd from 4pm to 6:30pm. If you are inviting family, please RSVP at the front desk before Monday, December 19th. You do not need to RSVP if you are not bringing a guest. Seating is limited. The cost for an adult guest is \$20 and for children \$10. Please note: No green buck vouchers will be taken for the Christmas meal.

A meet and greet reception will be held in the front lobby starting at 3pm. We are looking forward to a beautiful day.

Glitz and Glamour!

You are invited to our New Year's Eve Ball Saturday December 31st at 7:30pm on the 7th floor, Vista Room.

Live music will be performed by the Steve Ormond Trio - Steve on vocals, piano and accordion, Jerry Tintor on drums and John Cheas on saxophone.

Champagne wine and party favors will be provided. Invite your family and friends. We will bring in the New Year when the ball drops in Times Square at 9pm.



TOWNEHOUSE NEWS



In 1936, a little girl was born in Ventura named Carmelita (Carmie Oakley.) When I was five, I saw my first ballet dancer in a blue tutu at a Christmas show at the Elks Temple in Ventura. I instantly fell in love! After that, I took ballet classes with every teacher that came to town. Many years later I opened my own studio and did a course of ballet from the Royal Ballet in England.



I passed my love of ballet onto my daughter Kristen, who became a professional dancer and now has her own school, The Oakley Ballet Center in Ventura. It is also known as Foot Works Youth Ballet. We had a little preview of Kristen's students in the Front Lobby last month. We have plans to see the whole Nutcracker ballet at Ventura College on Sunday, December 18th.

Thanksgiving 2022!



CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

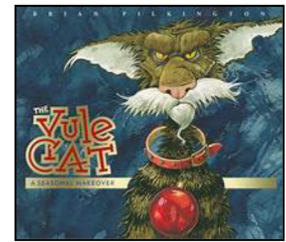
When we think of Christmas food, countries around the world favor their own delicacies from turkey and ham, to roast goose, to tamales, to roast pig. But in Japan, Kentucky Fried Chicken tops the list of holiday favorites! KFC opened there in 1970 and followed with a massive advertising campaign to encourage its chicken dinners as splendid fare for Christmas Eve. Today people stand in line for hours to get KFC meals and even submit orders months in advance.



In South Africa eating fried caterpillars may seem like one of the weirdest Christmas traditions. But these aren't just run-of-the-mill caterpillars you find in the garden. It's the Pine Tree Emperor Moth, or Christmas caterpillar, which is covered in very festive hues.

"Jingle Bells" is one of today's most popular Christmas songs, but it was originally a Thanksgiving song titled "One Horse Open Sleigh." It was written by James Lord Pierpont and performed at his church's Thanksgiving concert. In 1857, it was republished under its title of today.

Another strange tradition comes from Iceland, where a giant cat is said to roam the snowy countryside at Christmas. Traditionally farmers would use the Yule Cat as an incentive for their workers. Those who worked hard would receive a new set of clothes, but those who didn't, would be devoured by the gigantic cat-like beast. Today it is customary in Iceland for everyone to get new clothing for Christmas. (To avoid an unpleasant death?)



Ukraine's unique decorating tradition is not for those who fear spiders! Where we use balls, tinsel and stars, Ukrainians use decorations that mimic the natural formation of spider webs shimmering with dew. In that country's culture, spider webs are considered to be lucky.

Do you think that all Christmas trees look like the ones in so many American homes and businesses? Not so. In New Zealand, the pohutukawa, a beautiful tree native to the Kiwis, is the recognized symbol of Christmas. It has gnarled roots and bright crimson flowers and is featured on Christmas cards, decorations and even carols that children sing at school.



And finally, in the Venezuelan capital of Caracas, hordes of city-dwellers make their way to Mass on roller skates every year on Christmas morning. This tradition is now so well established that many of the city's streets are closed to traffic from 8am on December 25 so that people can get to church safely.

Kindly submitted by Barbara Cudmore

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Resident Bulletin

PLEASE HELP US THANK OUR WONDERFUL STAFF!
We, the Townehouse residents have established a fund to offer a financial thank-you to the approximately 120 non-management staff members who, day in and day out, help to make our lives safe, enjoyable and comfortable. In the middle of December, we will do our semi-annual distribution from that fund. If you have not contributed since June, now is the time. How much you give is entirely up to you, but since they earn just over the minimum wage, we urge donations of around \$2.00 for each day you live here. Please give what you can.

Make your check payable to Townehouse Residents Fund and put it in the Gratuity Box next to the front desk by December 10th.



Thank you, The Townehouse Residents Association

In the past, managers have handed out the gratuity checks to their employees. However, this year, the residents will hand out the checks. We are planning to have a little pizza party for our employees on December 22nd at 2pm in the Dining Room Lounge. Prior to this date, we will have poster boards available for you to sign and post your thoughts of gratitude.

I have recently spotted an elf or two flitting around our garden villas. They have a special talent for decorating the lamp posts. If you see them, please pay them a compliment.

