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“Leaping” Into the New Year...



Above (l-r): Elaine and Noel celebrate bringing in the New Year together at The Orchards New Years' Eve party.

The year 2012 marks a *Leap Year* for our calendar so, as it's been done every four years, a day will be added to the month of February making February 29th, “Leap Day.” But have you every really thought about why we have a *Leap Year*?

The Egyptians were the first to add a leap day so that their calendar year would be in sync with the solar year. (The Romans adopted this idea later but were the first to designate February 29th as Leap Day.) Knowing that it takes $365 \frac{1}{4}$ days for the Earth to complete its orbit around the sun, the calendar year of 365 calendar days fell shorter than the solar year. To make up the difference, a leap day was added to the calendar every four years to match up to the solar year. However, it's still not exact! It

actually takes 11 minutes and 14 seconds less than $365 \frac{1}{4}$ days for the Earth to orbit the sun. If a day was added every four years to the calendar, we would end up overshooting the solar year slightly over the years. So, in 1582, the creators of our calendar (the Gregorian calendar — named after Pope Gregory XIII) decided to omit leap years three times every four hundred years. That should keep us on track!


















What are your chances of being born on February 29th? That would be about 1 in 1500. If you were born on February 29th, you are invited to join the Honor Society of Leap Year Day Babies. There are about 187,000 people in the United States and about 4 million people world-wide who were born on a Leap Day.

There is also an Irish legend that would allow women to propose matrimony to men on a *Leap Year*. In some places, Leap Day was also known as “Bachelors' Day” upon which men refusing a marriage proposal on Leap Day would have to pay a penalty, such as a gown or money. Also, in other countries, a man refusing a marriage proposal on that day would have to buy twelve pairs of gloves for the lady. It was said the gloves were meant to hide the embarrassment of the lady for not having her longed-for engagement ring.

Seeing we have a little extra time this year, let's really make the most of it!

Sunday(s)	Monday(s)	Tuesday(s)	Wednesday(s)	Thursday(s)	Friday(s)	Saturday(s)
10:00am CATHOLIC MASS— On TV and Commun Community Room 3:00pm GAME of POOL 3:15pm Coffee & Conversation in Country Kitchen 6:30pm CARDS In Country Kitchen	10am Sittercize w/Jennifer Community Room 1:00pm Choraleers Practice Community Room 1:30 BRIDGE CIUB in the Veranda Dining Room 2:00 BINGO 3:00 GAME OF POOL 3:15 COFFEE & CONVERSATION 6:00 CARDS	9:30am Non-Denom SERVICE w/ Pastor Victoria Triano In South Living Rm 10:0am SITTERCIZE w/ Jennifer-Comm. Rm. 12:15 BOWLING @ Brunsw. 1:30 WELLNESS CLINIC 3:00 GAME OF POOL 3:00 HAPPY HOUR -Pub 6:30 CARDS—Country Kit. 6:30 MAH JONGG—Pub	9:30am ROSARY in South Living Room 10:00am Sittercize w/Jennifer Community Room 3:00 CERAMICS- Community Room 3:00 Game of POOL 6:30pm Cards—Card Corner	10:00am Sittercize w/Jennifer Community Room 1:30 WELLNESS CLINIC 3:00 GAME OF POOL 3:00pm HAPPY HOUR - Pub 6:30pm CARDS— Country Kitchen 7:00 BINGO - Community Rm	9:45am Out Trip to Stop & Shop 10:00am Sittercize w/Jennifer Community Room 2:00pm BINGO - Community Rm 3:00pm GAME of POOL 3:00pm Sing-a-long w/Chick South Lobby 3:15 COFFEE & Conversation - Country Kitchen 6:30 CARDS - Country Kitchen	3:15 GAME of POOL 3:15 COFFEE & Conversation In Country Kitchen 3:15 ROSARY GROUP - Private Dining Room 3:00 HAPPY HOUR - Pub 6:30 CARDS - Country Kitchen 7:00 BINGO—Community Room

FEBRUARY, 2012

	<p>Events listed on the top of Calendar are regularly scheduled weekly functions at The Orchards. Residents will be notified of any change in schedule or location if necessary. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend out trips. All trips are weather permitting. <i>Please register for out trips with our receptionist.</i></p>					
5 <u>2:00pm</u> Music with Jack Bussman Community Room	6 <u>9:30am</u> Out trip to Target <u>3:00pm</u> Resident Council and Staff Meeting—Community Room	7 	8  <u>3:00pm</u> Painting w/Katie Community Room	9 <u>2:00pm</u> Music with Donna Golumberg Community Room 	10 <u>1:15pm</u> Out Trip to Kohl's <u>3:15pm</u> Sing-a-long with Chick South Lobby	11 <u>2:00pm</u> Music with Steve Rutledge (Classical Guitarist) Community Room 
12 <u>2:00pm</u> Music with John Redgate Community Room	13 <u>1:15am</u> Out trip to TJ Maxx and Dollar Store <u>3:00pm</u> Resident Council/Staff Meeting—Community Room	14 <u>2:00pm</u>  Music with Tom Callinan—Comm. Rm. <u>6:30pm</u> —Champagne and Piano Music with Linda Wendz—Community Room	15 <u>1:00pm</u> Out Trip to Walmart <u>3:00pm</u> —Painting w/ Katie <u>3:05 pm</u> —Block Party <u>6:30pm</u> —Southington Arts and Crafts (Glass Painting)—Comm. Room	16 <u>2:00pm</u> Music with Doug Mulcahy— Community Room <u>2:00pm</u> —Hearing Clinic 3rd floor	17 <u>3:15pm</u> Sing-a-long with Chick South Lobby	18 <u>10:00am</u> Sittercize with Jennifer Community Room <u>1:15pm</u> Movie Afternoon—Comm. Rm
19 <u>2:00pm</u> Ice Cream Social Country Kitchen 	20 <u>1:15pm</u> Out Trip to Walmart <u>3:00pm</u> Block Party	21 	22 <u>12:00pm (approx)</u> Out trip to Cinema  <u>3:05pm</u> Block Party	23  <u>2:00pm</u> February Birthday Party With Pierce Campbell Community Room  (BINGO will be in McIntosh Dining Room tonight)	24 <u>12:00pm</u> Book Club Luncheon and Book Discussion Private Dining Room 	25 <u>10:00am</u> Sittercize with Jennifer Community Room <u>1:15pm</u>  Movie Afternoon Community Room
26 <u>2:00pm</u> Music with Bob Anderson Community Room	27 <u>9:30am</u> Out trip to Ocean State Job Lot and Goodwill Store	28 <u>2:00pm</u> Music with Jon Condi Community Room 	29 <u>9:30pm</u>  Sunshine Club Meeting  <u>2:00pm</u> Blankets for Babies— South Living Room <u>7:00 pm</u> Southington Arts & Crafts Pastel Demonstration	 <h1>FEBRUARY, 2012</h1>		

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Highlights

- “Leaping” into the New Year
- February Calendar
- Valentine’s Day Performances
- You “Can” Do It!

BRIDGE GROUP EVERY MONDAY AT 1:30 P.M.!



*For more information, call Edesa Ciscar, Retirement Counselor at:

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Enjoy Two Musical Performances on Valentine’s Day!

This Valentine’s Day, enjoy music with Tom Callinan at 2 p.m. as well as champagne and piano music with Linda Wendz at 6:30 p.m. Both performances will take place in our Community Room!

You “Can” Do It

Thanks to our employees and residents who contributed cans to our “You ‘Can’ Do It” Fund, with proceeds to benefit our *Serenity Garden*. We have raised \$1,800.05... That’s a whopping 36,001 cans and bottles!