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# Emerald Gardens

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## Celebrating January

JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> CHOCOLATE COVERED  
CHERRY DAY

JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> WACKY WINTER  
WARDROBE WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> S'MORES SATURDAY

JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> STRAWBERRY ICE CREAM  
DAY, TOP HAT DAY, MARTIN LUTHER  
KING DAY

JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> SNOWFLAKE DAY

JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> HOORAY! IT'S PEANUT  
BUTTER DAY!

JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE  
1980'S DAY

JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> FUN AT WORK DAY

JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL PUZZLE DAY,  
BUBBLE WRAP APPRECIATION DAY

JANUARY 30<sup>TH</sup> TEA AND TRIVIA TUESDAY

## Family Christmas Party



## January Birthdays



Katherine Bolen 1/15  
Dolores Hughes 1/28  
Martha Strom 1/29



Emerald Gardens of Greenwood Assisted Living  
& Alzheimer's Care

Emerald Gardens Friends &  
Family Referral Program

Refer someone you know, and if they move-in,  
you will receive \$500 off one month's rent.

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**Santa Has Come to Town...**



*Employee of the Month*

*Kim Shiflet*



**“Kim loves the Lord, her family, and the residents of Emerald Gardens. She is a hard worker and is dedicated to helping others. She has helped me more times than I can count and I am thankful for everything she has helped me with.” –Anna T.**

**“Kim is everybody’s friend. She has always been mighty good to me!” –Laura F.**

**“Kim is a very loving and caring person. The residents are important to her and she does all she can to make their life better. I think we are very fortunate to have Kim with us and we appreciate all that she has done for us and what all she will do for us in the future.” –Lloyola S.**

**“The purpose of human life is to serve and to show compassion and the will to serve others” –A. Schweitzer**

**“In case you didn’t know, Kim is a wonderful and thoughtful player on the team at Emerald Gardens. An amazing and a great person to work with. She’s always right here waiting to lend a helping hand to anyone.” –Jan R.**

**“Kim is such a blessing to have on our team. She is willing to do whatever it takes to ensure that our residents get what they need and are taken care of on a high level. Kim motivates other team members to be better through displaying her dependability, sincerity, and compassion for our residents in all that she does. We are lucky to have her at Emerald Gardens and thankful that we do!” –Chris P.**

**The Twelfth Day of Christmas**



The last day of the Twelve Days of Christmas falls on January 6, and in Ireland it doesn’t end with twelve drummers drumming, but with *Nollaig na mBan*, or Women’s Christmas, or Little Christmas, as it’s also known. This is the day the Christmas decorations come down and (finally) the women of the house get a much-deserved rest after catering to guests during the busy holiday season. In 1998, an article published in the *Irish Times* newspaper noted that while even God rested on the seventh day, Irish women didn’t get to rest until the twelfth!

The holiday is especially common in southern Ireland’s counties of Cork and Kerry, where families celebrate a yearly reminder of the strength and importance of Irish women, especially mothers, who have long been considered the backbone of the Irish family. In Ireland’s olden times, the women would save the turf, cut the hay, and paint the barn, all while raising the children and feeding the family—no small task considering how large traditional Irish families were. While a woman’s role in Irish society has evolved over the years—they have moved far beyond the boundaries of the home and into the community, business, and politics—women are no less revered.

On January 6, it is common for children to give their mothers and grandmothers presents or cook them breakfast. The men take over the household duties for the day while women gather socially in the pubs and restaurants for a little well-deserved girl time. In fact, it is the one time of year when restaurants and bars are filled entirely with women.

Luckily, the notion of Women’s Christmas is becoming popular for Irish women beyond Cork and Kerry. And the celebration is becoming more than just a night out at the pubs. Modern Women’s Christmas celebrations are including discussions about women’s health, political involvement, and most any other women’s issues: less food, and more food for thought.

**Special Thanks!**

I would like to say thank you to everyone that donated gifts to the Toy Drive for the Salvation Army! The gifts that were donated went to children that didn’t have anything under the Christmas tree this past year and it’s all thanks to the generous families and residents that donated a gift or two.

Thank you again and may God bless you and your family this New Year!

-Anna Taylor  
Activities Coordinator

