



## Notable Quotable

“After a good dinner, one can forgive anybody, even one’s own relations.”

~ Oscar Wilde, writer and humorist



## MCM Auxilliary Highlights

As many of you know, and some don't know, we have an amazing volunteer run ART program here at the Manor. The residents are busy preparing various projects and their specialty is homemade cards for every occasion! We currently are looking for buttons and ribbon to help decorate our homemade cards which are sold for \$2, what a steal! All money collected goes back in to the program and Residents Council for outings.

On Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup> many residents will be attending the Scott

Woods and band Christmas concert at the arena and we would love families to attend to help support their loved one. Tickets are \$25 for family and community, the resident tickets are being purchased by the auxiliary and activity dept. Funds from this amazing fundraiser are going towards our current campaign “Another step forward” to replace all the carpet in the building to make it easier for residents to ambulate. We hope to see you there.

We are also looking for helpers to decorate the Manor for Christmas on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm, see you there!  
*Sincerely, Donna Wuksinic*

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the Cat, the preeminent cartoon megastar of the silent era. In those early days, the balloons were built by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Plant Company. They were not filled with helium but with air, and wranglers propped them up with long sticks. In 1929, balloons were filled with helium and wranglers had to both wrestle the gargantuan cartoons and keep their own feet firmly on the ground. Between 1929 and 1932, the balloons were released into the air at the finish

of the parade. They could float to the ground anywhere in Manhattan, and the lucky ones who found them needed only return the tag attached to the lost balloon to Macy's for a \$25 gift certificate. For over 90 years, balloons have floated through New York's skyscraper canyons. Felix the Cat has stepped aside for Raggedy Ann and Andy, Popeye, Snoopy, Woodstock and current favorites like Iron Man and Pikachu, but the sense of wonder these balloons inspire carries on.

## Activity Bits & Bites

It's easy to take our freedom for granted, when we are not threatened to lose it on a daily basis. It's also easy to forget that times of peace have come at the great cost of many lives lost. Let's take time to remember, this November 11, the freedom that we enjoy! Please join the residents and staff of the Manor in our Remembrance Day Service and tea at 2pm.

Just a reminder on the last weekend of every month the missing clothes cart comes up to the activity room, sometimes labels come off clothes, or sometimes clothes don't get labeled and will end up on the cart after being sent to laundry, no one likes to lose clothes! Family be reminded when bringing in new clothes give it to the nursing station to be labeled.

With Christmas just around the corner

we have already started planning our resident/family party and the Christmas dinner (luncheon). The luncheon will happen on Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 12pm. Each resident can have 2 guests; additional guests are first come first serve basis after we get the numbers. The cost is \$15 for a wonderful turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Payment is required prior to the event. RSVP by Friday November 30<sup>th</sup> please. The Resident Christmas party with Santa will take place on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

Be sure to check your November Activity Calendar for all the fun things going on! Happy Fall y'all!

*Julie Omnet-Activity Director*

# Manor News & Views

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## Celebrating November

**Hearing Aid cleaning clinic, 1pm**

*November 8th*

**Food Committee 1:15pm**

*November 19th*

**LCPS Students Visit 1:30pm**

*November 20th*

**Anchor Inn Lunch Outing 12pm**

*November 23rd*

**Scott Woods Concert 2pm**

*November 25th*

**Resident Council 1:15pm**

*November 28th*

## A Bunch of Hot Air

Is there any bigger spectacle than the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade marching down Broadway in New York City? And this big spectacle requires big balloons to capture the attention and dazzle the imagination of millions of onlookers.

The Thanksgiving Day parade did not always boast larger-than-life balloons. The first parade was held in 1924 when R.H. Macy & Co. decided to celebrate the opening of its new flagship store on 34th Street in Manhattan. This massive parade was not meant to celebrate Pilgrims and a feast of turkey but to usher in the Christmas shopping season. During its first three years, the parade featured live animals from the Central

Park Zoo, including tigers, elephants, camels, and donkeys. However, the children lining Broadway were so scared by these beasts that parade organizers decided to feature some “lighter” entertainment: giant balloons in the shape of beloved cartoon characters.

The first inflatable star of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade was Felix

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## Easy-Baked Success

If only baking in a real oven was as delightful as baking in an Easy-Bake Oven. In 1963, the first Easy-Bake Oven was introduced in November just in time for the Christmas shopping season. Inventor Ronald Howes' idea was simple: create an oven that can be used by kids that looks just like Mom's oven. He was inspired by a visit to New York City, where he witnessed chestnut vendors cooking their nuts on

what seemed like every street corner. His new toy used just two incandescent lightbulbs to generate enough heat (about 350°) to bake small brownies and cakes. In those first couple of months, the Kenner toy company sold 500,000 Easy-Bake Ovens, despite the price tag of \$15.95, which would be almost \$100 by today's standards. In 1963, it must have been a small price to pay for real home-baked goodies.



## Lightning in a Bottle

What is the appeal of the mason jar? It conjures rustic romanticism and good, homemade food. Some even say that it captures summer in a jar, to be uncapped and enjoyed in the long, cold winter. Perhaps you'll even be inspired to preserve something tasty in a jar yourself on November 30, Mason Jar Day.



*The patent for Mason's lid expired in 1879, so he saw almost no profit for his invention.*

John L. Mason didn't set out to become famous when he invented the mason jar on November 30, 1858. In fact, he didn't invent the jar at all but rather the unique two-piece metal screw cap. Mason was, after all, a tinsmith, so he was well-versed in the utility of metal. Heat-based canning as a method to preserve foods was common in kitchens prior to Mason's invention. The one problem common to this type of preservation was a faulty seal. As soon as air entered the jar or can, food began to spoil. Mason's airtight lid solved that problem beautifully, advancing the efficiency of the canning process.

## Hat Trick

Don't let your head go bare on November 25—it's International Hat Day! Certainly, a baseball cap can fit the bill on this holiday, but why not explore some more exotic and symbolic fashions? The fancy, floppy wool *beret* is instantly recognizable as French. It began as a hat worn by the poorest classes, such as farmers and artists. The wide-brimmed *sombrero* may be synonymous with Mexico, but hats like this were worn by horsemen in Mongolia as far back as the 13th century. If you

The most popular mason jar manufactured today is the ubiquitous Ball brand jar. Ball jars were first manufactured in 1884, and today, they are created at a rate of 17 jars per second. Not only is the glass favored over plastic jars made with synthetic chemicals but these jars are also appreciated for their versatility. A mason jar is no longer singularly used to preserve foods like jam or pickles; the jars are also used as soap dispensers, planters, vases, and drinking glasses—not just for moonshine but for trendy cocktails.

A mason jar is as authentic a piece of Americana as a cowboy hat. Collectors even seek out rare and valuable mason jar specimens. The Universal jar is worth thousands. Produced in Buffalo in 1937, only 50 were ever manufactured. From the mundane to the magnificent, mason jars have captured both food and the public's imagination for over a century.

feel a chill in the air, then opt for the Russian *ushanka*, the cylindrical fur hat with earflaps that can be tied up over its crown. The modern *ushanka* can be traced to the Russian Civil War when the ruler of Siberia ordered a winter hat be issued as part of the standard uniform. The *fez* of the Ottoman Empire was originally meant to be a symbol of equality and a means to show a common national identity amongst its wearers. Choose your hat wisely, for hats from any country are rich in both history and symbolism.



*Millinery is the design, manufacture, and sale of hats and headwear.*

## Champion of Chimpanzees



*Chimpanzees and humans share 98.5% of the same DNA.*

Jane Goodall had no formal training in animal behavior or anthropology when she ventured into the African jungle in Tanzania, East Africa. She simply wanted to observe chimpanzees in the wild. What she discovered on November 4, 1960, changed the way humans view animals forever. For the first time, a human witnessed another animal use a tool of any kind. In this case, a chimp used a twig to extract

termites from their mounds. Humans are called *Homo sapiens*, which means "man the toolmaker." Goodall's discovery forced the scientific world to reconsider the idea that tool-making is not unique to humans. After a lifetime of being a champion of chimpanzees, there maybe no better-known chimp expert than Jane Goodall, who at her start, wanted nothing more than to be alone with the chimps.

## Flew the Coop

On November 24, 1971, an airline passenger traveling from Portland to Seattle handed a note to a flight attendant that read, "I have a bomb in my briefcase. I will use it if necessary. I want you to sit next to me. You are being hijacked."



*Robert Rackstraw is now a retired university instructor living in San Diego, California.*

So begins the legend of D.B. Cooper, the mysterious man and the center of the FBI's only unsolved case of air piracy. D.B. Cooper was not his real name. He used the name Dan Cooper to purchase the ticket, but a reporter erroneously dubbed him D.B. The crew eventually complied with Cooper's demands. They landed the plane in Seattle, where he was given \$200,000 and four parachutes. Then the jet took again to the skies with a skeleton crew headed for Reno, Nevada. But Cooper never made it to Reno. While flying over southwest Washington, the crew was alerted that the rear stairs had been opened. When they checked the back of the plane, they discovered that Cooper had jumped out, wearing a parachute and holding the \$200,000. Cooper was never seen again, and treasure

hunters have scoured southwest Washington ever since, hoping to find the loot and uncover Cooper's true identity.

This past June, a team of FBI investigators made a startling announcement. They believed that they had uncovered Cooper's true identity. After analyzing a series of letters allegedly written by Cooper in the months following the skyjacking, investigators think that he was a Special Forces paratrooper and Vietnam veteran named Robert Rackstraw. Rackstraw was eliminated as a suspect by the FBI in 1979, yet the FBI has safeguarded evidence pointing to Rackstraw ever since. Rick Sherwood, an Army specialist in code cracking, believes that Rackstraw sent coded letters to various newspapers in the months following the heist, egging on investigators. Both the writing style and the codes point to other codes known to be Rackstraw's. Whether the FBI reopens the case against Rackstraw remains another yet-to-be-solved mystery.