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RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

“MARY CUOZZO”

Hello, my name is Mary Jane Cuozzo. I was born in Newark, New Jersey on Christmas Day, December 25, 1931. I will be turning 93 years young this coming Christmas!

I moved to Florida in 1980 to get out of the cold weather in NJ. I lived in Palm Beach, Boynton Beach and most recently in Palm Coast Florida, before relocating to Advent Square last year.

My grandparents came to Ellis Island from Calabria, Italy. They first moved to West Virginia where my grandfather worked in the coal mines. When they had the biggest coal mine collapse in West Virginia, my grandparents moved to Newark, NJ where my grandfather worked for Westinghouse.

I had a very large family growing up, unfortunately, mostly everyone is no longer with me. I have my son Rocco, who is all I have left to take care of me. You might see him here often, as he is a very caring son of which I am very grateful to have.

I worked in NJ as an insurance rater and did other office tasks during my lifetime. They nick named me “Inspector Mary” because I could find anything that someone lost in an office file somewhere!

I enjoy playing Bingo twice a week and spend most of my time watching Court TV and other shows that keep me busy.

I enjoy living here at Advent Square, all the people are very nice. Thank you for recognizing me in this community.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

If you were born between December 1–21, you are Sagittarius, the Archer. Archers are optimistic, energetic, generous, and honest. They enjoy exploration and keep an open mind during new encounters. Those born between December 22–31 are Capricorns, the Goat. Capricorns are the most stable and serious signs of the zodiac. Reliable, resourceful, and determined, they make excellent leaders and managers.

PAUL MIODINI ~ 12/02/51

MARY CUOZZO ~ 12/25/31

- Louis Prima (Singer) – December 7, 1910
- Judi Dench (Actress) – December 9, 1934
- Connie Francis (Singer) – December 12, 1938
- Ava Gardner (Actress) – December 24, 1922
- Ted Danson (Actor) – December 29, 1947

*Let's cherish the moments with loved ones near,
 For Christmas is a time to hold them dear.
 In the laughter and smiles, we find our worth,
 Bringing out the best of us here on Earth.
 So let's light up the world with kindness and care,
 And share the spirit of Christmas everywhere.
 For in unity, we find bliss,
 May this season be filled with happiness.*



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DEAR RESIDENTS & FAMILIES:

WE WOULD LIKE TO PLAN AN EVENING BUS TRIP TO SEE SPECTACULAR CHRISTMAS LIGHT DISPLAYS. THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE ACTIVITIES ROOM FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN THIS FESTIVITY. DATE AND SPECIFIC DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

ON DECEMBER 10TH AT 6:45 PM, “THE GARDEN”, WOMEN’S MINISTRY WILL BE CHRISTMAS CAROLING DOOR TO DOOR HERE AT ADVENT SQUARE. WHAT A BEAUTIFUL TRADITION.

BEN TEMER OF “EYELUMINATE VISION SERVICES” WOULD LIKE TO VISIT ADVENT SQUARE TO OFFER EYE EXAMS AND VISION SERVICES. CERTAIN INSURANCE ACCEPTED. IF INTERESTED, A SIGN-UP SHEET IS AVAILABLE IN THE ACTIVITIES ROOM. THANK YOU.

UPCOMING DECEMBER 2024 ACTIVITIES:

DECEMBER 3RD @ 9:00 AM ~ LET’S HAVE A GROUP EFFORT CHRISTMAS DECORATING PARTY! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT & SHOW OFF YOUR DECORATING TALENTS FOR THE COMMON AREAS OF YOUR HOME, PLEASE MEET IN THE DINING ROOM. OR, SIMPLY COME TO SOCIALIZE AND ENJOY SOME EGGNOG!

DECEMBER 3RD & 10TH @ 2:00 PM ~ I PLANNED A LOVELY CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT DESIGNING CLASS FOR US TO ENJOY! IT WILL BE IN TWO PARTS. LET’S CREATE SPECIAL KEEPSAKES.

DECEMBER 10TH @ 6:45 PM ~ THE GARDEN WOMEN’S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CAROLERS, WILL BE SINGING DOOR TO DOOR.

DECEMBER 11TH @ 9:45 AM ~ OUR ADVENT PRE-SCHOOLERS WILL BE PERFORMING THEIR CHRISTMAS SHOW... HOW PRECIOUS A SIGHT TO SEE . . . WILL THIS BE.

DECEMBER 17TH @ 2:00 PM ~ WE WILL BE DECORATING GINGER BREAD HOUSES IN THE DINING ROOM. PLEASE JOIN THIS FESTIVE TRADITION. PLEASE TRY NOT TO EAT THE CANDY YOU NEED TO DECORATE WITH!

DECEMBER 21ST @ 3:00 PM ~ ADVENT CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR RESIDENTS & FAMILIES. THE VERY TALENTED FRANI & BOBBY WILL BE PERFORMING THEIR CHRISTMAS SHOW.

DECEMBER 24TH @ 2:00 PM ~ MAKE YOUR HAND CRAFTED LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS CARDS, HOSTED BY SUE HAGEN.

DECEMBER 25TH @ NOON ~ ENJOY YOUR CHRISTMAS DINNER WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS, HERE AT ADVENT SQUARE.

OUR ENTIRE TEAM AND STAFF WISHES ALL OUR WONDERFUL RESIDENTS AND FAMILIES A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS WITH THE BEST OF HEALTH FOR THE NEW YEAR

Warm Regards, Donna

The Demo Heard 'Round the World



Some call it the day that launched the personal computing revolution. Others call it the “Mother of All Demos.” On December 9, 1968, a computer engineer named Douglas Engelbart made a presentation to an audience of 1,000 at the San Francisco Convention Center. During this presentation, Engelbart foresaw the future of computing.

In 1968, computers were considered by many to be little more than fancy calculators, but Engelbart and a group of 17 other researchers had been working since 1962 at the Stanford Research Institute in Menlo Park, California, to prove that computers were much more than that. Computers, they believed, could augment human intelligence: using a computer, we could work smarter and faster, thereby dramatically increasing our ability to do good in the world.

During the 100-minute presentation, Engelbart presented the first computer mouse, so called because of the long cord resembling a mouse's tail. He used the mouse to move a cursor around a screen, highlight words, and resize windows. A video of Engelbart himself appeared on half of the screen, while the other half displayed the computer's working output. Soon after, Engelbart's colleagues appeared on-screen to converse and help modify the document. The team was effectively demonstrating the first collaborative remote videoconference.

While we take such technological innovations for granted today, in 1968, such a presentation was mind-blowing. Personal computers would not even become accessible to the public for another 12 years. Furthermore, the interface Engelbart first described on December 9, 1968, is still the basic computer interface we use today. Before his presentation, some believed Engelbart to be a “crackpot.” Afterward, he was hailed as a visionary and genius.



*Warm Wishes for a Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year*

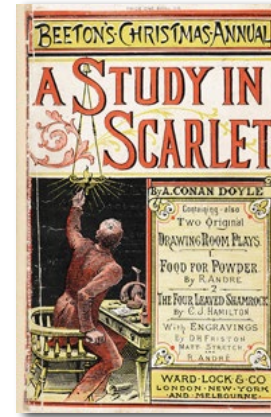
CALLING ALL BINGO LOVERS



Bingo is celebrated throughout December in church halls and community centers because December is Bingo Month. The game dates all the way back to 1530, when Italians played a game called *Lo Gioco del Lotto d'Italia*. Some even say that this game was used to fight government corruption. Instead of winning a pot of money, those holding winning numbers were elected as local leaders.

The French first introduced a playing card full of numbers. Then in the 1800s, the Germans used the game as a tool to teach children math and spelling. It first appeared in America in 1929 at a carnival near Atlanta, Georgia, where it was called “Beano.” When an excited winner shouted out the word *bingo* by mistake, an entrepreneur named Edwin S. Lowe overheard the faux pas, renamed the game, and employed a Columbia University mathematician named Carl Leffler to create 6,000 randomly numbered bingo cards. Leffler purportedly went insane from the task. A Catholic priest asked Lowe to show him the game as a way of raising money for the church. Bingo has been a church hall mainstay ever since.

FROM BEETON TO BAKER STREET



Samuel Orchart Beeton, an English publisher from the 1800s, was best known for publishing his wife's book, *Mrs. Beeton's Book of Household Management*, a guide for keeping house in Victorian England. Beeton went on to launch a new magazine that came out only once a year, called *Beeton's Christmas Annual*. His 1887 issue

contained three stories, including a story by a writer named Arthur Conan Doyle titled “A Study in Scarlet,” featuring a detective named Sherlock Holmes and his friend and assistant, Dr. Watson.

Doyle had not originally intended to become a writer of mystery stories. He studied medicine at the University of Edinburgh in his native Scotland. One of his professors, Dr. Joseph Bell, inspired him greatly with his amazing powers of deduction. It is said that the character of Sherlock Holmes is based on Dr. Bell.

Doyle moved to London to practice medicine, but work was slow, and he wrote in his free time. When “A Study in Scarlet” was first published, it did not garner much attention. However, as Doyle introduced more adventures, the public clamored for more Sherlock Holmes stories. Eventually Doyle quit medicine to become a full-time writer.

“A Study in Scarlet” is marvelous in that it shows the first meeting between Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson and paints a full picture of Holmes' many eccentricities. It is also famous for being the first detective story to include a magnifying glass as a detective's tool. Only 11 complete copies of the 1887 *Beeton's Christmas Annual* are known to exist, and copies in excellent condition are collectors' items worth more than \$100,000. Doyle would go on to write more than 50 Sherlock Holmes stories, and his famous detective would forever influence the future of the crime and mystery genre.

BLESSINGS BY THE SEA

While the northern hemisphere is bundling up for winter, in the southern hemisphere, Uruguayans are preparing for beach season. One of the great secrets of this South American country is that its coastline is one long, never-ending beach. In fact, Uruguay boasts some of the most beautiful beaches in the world, earning the nickname of the “Uruguayan Riviera.”

Beach season unofficially opens every year on December 8, the Day of the Beaches, when local priests perform a “Blessing of the Waters.” After the blessing, sailboat regattas and horseback-riding competitions are held. Then everyone begins a summer of frolicking in the surf.

Cutting-Edge Fun



Nothing announces the arrival of the holiday season like the smell of freshly baked cookies. If you're looking to spruce up your baking this year, ditch the common round shape for some fun cookie cutters during Cookie Cutter Week, held the first week of December.

While evidence shows that ancient Egyptians created interesting molds for baking cakes, Queen Elizabeth I of England is said to have popularized the novelty of baking cookies in the shape of her guests. Gingerbread men and women soon became popular in bakeries across 17th-century England.

Today, you can find cookie cutters in every conceivable shape and size. Some manufacturers will even create custom cookie cutters. Some people enjoy collecting cookie cutters, and serious enthusiasts belong to the Cookie Cutters Collectors' Club (CCCC). In fact, it was the CCCC that originally conceived Cookie Cutter Week about 30 years ago. Members enjoy benefits such as a quarterly newsletter and an exclusive cutter designed to commemorate Cookie Cutter Week.