

# The Chatter Box



**Celebrating December**

**Safe Toys and Gifts Month**

**Write a Friend Month**

**Spiritual Literacy Month**

**Hanukkah**

*December 2-10*

**Pretend to Be a Time**

**Traveler Day**

*December 8*

**International Mountain Day**

*December 11*

**Crossword Puzzle Day**

*December 21*

**Christmas Day**

*December 25*

**Make Up Your Mind Day**

*December 31*

## *This Month's Resident Fun Facts*

*Winner IS:*

*Kathy Gassner*

*Let's enjoy getting to know Kathy Better*

1. Are you named after anyone?

Aunt-Baby died at 20months from Pneumonia her name was Kathy.

2. What was your first job?

Babysitting

3. What were some of your hobbies growing up?

Reading and cooking

4. What did you want to be when you grew up?

I wanted to be in the Air Force

5. How did you meet your Spouse?

His sister was a friend and introduce us to each other.

6. How old were you when you met your spouse/got engaged/ got married?

21/22/23

7. What is your favorite Book?

Any Nicketless Sparks Book

## Activities You Can't Miss Out On



Crafts Making Ginger bread men (need lots of helpers)

*Dancers coming to dance*



*Special Visitors coming to give everyone a gift*

Christmas Party for Residents Only

*Going to Bay City Mall Shopping*

Dinner/Pajama Movie Party  
come to dinner in your pajamas  
Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>



DECEMBER  
MILESTONES:  
Happy Birthday To  
You!!!!!!  
Joe 12/8  
Gabby(2nds) 12/27



We Would like to  
Welcome,

Rose Kanicki

Zola Groh

And Barb Cook

To the Colonnades



Thanksgiving 2018

The rest of the story about Kathy

- 8. What is your Favorite Food?  
Ham & Sweet Potatoes and seven layer salad.
- 9. What is your favorite Holiday?  
Thanksgiving
- 10. What is your favorite childhood memory?  
Taking the train to Grayling to spend months with my grandparents and Cousins

Christmas Dinner 2018

We will be having our Christmas Dinner December 25<sup>th</sup> at Noon. If any family members would like to join us for dinner you need to be signed up by Friday December 14<sup>th</sup>.



## Go A-Wassailing



Whether you have a good singing voice or not, get into the swing of the holiday season with Go Caroling Day on December 20. You may be surprised to hear that carols did not originate as holiday songs at all. Carols were folk dances, and *carol* meant “to dance in a ring.” Most often

these dances and their accompanying songs were sung in the pubs (along with the presumptive overindulgence of ale). So when did carols make the jump from the alehouse to the church house? The answer might lie in Victorian England.

*Wassailing*, or the act of wishing good fortune on your neighbors, was a fairly common practice during the medieval era. It was believed that if you passed well wishes to your neighbors, they would reward you in turn. Caroling, or performing folk songs of well-wishes to neighbors, became traditional during local festivals and on holidays like May Day. But it was during the Victorian Era that caroling became forever merged with Christmastime. Legend has it that the first Christmas carol service was held in Truro, England, in 1880, when Edward White Benson attempted to lure carolers out of the pub on Christmas Eve by publicizing a carol service at church. Benson would go on to become the Archbishop of Canterbury.

It was also during Victorian England that Christmas became more popular and commercialized. Publishers began compiling and printing vast anthologies of carols. Some went so far as to take ancient songs and rewrite them as hymns to the birth of Christ. Many of the most famous Christmas carols date from this period, including “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen,” “The First Noel,” “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing!,” and “Joy to the World.” Nowadays, Christmas caroling is almost uniquely found during church services. Rarely do carolers venture door-to-door *a-wassailing* as they once did in olden times. But on December 20, Go Caroling Day, the practice may be revived. So don’t be surprised if you hear a knock on your door and a choir of voices.

## December Birthdays

In astrology, the Archers of Sagittarius are those born between December 1–21. These open-minded travelers are in constant motion, searching the globe for meaning. Curious, optimistic, and enthusiastic, they are not afraid of change and treasure freedom. Those born from December 22–31 are Capricorn’s Goats. Goats are focused on lofty goals; these hardworking and determined souls will prevail with grit and resilience.

Aaron Rodgers (quarterback) – December 2, 1983  
Walt Disney (animator) – December 5, 1901  
Dave Brubeck (musician) – December 6, 1920  
Emmett Kelly (clown) – December 9, 1898  
Rita Moreno (actress) – December 11, 1931  
Shirley Jackson (writer) – December 14, 1916  
Betty Grable (actress) – December 18, 1916  
Chris Evert (tennis pro) – December 21, 1954  
Howard Hughes (magnate) – December 24, 1905  
Clara Barton (nurse) – December 25, 1821  
Tiger Woods (golfer) – December 30, 1975  
Donna Summer (singer) – December 31, 1948

## Christmas Crossing



It was nearly midnight on Christmas of 1776 when Revolutionary War General George Washington daringly crossed the freezing Delaware River to turn the tide in favor of the colonists. Washington had suffered numerous

defeats, resulting in the loss of many strategic locations, including New York City in the north. Washington’s plan included three crossings of the Delaware. He led a division of 2,400 men to surprise a group of German Hessian soldiers gathered at Trenton. When Washington’s force descended the next morning, the Hessians were caught unawares after a night of Christmas revels and were easily overwhelmed. When Washington’s other two divisions of 3,000 men failed to make the rendezvous, he was forced to withdraw. While the victory was not particularly strategic, Washington’s renown and the morale of the Continental Army grew.