

A Magical Start to the Year



It turns out that January is a magical month. First, January 16 is Appreciate a Dragon Day. In Eastern cultures, dragons are powerful beings of wisdom, magic, and longevity, and their symbolism is often used by emperors and leaders. European cultures tend to view dragons as fearsome

fire-breathing foes. These winged beasts can fly, and perhaps this is why the word *dragon* comes from a Greek word meaning “I see clearly,” as if dragons can see the entire world from above.

Then January 19 is Brew a Potion Day. Potions are believed to heal, bewitch, or poison others. In olden days, traveling salesmen and charlatans would travel across the land selling snake oil panaceas, promising to heal any and every possible ailment. Even in modern times, we see television infomercials selling products guaranteed to clear our skin, regrow our hair, or clean our upholstery. In lieu of these potions, concoct your own magical mixture or recipe and give it to someone you love on January 19.

If the magic of fantasy is too far-fetched for you this month, you could instead engage in another sort of magic: January 2 is Science Fiction Day. The mysteries of science can sometimes be even more baffling than dragons and potions. After all, who could have foretold rovers roaming Mars? A person falling to Earth in a 24-mile free dive from the edge of space? The ability to hold a computer in the palm of your hand? Of course, all of these achievements are mere science. For them to become science *fiction*, the scientific advancement must present some dreadful and unforeseen challenge.

This January, the biggest challenge may be to allow your imagination to take flight and consider dragons, potions, and scientific calamities. Then February will bring us firmly back to Earth.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Those born between January 1–19 are Capricorns, the Sea Goat. Capricorn is the most stable and serious sign of the zodiac. Reliable, resourceful, and determined, Capricorns make excellent leaders and managers. Those born between January 20–31 are Aquarius, the Water Bearer. Witty, clever, and honest, Water Bearers desire independence above all and are not afraid to deviate from the crowd to pursue their own interests.

MR. DAVID HAGEN ~ January 28, 1936

ELVIRA ROUVAS ~ January 13, 1934

Diane Keaton (Actress) – January 5, 1946
 Elvis Presley (Musician) – January 8, 1935
 Vidal Sassoon (Designer) – January 17, 1928
 Edgar Allan Poe (Author) – January 19, 1809
 Ernest Borgnine (Actor) – January 24, 1917
 Wayne Gretzky (Athlete) – January 26, 1961
 Gene Hackman (Actor) – January 30, 1930

Gold Rush Gab



Dagnabbit, it's time for Talk Like a Grizzled Prospector Day on January 24. You've never heard of it, you say? Perhaps you

have heard of James Marshall, who, on January 24, 1848, discovered gold that started the California Gold Rush. Almost 100 years later, a farmer named Walter Knott built a western-themed ghost town on his berry farm. Knott's Berry Farm drew a wide audience, thanks to its guarantee that anyone who found gold on the property as part of the “panning for gold” attraction could take it home. Every January 24, Knott's Berry Farm holds its annual Prospector's Day parade. So dadgummit, hitch up yer overalls, grab yer dumfungled pan, and get ready to pan the whole consarn territory for the sockdolager of payouts!

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DEAR RESIDENTS & FAMILIES:

HAPPY NEW YEAR~ HERE'S WISHING YOU AND YOURS ALL THE BEST!

IT WOULD BE NICE FOR 2025 TO SET A PRIORITY TO ATTEND THE EXERCISE CLASSES OFFERED THREE TIMES A WEEK IN THE ACTIVITY ROOM! THERE ARE ENDLESS OPTIONS FOR EVERYONE'S LIKING. THERE IS CHAIR AEROBICS, GENTLE CARDIO, YOGA CLASSES WITH STRETCH BANDS, JAZZERCISE & STRENGTH TRAINING TO NAME A FEW. ALL CLASSES ARE GEARED TOWARDS YOUR AGE GROUP AND PHYSICAL ABILITIES. LET'S START STRENGTHENING YOUR MUSCLES TO PROTECT YOUR BONES, AND GIVE YOU BETTER BALANCE. LET'S START THE NEW YEAR - A NEW!

WE WILL HAVE FRANI & BOBBY FROM HEART & SOUL PERFORM FOR US ONCE A MONTH AT HAPPY HOUR, SINCE THEY ARE SO FANTASTIC AND SPECIALIZE IN THEMED PERFORMANCES.

IN FEBRUARY WE WILL PLAN A TRIP TO BUTTERFLY WORLD, WHILE THE WEATHER IS PERFECT FOR SUCH A BEAUTIFUL DAY OUT.

UPCOMING JANUARY 2025 ACTIVITIES:

JANUARY 7TH @ 2:00 PM ~ THE BOCA RATON GARDEN CLUB WILL BE SPONSORING ANOTHER GUIDED FLOWER ARRANGING CLASS FOR YOU. THEY SUPPLY THE GORGEOUS FLOWERS & ALL THE MATERIALS NECESSARY. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING, PLEASE SIGN-UP IN THE ACTIVITY ROOM. THE GARDEN CLUB NEEDS AN ACCURATE HEAD COUNT IN ORDER TO BUY THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF SUPPLIES. THANK YOU.

JANUARY 15TH @ 2:00 PM ~ JANUARY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS. WE WILL CELEBRATE WITH “JIMMY THE MAGICIAN”, WHO WILL PUT ON A FUN AND ENGAGING CABARET SHOW FOR US!

JANUARY 16TH @ 12:00 PM ~ MEN'S LUNCHEON WITH PASTOR ANDY. ENJOY YOUR TIME WITH MEN ONLY WHILE HAVING A DELICIOUS LUNCH, WHERE YOU CAN CATCH UP ON THE LATEST SPORTS.

JANUARY 21ST @ 2:00 PM ~ JOIN US IN THE DINING ROOM FOR YOUR FAVORITE ICE CREAM SUNDAES. IT'S NEVER TOO COLD, AND WE ARE NEVER TOO OLD TO EAT ICE CREAM!

JANUARY 22ND @ 2:00 PM ~ JOIN US IN THE ACTIVITY ROOM FOR ANOTHER JEWELRY MAKING CLASS. WE WILL MAKE SOME PRETTY COSTUME PIECES FOR YOUR KEEPSAKE.

JANUARY 24TH @ 3:00 PM ~ VIRTUALLY TRAVEL TO ICELAND WITH KIM & RAMONA, AND SAMPLE DELICACIES FROM THAT COUNTRY.

JANUARY 29TH @ 2:00 PM ~ LADIES & GENTLEMEN COME PLAY YOUR FAVORITE MONTHLY CARD GAMES. COOKIES AND COFFEE WILL BE SERVED. EVEN IF YOU DON'T WANT TO PLAY, COME ANYWAY!

Wishing you a year of love, laughter & health, with the kind of happiness that truly matters.

When I count my blessings, I count you twice. ♥

Happy New Year!

Warm Regards, Donna

GALLOPING INTO RADIO HISTORY



The call of “Hi-Yo, Silver! Away!” first echoed on Detroit’s WXYZ radio station on January 30, 1933. A mysterious masked cowboy known as the Lone Ranger went on to become one of the most famous and influential western heroes of the 20th century.

WXYZ station owner George Trendle and writer Fran Striker co-developed the idea of *The Lone Ranger*, yet neither of them had any experience with cowboys or the Wild West. To them, this hardly mattered. After seeing the success of the movie *The Mask of Zorro*, they wanted to develop an American version of a masked swashbuckler. Furthermore, they wanted their hero to set an example of good morals and to stand for truth, justice, and freedom. The show was an instant success and eventually drew an audience of 20 million faithful listeners three times a week.

The writers did not worry about historical accuracy. This was perhaps most evident in the character of Tonto, the Lone Ranger’s faithful Native American sidekick, who uttered simple phrases and groans. During early episodes, the Lone Ranger was often stuck talking to his horse, Silver. The writers realized they needed a second character, so they introduced Tonto on February 25, 1933. Like the Lone Ranger, Tonto was also a model of justice and truth, often providing the brains of the duo.

By the 1950s, *The Lone Ranger* had moved to film and television and starred Clayton Moore as the masked hero. The western craze hit full stride, and a string of hit shows followed: *The Roy Rogers Show*, *The Adventures of Wild Bill Hickok*, *Bonanza*, *Gunsmoke*, *Maverick*, and *Rawhide*. Some argue that the western declined with the Red Scare, the Space Race, and the Cold War. Yet others contend that westerns never went out of style. *The Lone Ranger* struck gold in 1933, and westerns have been treasured ever since.

THE LANGUAGE OF TOUCH

The ingenious system of raised dots that are “read” through the fingertips by the blind is known as braille and is named for the Frenchman Louis Braille. As a student at the National Institute for Blind Youth in Paris, Braille loved to read and craved a wider variety of books. His mission was to create a new alphabet for the blind, and, at age 15, he developed braille. January 4, World Braille Day, celebrates his achievement and his birthday.

Braille based his alphabet on a secret military code developed by Captain Charles Barbier de la Serre for Napoleon’s French army. This code of dots, known as *écriture nocturne*, or “night writing,” was a way for soldiers to communicate silently and without a light at night. Barbier visited the Institute for Blind Youth in Paris to present his system. Braille quickly mastered Barbier’s system, discovered its flaws, and developed his new system. When he presented his improvements to Barbier in person, the old army captain was incredulous and offended. History, however, has proven Braille’s contribution to be as important as Gutenberg’s printing press.

RAILS OF ADVENTURE



On January 17, Cable Car Day, cable cars all over the world will garner attention. Cable cars use cables to pull them up or lower them down. San Francisco’s iconic cable cars are moved by a system of cables underneath the street. The high-flying cable gondolas of Rio de Janeiro carry people to the Christ the Redeemer statue atop Mount Corcovado. The valley of Gulmarg—the Himalayan “meadow of flowers” in India’s Jammu and Kashmir regions—boasts the second-highest cable car ride at 13,500 feet. One of the longest cable car rides is in Switzerland’s Alps. The 19-minute journey from the village of Grindelwald to Männlichen allows visitors to enjoy the rugged Alps without a pair of hiking boots!

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT “RICHARD GEISLER”



Richard Geisler was born on October 18th, 1968 in Cincinnati, Ohio. His parents moved to Florida in 1970 when Richard was two years old. It is safe to say he is a true Floridian! Richard has one brother John who is eighteen years his junior, of whom he took good care of as he was growing up. Richard is a die-hard Miami Dolphins Football fan and would take his little brother to the games with season tickets!

After Richard graduated high school he worked at the exclusive Callaros Prime Steak & Seafood Restaurant as a server for a decade. Richard truly enjoys being around people.

Ten years ago, Richard suffered a fall off a ladder working outside his home. He attended physical therapy and speech therapy to help guide him through his recovery.

Richard has a dynamic personality and we can learn a lot from his positive attitude and friendly demeanor, despite his hardship.

Richard has enjoyed living here at Advent Square for the last four and a half years and the freedom it has given him. He gets involved in several activities and states that Advent Church Sunday Mass, Bible Study & Prayer Services are very important to him. He pointed out how much he admires Pastor Andy and all that he does for our Residents.

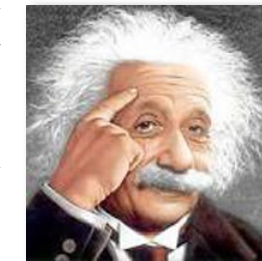
You will often see Richard buzzing around the immediate area in his mobile chair, traveling to the surrounding stores shopping! Richard, you are truly an inspiration to us all.



*As the Clock Strikes Midnight,
let's welcome the New Year
remembering that your Love
Story was the most Beautiful
Narrative Ever Written ~
May you Hold Dear all the
Memories and Love
in your Heart Forever.*

**Happy New Year Everyone*
*May God Bless You Always**

CELEBRATE THE UNUSUAL



January 10 is the day to hug the nonconformist in your life—it’s Peculiar People Day. The word *peculiar* is not an insult. Some of the most creative scientists and artists were known for their eccentricities. Albert Einstein picked up cigarette

butts off the street to collect tobacco for his pipe. Salvador Dalí gave lectures in a deep-sea diving suit to represent being submerged in the subconscious mind and walked an ant eater on a leash through the streets of Paris. Ben Franklin began his days with an “air bath,” standing in front of an open window to catch a breeze in his birthday suit. All of these people may have shared a trait that psychologists call “cognitive disinhibition,” a failure to ignore irrelevant information. While many filter out unhelpful information, creative types make offbeat connections all day long, leading to peculiarity, yes, but also wonderful innovations.