

The Queens Pioneer

A Message from Tom ...

Here we are at the end of the year, and the 2019 New Year is just around the corner.

It is common that during these days, we make a small inventory of all the things that we have lived along the year, be happy for all the success that were obtained and feel regretful for maybe those things that did not go so well. The practice of making New Year's resolutions is another way to reflect on the past and plan ahead.

Every year, in our homes, with friends or families, we may ring in the new year with that same uplifting song – "Auld Lang Syne". The song has become an absolute tradition in New Year's Eve celebrations. And so, we sing, or at least, we sing the first couple of lines as we lift our champagne or ginger ale glasses in a celebration toast.

Did you know, that the song originated from a 1788 Scots poem by Robert Burns; now set to the tune of a traditional folk song? Burns never intended his work to act as a farewell to the old year.

The phrase "for auld lang syne" essentially boils down to "for (the sake of) old times". It's a work which essentially calls for the preservation of our oldest, dearest friendships; perhaps observed in the reflective quality of New Year's Eve itself. A time when people come together to recall past joys and sorrows, specifically those spent in each other's company.

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,

And never brought to mind?

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,

And days o' lang syne!

So with the New Year almost here, however you may celebrate, and regardless of how many lines of "Auld Lang Syne" you sing - on behalf of everyone on the Queens Avenue Retirement team, please accept our sincere greetings of gratitude for all the support we have received from you in this year that is about to end. We will celebrate the arrival of a New Year full of expectations, desires of happiness and success for you and your families.

Happy New Year to you all!

Tom



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A Message from Activities...

Hello All!

The Activities Team has been working hard to make more changes to how things are run in Activities.

2019 is here and that means a New Year for Activities. Coming off a busy holiday season, January is going to be a little bit lighter but will have many more activities to come. Don't forget that management will not be here on January 1 and there will also be no exercises. There will still be Wii Bowling and Skip-Bo for that day.

This month we will be having two happy hours. Jack Garson on January 11 and Frazer French on January 18.

Also as discussed in the meeting, (for those who attended) Music Wellness Clinic will now be moved to Fridays at 2:30 PM rather than Wednesdays at 2:30 PM.

We will be having our monthly brunches back starting this month. We took December off because of the busy holiday season. We will be having our Swiss Chalet outing this month on January 23. We will be changing the restaurant for February so stay tuned.

On behalf of the Queens Avenue Activities team, let's continue to make the changes necessary to make the Activities Department successful.

Spencer

January Birthdays

Noel H. Jan 1

Ruth K. Jan 1

Helen K. Jan 10

Luba P. Jan 11

Eileen D. Jan 22

George L. Jan 31

Featured Events:

Jan. 4 Music Wellness Clinic AR

Jan. 9 Dancing w/Derek AR

Jan. 11 Mass

Jan. 11 Happy Hour w/Jack Garson

Jan. 13 Suite Melody Care

Jan. 18 Happy Hour w/Frazer French

Jan. 22 Community Meeting CR

Jan. 23 Swiss Chalet Outing

Jan. 24 Brunch TR

Jan. 25 Liturgy of Word (Church)

Jan. 27 Hymn Sing

