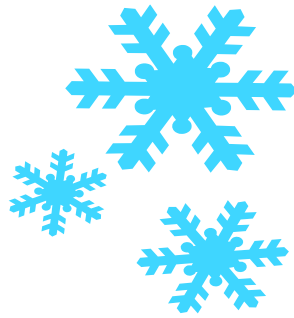


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# Oak Grove Inn

## Highlights



January  
2025



Those Celebrating Birthdays this Month...

Judy Vermilya - 1st

Sally Murrell - 17th

Gayle Griffin - 29th

Dane Screws - 31st

Ben Keeble - 31st

## NEW YEAR PRAYER

*Lord, You make all things new.  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
and cause our spirits to be  
born again.*

*Thank you for this New Year  
- for all the potential it holds.  
Come and kindle in us a mighty  
flame, so that in our time, many  
will see the wonders of God and  
live forever to praise Your  
glorious name.*

*Amen*

**A LOOK BACK AT OUR CHRISTMAS PARTIES 2024  
(ASSISTED LIVING)**

**A LOOK BACK AT OUR CHRISTMAS PARTIES 2024  
(INDEPENDENT LIVING)**

**MENS' ONLY SOCIAL**  
**TUESDAY, JAN. 7TH**  
**2:00 P.M. IN THE IL CLUBROOM**



Since the ladies of Oak Grove Inn have a special activities, we felt it only fair that we do something special for the men as well. So, we will have a get-together just for the guys. **It will be held in the IL Clubroom.**

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**JANUARY CRAFTS**

**MAKING A NECKLACE PENDANT USING A CLEAR RESIN**

You can add your choice of dried tiny flowers or, chopped confetti for a pop of vibrant colors. The mold for the pendant will make a hole at the top so that it can be strung on a cord to hang around your neck once it's dried.

All supplies will be provided but you must register your name on the Activity Sheet if you plan to participate to make sure enough supplies are ordered.

This project will be a 2-day process so please be able to attend both classes.

Classes are as followed:

**Assisted Living**; Jan. 13th & 27th, both days from 2:00 to 3 p.m. in the Activity Area.

**Independent Living**; Jan. 13th & 27th, both days from 3:00 to 4 p.m. in the Clubroom.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> IS.....NATIONAL HAT DAY**

**WITH THAT IN MIND, WE'RE HAVING A  
HAT CONTEST THAT AFTERNOON  
IN THE IL DINING ROOM AT  
3:00 P.M.  
PRIZES AWARDED FOR VARIOUS  
HAT CATAGORIES (TBA AT THE PARTY).**

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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>  
IS...  
NATIONAL POPCORN DAY**

**\*WE'LL CELEBRATE ON  
MONDAY, THE 20<sup>TH</sup>**

On January 19th, National Popcorn Day pops onto the scene with a crunch we all love to enjoy! The annual celebration recognizes a treat that satisfies munchies, day or night. This time-honored snack can be sweet or savory, caramelized, buttered or plain, molded into a candied ball, or tossed with nuts and chocolate.

How ever it is enjoyed, enjoy it on National Popcorn Day! We'll be recognizing it **on Monday, the 20<sup>th</sup>** and serving several different flavors.

**WE'LL HAVE POPCORN A POPPIN' THAT AFTERNOON AT 3:00 IN THE IL  
DINING ROOM. GET IT WHILE IT'S HOT!**

Join us for some fun on January 28th  
as we have our annual.....

**WACKY, TACKY PARTY**

The tackiness begins at 3 p.m. in the IL dining room. You will be judged on your appearance for the tackiest outfit in the room. Prizes will be awarded to the IL and AL resident with the tackiest outfit worn.



**GET CRAZY & CREATIVE!**

**HELP IN WELCOMING THESE NEW RESIDENTS TO OUR  
OAK GROVE INN COMMUNITY.....**



None at this time.....



*Let's roll out the Welcome Mat!*

*Please take a few minutes to introduce yourself to these new residents.*

**The Times of Your Life!.....**

We want to celebrate with you as you have those "Proud" moments in your life! If you would like to share with everyone some of those moments that are occurring (i.e.; special recognitions or awards, anniversaries, weddings, new babies in the family) please contact Chris by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to submit your information or announcement.

**WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU & ABOUT YOU!**



**STAYED TUNED AS OAK GROVE INN SALUTES THE CHINESE NEW YEAR ON JAN. 29<sup>TH</sup> AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE IL DINING ROOM.**



### **Chinese New Year is also known as the Spring Festival**

In China, you'll hear it being called chunjie, or the Spring Festival.

It's still very wintry, but the holiday marks the end of the coldest days. People welcome spring and what it brings along: planting and harvests, new beginnings and fresh starts.

You can also call it the Lunar New Year, because countries such as North and South Korea and Vietnam celebrate it as well. And because the Spring Festival goes according to the lunar calendar. Which means . . .

### **There's no set date for Chinese New Year**

According to the Lunar calendar, the Spring Festival is on January 1st and lasts until the 15th (the full moon). Unlike western holidays such as Thanksgiving or Christmas, when you try to calculate it with the solar (Gregorian) calendar, the date is all over the place.

Chinese New Year ranges from January 21 to February 20. In 2024, it occurs on February 10. For a full list of dates and events check out our **Chinese New Year calendar**.

The lunar calendar is still really important in China, even though it has officially moved to the Gregorian calendar like the rest of the world. All traditional holidays and days such as the winter solstice are celebrated. Some people still calculate their birthdays and ages according to the lunar calendar too!



### **It is a day for praying to gods...**

The Spring Festival was originally a ceremonial day to pray to gods for a good planting and harvest season. As an agrarian society, the harvest was everything. People also prayed to their ancestors as they were treated as gods (see Mulan for reference).

### **The most fireworks in the world are set off that night**

As in the myth about Nian, firecrackers are supposed to scare off monsters and bad luck. So people stay up on Chinese New Year's Eve and set off firecrackers at midnight. In the morning, firecrackers are used again to welcome the new year and good luck.

**The next is Snake year in 2025 (Year of the Wood Snake).** Snake is associated with the earthly branch symbol. Snake is a cautious, introverted observer, cool and mysterious in behavior owing to their suspicious and insecure nature, yet their armor conceals abundant sensitivity, wisdom, and passion that will surely surprise their few confidants.

### **Snake's 2025 Horoscope (Year of the Snake)**

While 2025 is a challenging year for Snakes due to their ***Ben Ming Nian***, lucky stars offer strong opportunities for career and financial growth. Stay focused, take necessary precautions, and balance challenges with joyful events to make the most of the year.

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