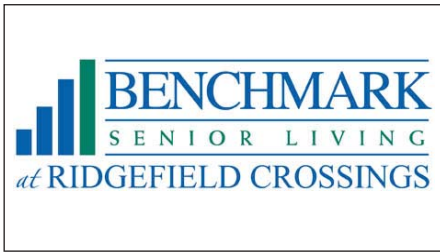


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# FORUM



**DECEMBER 2017**

## A Message from Grace

Holiday festivities will shine at our Christmas Tea, New Member Coffee, and Holiday Party, all possible because of your donations. If you have not yet given this year, please respond as generously as you can when you receive our appeal letter. There are many ways to give to Founders Hall. Please see the back page for details.

Registration for winter semester is open. Whether you register online or on paper, be sure to do so by December 4. Classes will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

I can't let 2017 close without a special thanks to all of our volunteers who helped with recent mailings and events. We appreciate all that you do.

Whichever holiday or faith you celebrate, we wish you all a joyful, peace-filled and healthy season, and we look forward to seeing you in 2018!

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Dec. 1 CHRISTMAS TEA , *Laurel Ridge Health Care*
- 1-3 FH Days at Patricia's Presents
- 4 New Member Coffee  
Winter Registration Due
- 5 Seminar: Letters of a WWI Nurse, Part 2, *Union Savings Bank*
- 6 Holiday Parties, *Home Instead Health Care*
- 7 O.W.L.S.  
RVNA Blood Pressure Screening
- 20 Eight-Ball Challenge
- 25 & 26 Closed for Christmas
- Jan. 1 Closed for New Year's
- 2 Winter Semester Begins

## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS



**CHRISTMAS TEA**  
Fri., Dec. 1, 2 pm



**New Member Coffee**  
Mon., Dec. 4, 10:30 am



**HOLIDAY PARTY**  
Wed., Dec. 6, \$10/\$12NR  
1: 3:30 - 5 pm  
2: 6 - 7:30 pm



*(Registration was due in November.  
See Tracy about openings.)*



**Winter Semester**

**Register by:**  
Mon., Dec. 4.

**Classes begin:**  
Tues., Jan. 2.

## SEMINAR

**Letters of a WWI Nurse, Part 2**  
Tues., Dec. 5, 1 pm

Vernon Beck continues the saga of his grandmother, Zella Maude Judy, a military nurse who, after serving in France in WWI, joined the American Expeditionary Force in Germany, and next volunteered to serve with the Red Cross during the Russo-Polish War. Hear more tales of this remarkably hard-working, feisty, fun-loving and adventurous woman who lived during extraordinary times.



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# December at the Movies

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**mon** **4** **A United Kingdom** **2 pm**  
The story of King Seretse Khama of Botswana and how his loving but controversial marriage to a British white woman put his kingdom into political and diplomatic turmoil.  
*2016, David Oyelowo, Rosamund Pike PG-13, 75 mins.*

**fri** **8** **The Exception** **2 pm**  
A German soldier tries to determine if a spy has infiltrated the home of Kaiser Wilhelm during the onset of World War II, but falls for a young Jewish Dutch woman during his investigation.  
*2017, Lily James, Jai Courtney R, 107 mins.*

**mon** **11** **The Legend of Bagger Vance** **2 pm**  
A down-and-out golfer attempts to recover his game and his life with help from a mystical caddy.  
*2000, Will Smith, Matt Damon PG-13, 126 mins.*

**fri** **15** **Hell or High Water** **2 pm**  
A divorced father and his ex-con older brother resort to a desperate scheme in order to save their family's ranch in West Texas. *2016, Chris Pine, Jeff Bridges, R, 102 mins.*

**mon** **18** **Silence** **1:30 pm**  
In the 17th century, two Portuguese Jesuit priests travel to Japan in an attempt to locate their mentor, who is rumored to have committed apostasy, and to propagate Catholicism.  
*2016, Andrew Garfield, Adam Driver R, 160 mins.*

**fri** **22** **Christmas in Connecticut** **2 pm**  
The star of a successful cooking show who has lied about her cooking abilities must try to cover her deception when her agent arranges for a special live show on Christmas.  
*1992, Dyan Canon, Kris Kristofferson NR, 93 mins.*

**fri** **29** **New Year's Eve** **2 pm**  
The lives of several couples and singles in New York intertwine over the course of New Year's Eve.  
*2011, Sarah Jessica Parker, Jessica Biel PG-13, 113 mins.*

*Please note that the schedule could change based on availability.*

## Join Us!

<b>Bingo</b>	Fridays*	1 - 3 pm*
<b>Canasta</b>	Thursdays	12:30 - 2:30 pm
<b>Gardeners</b>	Third Friday	1 - 2:30 pm
<b>Mah Jongg</b>	Thursdays	10am - 12 pm
<b>Mexican Train Dominoes</b>	Wed.	2:30 - 4:30 pm**
<b>Needlework</b>	Thursdays	12 - 1:45 pm
<b>Pinochle</b>	Thursdays	2:30 - 4:30 pm
<b>Quilting</b>	Tuesdays	2 - 4 pm
<b>Rug Hooking</b>	Wed.	1:30 - 4 pm**
<b>Scrabble</b>	Thursdays	12:45 - 2:45 pm
<b>Walking</b>	Mon./Wed.	8:20 am
<b>Weaving</b>	Wednesdays	10 - 12 pm
<b>Wood Carving</b>	Mondays	1:30 - 4 pm

\*except Dec. 1 \*\*except Dec. 6

### Holiday Hours

Mon. & Tues., Dec. 25 & 26:

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Mon., Jan. 1: Closed for New Year's

Tues., Jan. 2: Winter Semester begins



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## DEVELOPMENT



### **FH Days at Patricia's Presents** 199 Ethan Allen Highway, Ridgefield, CT

**Fri., Sat., Sun., Dec. 1 - 3, 11 am – 6 pm**

Shop at Patricia's Presents and owner Patricia Polk will donate 10% of net sales to Founders Hall. You'll find an eclectic selection of equestrian and pet-themed merchandise and clothing as well as local art and jewelry.

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If you are 70-1/2 or older and have a traditional IRA, you are required to take a minimum distribution each year, which is subject to income tax. A provision of the tax law allows you to transfer a charitable contribution directly from the IRA to Founders Hall without paying any income tax on that distribution. This is called a 'qualified charitable distribution' or QDC, and could mean tax savings for you. Please check with your financial advisor for details.



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**Wednesday, Dec. 20, 9 am - 4 pm, \$10 per game**

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