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HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!!

JENINE DERIX	JANUARY 2ND
TONYA HOBBS	JANUARY 7TH
LANA SHRIDER	JANUARY 16TH
PATRICIA BARDWICK	JANUARY 18TH
SANFORD MULLET	JANUARY 19TH
LENORE LEGGE	JANUARY 20TH
DONALEE BELD	JANUARY 22ND

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Bring on the New Year

"What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year."
—Vern McLellan

Frozen Wonderland

The annual Harbin Ice Festival in China is the world's biggest ice and snow sculpture festival, featuring incredible frozen creations for two months in the winter. Artists from all over the world make giant snow sculptures in different parks. Famous past favorites have included a to-scale ice train, castles and historical figures like Napoleon carved into the snow. Visitors have wandered giant ice mazes, ridden down ice slides and taken in all the sights from atop the giant Snowflake Ferris Wheel.

Freedom and Service

Monday, Jan. 19, is Martin Luther King Jr. Day, also known as MLK Day, remembering the legacy and work of American civil rights activist and minister Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This federal holiday is also a designated National Day of Service.

Employee of the Month



Congratulations to Louissaint Clermont for being our Employee of the Month for January! Louissaint is from Haiti and has worked for DeSoto Palms for 7 months as a Med Tech. He is a hard worker and is very compassionate with the residents. He has been taking care of his parents and that is how he treats our residents, as family. Louissaint studied law and psychology in Haiti and worked as a police officer there. He is married and has 5 children. When he is not working he loves to sing, play the piano, and attends his church. We are so fortunate to have you as part of our DeSoto Palms team! Thanks for all that you do!

DESOTO PALMS STAFF HOLIDAY PARTY!!!

We had a great afternoon enjoying our holiday party! The food was great, the company even better! Everyone got great gifts and we got a chance to relax for a couple of hours. Thanks to Laura for all of her hard work...



Volunteer Corner



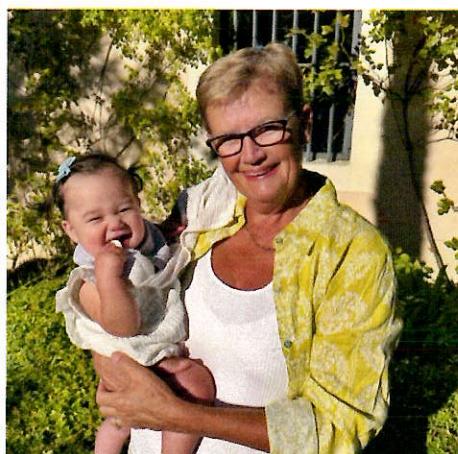
We Are Thankful for Our Awesome Volunteers!

Deb Johnson has been volunteering with us for 6 years, bringing Communion on Sundays for our residents through St. Jude's Church. She is from Buffalo, NY and worked for the Buffalo Bills for 15 seasons, she is a huge fan! Deb was an elementary special education teacher for 33 years. She is grateful to come to DeSoto Palms to see such wonderful residents and staff. Thank you, Deb!

Phyllis Schaen is from Boston and moved to Sarasota in the 1990s to be with her elderly parents. She is a Boston University graduate and worked as the Dean of Administration for Northeastern University. She headed the Career Services Department at Ringling College for over 20 years. After Phyllis retired she has enjoyed volunteer activities at Sarasota Library, The Ringling Museum, Sarasota Ballet and DeSoto Palms. She has been calling Bingo for us for 10 years! She is pleased every Sunday to see her "Bingo Buddies". Thank you so much for your dedication and friendship over the years! We appreciate you, Phyllis!

Claire Denis was born and raised in Belgium and has spent the last 30 years in the US. She focused on serving and caring for others as a physical therapist and later helping foreigners in their relocation process. Today she continues to serve people by volunteering at All Faiths Food Bank and DeSoto Palms. Claire comes twice a month and plays a variety of board games with our residents, with Rummikub being the most popular. Claire loves discovering the world and other cultures by travelling. She stays active by playing tennis, hiking with her husband and snorkeling. She enjoys cooking, gardening, and practicing the art of being a new grandmother to

her granddaughter Charlotte. We love having you here in our DeSoto Palms community! Thanks for your compassion to our residents!

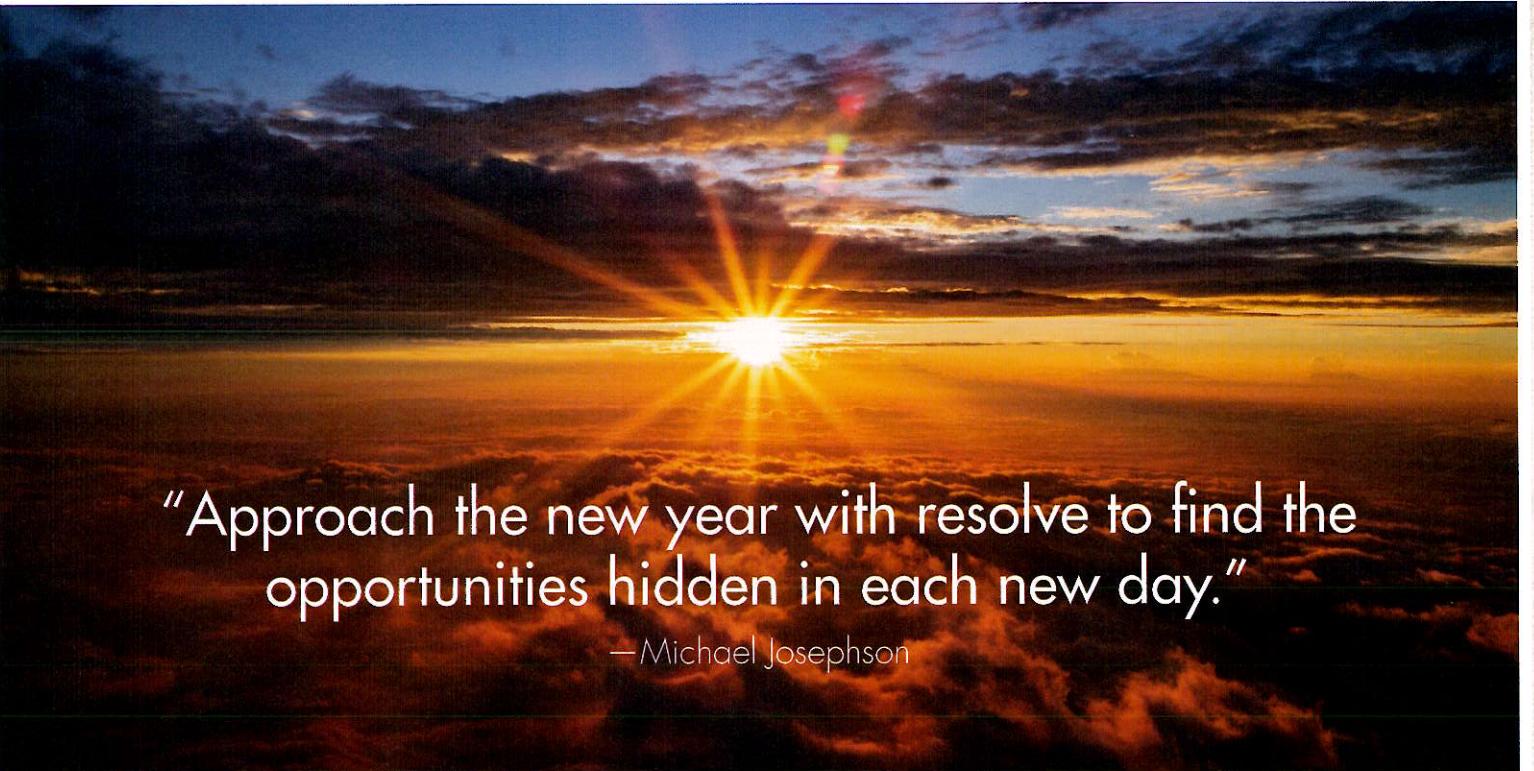


Claire and her granddaughter Charlotte!

Welcome Home



Roberta "Bobbi" Taylor was born in Seattle, Washington and then moved to Washington, DC when she was 9 years old. She has 3 children: Donna, Joanne, and Darrell and is blessed with 3 grandchildren. Bobbi is almost a centenarian and her sister is 103 years old! She worked as a secretary for a law firm and then for a hospital in Maryland. Bobbi loves music! She loves to sing in choirs and especially loves Big Band music. She has taught dance and played the piano. She was an avid painter and has many beautiful paintings in her apartment! She moved to Florida because she loves the warm weather. Bobbi likes living at DeSoto Palms because she says all the people here are friendly. We are so happy to have you here as part of our community, Welcome Home Bobbi!



"Approach the new year with resolve to find the opportunities hidden in each new day."

—Michael Josephson

Happy New Year!

Word Search

Birthday	Hot Cocoa
Celebration	January
Champagne	Mittens
Cold	New Year
Confetti	Resolution
Fireworks	Slippers
Goal	Snow
Hockey	Start

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