



The Eugene Hotel View

Monthly Newsletter of Eugene's Premier Retirement Community

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Grand Re-Opening of the Clarke's Store & Christmas Sale



The wait is over! The remodel is finally complete just in time for our Annual Clarke's Store Christmas Sale! This year it will be on

Wednesday, December 10th. Come and check out the store specials, get a treat from your hosts, Ray & Judi Jackson.

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Judy Kilgore

I was born Oct. 21, 1939 in Everett, Washington and given the name Judith Lynne Zennan. We soon moved back to Menlo Park, 25 miles south of San Francisco to be near my mother's mother, who ran a board & rooming house. We lived nearby until change in the form of WWII brought black out blinds and rations of gas and food.

Early in 1943, my Dad enlisted and was sent to England for 3 years. My mother became seriously ill and we moved to the boarding house. In December of '43 my mother passed away and I continued to live with my Gramma at the boarding house.

Early in 1944, the military built a rehab hospital near our home. The Red Cross commandeered the boarding house, filling it with as many service men's wives as they could. Soon our home was filled with service men in all kinds of repair; from bone or skin grafts, to blindness. One blind visitor specifically would only let little Judy lead him to a chair. The old piano was constantly being played.

Gramma baked cakes for patients. The garbage truck drivers worked a deal with the mess hall for help. They set egg crates aside with a layer or two of eggs along with sugar and lard containers not fully empty. The drivers left them at the boarding house to be returned to the base in the form of cakes.

In early '46 came more changes. My Dad returned along with his British War Bride. Their plan was to move to Seattle, where they would stay with family to start. It was then he asked Gramma to keep me another year; She replied, "No! Either take her now or let me adopt her." So he signed, they left, and I became Judith Lynne Huesties.

The hospital closed, wives left with their husbands and boarders returned.

The owner of the 1905 house wanted the property in order to enlarge his lumberyard next door. He approached Gramma with the offer for the house if she could have it moved. She found a piece of property a block and a half away. So one morning the house, with everything in it, including 5 fireplaces, was lifted up, set on large log rollers and was moved to the new property all in one day. A few weeks later we moved back in.

Being an only child in a house full of men meant spending lots of time in my room. My dolls all had names and were like friends. We along with my teddy bear even held our own "election" for Tru mar??

The radio was a companion with programs like "The Green Hornet" and "The Shaddow Knows" ending with me standing at attention when the station went off air for the night and played the National Anthem. This was my beginning life-long love of dolls and paper dolls. To this day I still have my 85 year old teddy bear and 4 childhood dolls.

1950 brought yet another change; Gramma had asthma which forced her to sell the boarding house. We moved to Oregon to live with her sister and brother-in-law on Rattlesnake Road near Dexter. Coming from a small city near San Francisco, very modern to a farm...Quite a culture shock. Gramma spent several days in

Sacred Heart filled with iron lungs, trying to breath; Until her doctor suggested a new drug, Cortisone. She had to sign a release for the medication. Once she had signed and received the medicine, she was soon back with me and breathing easier, as well as giving herself shots.

The next July, Gramma bought a home about a half mile away. I continued attending Pleasant Hill School, Graduating in 1957. On to graduate in '58 from Eugene Beauty College.

In October of 1958 I married Lloyd Kilgore, he was a '56 graduate of Willamette High. He was in the Army.

After time in Kentucky and Oklahoma three years later we came home with 6 month old son Kevin to live with Gramma. Daughter Corine (Cori) was born in '62 and daughter Linda in '63. Kevin graduated from high school in '79 and Cori and Linda together in 1980.

Our beloved Gramma passed away in January of 1980. That year on May 18, her birthday, Mt. St. Helen's blew her top.

We all said, "We all know you're watching us, we'll be good!"

After high school, all three attended college and on to their futures. Lloyd and I moved to Corvallis in '86 where he worked in admissions for OSU and I worked at Fred Meyer.

We returned to Eugene in 2019 to be near Cori, because Lloyd's parkinson's was getting worse. In December of 2022 he passed away. Our family had grown to 11 grand kids and 14 great grand kids.

I moved to the Eugene Hotel in October of 2023. I have enjoyed my first two years here, getting to know neighbors and table mates, I look forward to many more.





Monthly Preview w/Refreshments & Tree Decorating
Monday, December 1
at 1:30 p.m.

-Lounge

It's time to trim the tree. We will come together in the Lounge to discuss updates, food service, and all the other events for this busy coming month. Bring your questions, this newsletter, and please join us for this meeting to get the latest news. Join your neighbors, together we will dress the tree in all of the beautiful decorations. An assortment of ornaments and trimmings to embellish the tree will be provided along with holiday music, eggnog and cookies.



Sock & Mitten Tree
Tuesday, December 3

-Located in the Lobby

If you would like to participate in the season's "commitment to giving" we will have a tree in the Lobby for you to hang donations of warm clothing items. These will be donated to the Eugene Mission and other organizations in need. Winter is always a difficult season for those who don't have homes.



Women's Group
Wednesday, December 3
at 10:30 a.m.

-Private Dining Room

Grab a cup of coffee and head to the Private Dining Room for a casual round-table discussion and an opportunity to get to know ourselves better, as well as each other! In the month of December we will discuss our most monumental memory involving SNOW!



Creative Writing
Wednesday, December 3
at 2:00 p.m.

-Resident Kitchen

Join your fellow residents on Wednesday for some fun writing activities that will wake a tired brain up! You may follow creative prompts provided by Dandelion, or free write whatever is on your mind. Some prompts are independent, some are collaborative, and all will entertain your desire to write!



Activities & Special Events

Soul Food Social
Thursday, December 4
at 12:30 p.m.

-Lounge

Come to the Lounge and join fellow residents for a comforting lunch and good conversation. During the fall and winter months we will be serving soups, casseroles, build a bowls and other warming dishes. Suggestions are welcome. No need to sign up, everyone is welcome.



Eugene Gleemen Concert
Friday, December 5
at 7:00 p.m.

-Lounge

What do Yogi Berra, Dick Van Dyke, Malcolm X, the Eugene Hotel and the Eugene Gleemen have in common? If you answered, "They were all born in 1925," then you'd be right! The Eugene Gleemen are proud to be the longest continuing performing choral group in the state of Oregon. And we have the honor of hosting them as they perform their Christmas program.



Holiday Bazaar & Treasures from the Attic

Saturday, December 6
at 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

-Lobby

Join us for the Annual Holiday Bazaar! The Lobby will be full of holiday crafts, homemade goodies and live festive holiday music. Be sure not to miss the Treasures from the Attic and refreshments in the Dining Room. Don't forget to let the Front Desk know if you would like a table for the Bazaar.



Sunday Supper Club at Poppi's Greek Taverna

Sunday, December 7
at 5:00 p.m.

-Meet in the Lobby

Join us this month for Sunday supper at Poppi's new location at the 5th Street Market. There's room to stretch out as we enjoy the same delicious food they've been serving for years. Sign up in the Activity Book.



Chair Massage
Monday, December 8 & 22
12:00-2:00 p.m.

-Exercise Room

If you need a relaxing therapeutic massage, join licensed massage therapist, Lawrence Roper, for a short or long massage of your choice. The cost is \$10 for 10 minutes. Please sign up in the Activity Book.



Crafter's Corner: Snowman Snow Globes (RK)

Monday, December 8
at 2:00 p.m.

-Resident Kitchen

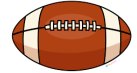
Join Bre and McKenzie to make cute snowman shaped snow globe decorations to add some holiday cheer to your apartment. All supplies provided.



Monday Night Football
Monday, December 8
at 5:15 p.m.

-Lounge

Are you ready for some football? Join McKenzie to watch the Eagles take on the Chargers. Soda, beer and snacks provided. Don't forget your quarters to place your bets!



Bagel Bar
Tuesday, December 9
at 12:00 p.m.

-Dining Room

Come to the Dining Room to enjoy a bagel toasted or not and topped just how you like it! We will have a variety of bagels, cream cheeses and toppings for you to choose from.



Men's Group
Wednesday, December 10 & 24
at 10:30 a.m.

-Lower Level

The Men's Group (Lounge Lizards) will meet in the Lower Level to catch up and share insights. Topics up for discussion on the 10th, "Why do old people become paranoid?" and on December 24th, "Merry Christmas!"



Tea & Poetry with Iris
Wednesday, December 10
at 1:00 p.m.

-Lounge

If you enjoy listening to the reading of poetry or writing it, we hope you'll join us for an hour of delightful verse and tea. Participants are welcome to bring a favorite poem or one they have written. You're among friends who like to share their poetry and the stories that go with them.



Yoga Ball Drumming
Thursday, December 11
at 1:30 p.m.

-Lounge

One of our most loved activities returns for your drumming pleasure. Claudia from Octopus Rhythm Works brings health and healing through music to the Hotel. This activity provides many neurological benefits! No prior experience is needed. Everything will be provided.



**Holiday Beverages on Broadway
with Gus Russell**

**Friday, December 12
at 2:00 p.m.**

-Lobby

Join us as we gather around the piano to listen to one of our favorites, Gus Russell. He will delight our ears with some seasonal tunes as we sip on a holiday beverage.



**Lane County Historical Museum:
History Talks**

**Saturday, December 13
at 4:00 p.m.**

-Lounge

Come to the Lounge to take part in a discussion about our local history. The Lane County Historical Museum will be hosting History Talks the second Saturday of every month here at the Hotel in the Lounge. Everyone is welcome.



**Resident Holiday Party with a
Special Musical Guest**

**Sunday, December 14
at 5:00 p.m.**

-Lounge

Please join us in the Lounge for our Annual Resident Holiday Party. Chef Mookie will be here to prepare a delicious array of appetizers, the bar will be in full swing while you enjoy our special musical guest.



**Chocolate Holiday Bark Making
Monday, December 15
at 1:00 p.m.**

-Resident Kitchen

Come to the Resident Kitchen to make a tasty holiday treat to enjoy yourself or give as a gift. We will have warm melty chocolate and lots of add ins. All ingredients provided.



**Hoppy Sippers
Monday, December 15
at 3:30 p.m.**

-Private Dining Room

Join McKenzie and your fellow beer drinkers to explore the wonderful world of beer. This month we will have a variety of international beers to sample along with snacks.



**Norsemen Singers
Monday, December 15
at 6:30 p.m.**

-Lobby

The Norsemen are an all-male chorus who come from the Eugene chapter of the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association. They will sing Norwegian and Scandinavian holiday songs for our enjoyment. Whether you are an enthusiastic music lover or appreciative listener, we invite you to join us for this special treat.



**Bus to Eugene Library
Wednesday, December 17
at 12:00 p.m.**

-Meet in Lobby

Join us on our trip to the Eugene Public Library. You will be dropped off for an hour to browse a wide selection of books and check out whatever you'd like to take home to read. Sign up in the Activity Book.



**Hanukkah Service w/ Beth Rose
Wednesday, December 17
at 3:30 p.m.**

-Lobby

Once again, Beth will host the Hanukkah Service in the Lobby. She will lead us in song and prayer as we light the Menorah on the fourth night of the holiday. Please join in, we will have song sheets to follow along.



**Holiday Sing Along Lisa & Kiva
Friday, December 19
at 1:30 p.m.**

-Lounge

Gather in the Lounge with our guest sing-a-long leader Lisa. She will lead us in singing some classic holiday tunes. We will have music sheets to follow along with. You may even come just to listen if you are not comfortable singing aloud.

**Piano Concert with Soria Phillips &
Her Students
Saturday, December 20
at 3:30 p.m.**

-Lobby

Please welcome this returning guest pianist and teacher, Soria. She and her students will be performing their holiday songs. Enjoy these young talented musicians.



**Holiday Trivia with Snacks & Prizes
Hosted by Lucas
Monday, December 24
at 1:30 p.m.**

-Lounge

Today in the Lounge, Lucas will be here to test your knowledge. There will be both holiday and general knowledge categories. We'll create teams, enjoy snacks, festive beverages, learn something new, win prizes and have fun doing it! Bring your friends and family to come be a part of this festive event.



**Christmas Eve Film: *A Christmas
Story* w/Eggnog & Cookies
Wednesday, December 24
at 6:30 p.m.**

-Lounge

Join us in the Lounge for a true Christmas Classic, *A Christmas Story*. Eggnog and cookies will be served to enjoy while you watch this seasonal favorite.



**Breakfast Brigade at Busy
Bee Cafe**

**Friday, December 26
at 8:30 a.m.**

-Meet in the Lobby

Buzz on over with Ray for this month's breakfast adventure to a Springfield favorite. Their menu is full choices to sting your taste buds. Please sign up in the Activity Book.



**Resident Birthday Lunch
Friday, December 26
at 12:00 p.m.**

-Dining Room

For those of you born in both November and December come enjoy a delightful lunch in the company of the other residents who share these Birthday Months. Chef Ricky will prepare your special meal.



**Hot Oatmeal Bar
Monday, December 29
at 11:00 a.m.**

-Dining Room

Join your neighbors in the Dining Room for a hot breakfast treat. Now that the cooler days are here come get a steamy bowl of oatmeal. Choose from a variety of toppings to complete your order.



**Fresh Green Juice
Wednesday, December 31
at 1:00 p.m.**

-Dining Room

Head to the Dining Room for a healthy fresh made juice boost. You get to choose from a variety of fruits and veggies to create a custom juice just for you.



**New York Style New Year's Eve
Party with the Donna Courtell Trio
Wednesday, December 31
at 7:00- 9:00 p.m.**

-Lounge

Come ring in the New Year! The Lounge will be converted into the party place of the year on New Year's Eve. We will celebrate the coming of the New Year with entertainment provided by the Donna Courtell Trio, dancing, appetizers, an open bar and plenty of noisemakers. At 9:00 p.m. we will watch the ball drop in New York and welcome 2026.



TRIPS FOR DECEMBER

Shopping Trip to the Woodburn Outlet Mall with Lunch (OYO)
Tuesday, December 2
at 10:00 a.m.

-Meet in the Lobby

Join Ray and McKenzie on a trip up to Woodburn for an afternoon of shopping at the Woodburn Outlet Mall. Lunch will be on your own, that way you can grab a quick bite or enjoy a leisure meal. There are a variety of eateries sprinkled around the shopping center. Sign up in the Activity Book if you'd like to come along. You might find that perfect holiday gift! Please sign up in the Activity Book.

Christmas Lights Bus Tour with Hot Chocolate and Cookies
Tuesday, December 9
at 6:15 p.m.

-Meet in the Lobby

Join Ray and McKenzie on the annual Christmas Light Tour through town. He stops at all the hot spots where the fancy houses have big beautiful light displays to enjoy. There will even be a surprise stop for some delightful treats. You won't want to miss this Holiday Excursion. Please sign up in the Activity Book.

Albany Historic Homes Christmas Tour w/ Lunch at Ding How Chinese Buffet & Grill
Tuesday, December 16
at 10:00 a.m.

-Meet in the Lobby

Join us for a short trip north to enjoy the beautifully decorated historic homes of Albany. We will drive around for the tour. Lunch will be at Ding How, that offers a large variety of Chinese dishes served buffet style. Come hungry! Please sign up in the Activity Book.

Bus to Live Nativity at Friendly Street Church
Saturday, December 20
at 7:00 p.m.

-Meet in the Lobby

Join us for a quick bus ride to the Friendly Street Neighborhood where we will get out and walk through a traditional live nativity. Hot cider will warm us up upon return to the Hotel. Please sign up in the Activity Book.



Out to Lunch Bunch to Abilities Diner

Tuesday, December 30
at 11:00 a.m.

-Meet in Lobby

A few of your fellow residents have requested for us to enjoy this diner for lunch. They serve a delicious selection of diner favorites. Sign up in the Activity Book.



WEEKLY EVENTS

Exercise Class with Erica and Phylli
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
at 9:00 a.m.

-Exercise Room

Join Phylli on Mondays and Fridays and Erica on Wednesdays for a fun and stimulating hour of movement to enhance your ability to maneuver in your day-to-day lives. Classes are held in the Exercise Room at 9:00 a.m. sharp. Everybody is welcome.

Mall Walking at Valley River Center
Monday, December 15 & 29
at 10:30 a.m.

-Meet in the Lobby

Our indoor walking venue has everything you need. There are benches if you'd like to rest. The food court if you get hungry. And if all you want is to get your steps in for the day then you can walk and window shop at the same time. Sign up in the Activity Book.

Rummikub
Mondays

at 6:30 p.m.

-Game Room

Join your neighbors for a weekly session of Rummikub. This tile based game is easy and fun, even for beginners! You can build off your opponents tiles, use your noggins to score more points!



Mahjong

Tuesday, December 9 & 30
at 2:30 p.m.

-Game Room

Come enjoy friendly game of Mahjong. Depending on the number of players we will be playing the American version, the Chinese version or possibly both.



Hearing Aid Clinic w/ Jim
Wednesday, December 17
at 3:00 p.m.

-Library

Jim from Goodman Hearing will be in the Library on the Lower Level the third Wednesday of every month. Bring him any hearing aid related questions or concerns. Please sign up for time slot in the Activity Book.



Meditation Hour

Wednesdays
at 6:30 p.m.

-Lounge

Learn easy and effective techniques for relaxation, stress and pain reduction.



Qigong
Thursdays

at 9:30 a.m.

-Lounge

Qigong is the skill of attracting vital energy and self-healing. It combines movement, meditation and visualization, which are employed to enhance the mind/body connection and assist healing. Join instructor Roberta Roth during this quiet exercise time.



Needle Arts Group
Thursday, December 4 & 18
at 1:30 p.m.

-Lower Level

Needle Arts isn't just knitting! Bring your project to the new location in the Lower Level and join others that enjoy working with their hands with the company of a needle or two. Knitting, embroidery, crochet, needlepoint, quilting, mending all are welcome.



Bingo
Thursdays

at 3:00 p.m.

-Game Room

Come join your neighbors every Wednesday afternoon in the Game Room for Bingo. Each week there is a different incentive for winning: prizes; surprises and/or money. It's only \$.75 to play.



Central Synagogue NY Streaming Service

Saturdays
at 12:30 p.m.

-Lounge

Join Harriet and Erika in the Lounge if you would like to watch the online service from the Central Synagogue in New York.



Play Poker with Alan
Saturdays
at 2:30 p.m.

-Billiard Room

Get ready to lose your money or win big! Join Alan in the Billiard Room for a friendly game of poker. Don't forget to bring your quarters.





Door Decorating Contest

Show off your holiday spirit and creativity by decorating your front door for all to enjoy!

A ballot will be passed around to vote on your favorites, and prizes will be handed out to the popular votes!



Let us all ring in the New Year together,
New-York-Style!! Wednesday, December 31,
from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Lounge.

We are once again so privileged to have
Donna Courtell & Friends here to entertain us! We
will sing and dance our way into the New Year with
appetizers, champagne & great company.

