

THE LANGLEY LODGE REVIEW

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December



SANTA'S PRAYER ON CHRISTMAS EVE

The sleigh was all packed, the reindeer were fed,
But Santa still knelt by the side of the bed.
"Dear Father," he prayed "Be with me tonight.
There's much work to do and my schedule is tight.

I must jump in my sleigh and streak through the sky,
Knowing full well that a reindeer can't fly.
I will visit each household before the first light;

I'll cover the world and all in one night.
With sleigh bells a-ringing, I'll land on each roof,
Amid the soft clatter of each little hoof.
To get in the house is the difficult part,
So I'll slide down the chimney of each child's heart.

My sack will hold toys to grant all their wishes.
The supply will be endless like the loaves and the
fishes.

I will fill all the stockings and not leave a track.
I'll eat every cookie that is left for my snack.

I can do all these things Lord, only through You,
I just need your blessing, then it's easy to do.
All this is to honor the birth of the One,
That was sent to redeem us, Your most Holy Son.
So to all of my friends, least Your glory I rob,
Please Lord, remind them who gave me this job."

- Warren D. Jennings -

A WARM WITTY SHORT CHRISTMAS STORY

It was the day after Christmas at St Peter and St Paul's church in Borden, Kent, England. Father John, the vicar, was looking at the nativity scene outside when he noticed the baby Jesus was missing from the figures.

Immediately, Father John's thoughts turned to calling in the local policeman but as he was about to do so, he saw little Nathan with a red wagon, and in the wagon was the figure of the little infant, Jesus.

Father John approached Nathan and asked him, 'Well, Nathan, where did you get the little infant?' Nathan looked up, smiled and replied, 'I took him from the church.'

'And why did you take him?'

With a sheepish grin, Nathan said, 'Well, Father John, about a week before Christmas I prayed to Lord Jesus. I told him if he would bring me a red wagon for Christmas, I would give him a ride around the block in it.'



News from the TR Department

DECEMBER



LOVE
PEACE
JOY

It's almost time for Santa! I hope you've all been good "boys" and "girls" – or you know what it will

be – a lump of coal in your stocking!

Christmas Parties

Resident and family Christmas parties are scheduled for **December 1st at 6 pm**, **December 2 at 2 pm** and **December 3rd at 2 pm**. You must have registered at reception and picked up a ticket to attend.

Appies, Special Entertainment and Photos with Santa

Other Events

December 5th – 6 pm - Brookwood Youth Group will be visiting (Main Lounge)

December 9th – 1:15 pm



Alex Hope School Children's Choir in the Main Lounge.

December 11th – 2 pm

TWU Jubilee Choir in the Main Lounge.

December 17th – 2 pm

Children's Flute Ensemble in the Main Lounge.

December 18th and 19th

Langley Mom's group and their families will be visiting and bringing gifts for all of our residents.

December 22nd

Langley Lodge Hand Chime Choir Concert in the Main Lounge.

December 24th – Christmas Eve

Hot Chocolate Cart will be visiting all the floors.

December 25 – Christmas Day

United Church visits.

December 29th -2 pm

November and December birthday party. Music by Brian Zalo.

December 31 – New Year's Eve

Parties on all floors.



CHRISTMAS LIGHT BUS TOURS

There will be several bus trips over the Christmas season to look at Christmas lights. Check with the Recreation Dept. for more information.

First BC Residential Care Experience Survey

Seniors Advocate Isobel Mackenzie announced in May the launch of a province wide survey of 27,000 residents living in 303 publicly-subsidized care facilities in BC. The survey is intended for every resident and their most frequent visitor and will ask a number of questions about their quality of life in the care facility.

Residents will be interviewed in-person and their most frequent visitor, who is usually a family member, will be sent a mail-out survey.

Langley Lodge is taking part in the survey. Volunteers will be conducting the interviews from January 5th until February 10th. There will be information posters in the Bistro, Elevators and at the Sign In Desk.

More details about the Senior's Advocate's survey can be found at:

<https://www.seniorsadvocatebc.ca/osa-events/residential-care-survey/>

If you have questions about the survey, please contact Debra Hauptman, CEO of Langley Lodge by [email](#) or call 604-530-2305.

December Birthdays

Martha Dyck	El Armstrong
Geraldine Glavin	Dorothy Wickins
Ron Dingman	Clarence Menzie
Mavis Holt	Ursula DeJong
Roger Dixon	



Welcome to Your New Home

Doug Lampman
Frances Sharp
Eddie Daichuk
Bob Garrity



Auxiliary News



The Auxiliary is a busy bunch all year long, but especially at Christmas.

When you visit the Lodge you will find it has turned into a Christmas Wonderland. This is thanks to the Auxiliary and a host of volunteers who descended on the Lodge last weekend and worked their magic.

Through their fundraising efforts year-long - among other things – the Auxiliary are able to provide the funds for entertainment and food at the Christmas parties, as well as purchase gifts for the resident floors.

They will take the month of December off from their regular New 2 U and Book Sales, but will be back in January.



**THANK YOU TO THE AUXILIARY
FROM RESIDENTS, FAMILIES AND
STAFF FOR ALL YOU DO TO IMPROVE
THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF
OUR RESIDENTS.**



THERE'S MORE TO CHRISTMAS

There's more, much more to Christmas
Than candle-light and cheer;
It's the spirit of sweet friendship
That brightens all the year;
It's thoughtfulness and kindness,
It's hope reborn again,
For peace, for understanding
And for goodwill to men!



Christmas Light

In the Bible, we read, *“There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him all might believe.... The true light that gives light to every person was coming into the world”* (John 1:6-9). During Christmas time we celebrate that God’s light has come to illuminate our lives. God refuses to watch the drama of human life play out from a safe distance. Instead, our loving Father climbs into the darkest places to be with us; and in this holy and luminous action, we find hope. God’s great love implies that all people are responsible for the light they have been given, no matter how dense and severe the darkness. When Robert Louis Stevenson was a boy, he lived in a house on a hillside in Scotland. Every evening he would watch the lamplighter walk through the streets in the valley below, lighting each of the village streetlights. “Look, Mother,” he would say “Here comes the man who punches holes in the darkness.” What a wonderful metaphor for what we should do with our lives this Christmas season—punch holes in the darkness!

Rev. Tony Tremblett, Chaplain



'Tis the Season to be Jolly Greetings from the CEO



The Christmas spirit has arrived at Langley Lodge. Our Auxiliary volunteers put up the outside lights and decorations last week and this weekend, they busily decorated all six floors in Langley Lodge. The Lodge is looking very festive!

Our Recreation team led by Charlene Koop, have arranged for local choirs, children's groups, and our regular entertainers to visit and bring music and joy for everyone in the Lodge.

The Langley local churches, St. Josephs Ministry, Langley United, Salvation Army, First Presbyterian and the Tzu Chi Society will provide services to ensure that the spiritual aspects of Christmas will be celebrated with the residents. For residents who cannot attend regular services, our Pastor, Tony Tremblett will continue with his weekly devotions and individual visits.

Our Dietary Team, led by Karen Kennedy, are working to plan our high tea for the Christmas parties, and for Christmas dinner, the usual, tasty, traditional turkey dinner will be served complete with all of the trimmings.

I'd like to mention the Langley Care Foundation and Auxiliary for their year-round fundraising in support of the residents of Langley Lodge. Their gifts to the Lodge provide the weekly Music, Art, Horticulture and Pastoral Care programs and an array of annual equipment purchases for resident care. This is only possible due to fundraising and has a positive impact on the quality of life of our residents.

We encourage you to drop in and join the residents and staff for the special Christmas events and take a momentary break from your Christmas preparations. Please remember that December 1st marks the first day of the provincial influenza prevention protocol. We appreciate your cooperation with our flu prevention efforts.

P.S. You can easily find out what is happening in and around the Lodge in December, through our activities calendar, at www.langleylodge.org. Daily events are posted on the home page, and the full calendar is on the Events page.

On behalf of the Staff and Volunteers, I wish you a Merry Christmas and Holiday Season.

May Peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year through!

~Author Unknown

Debra Hauptman

