

Ketchikan Pioneer Home

141 Bryant Street
Ketchikan, AK 99901

January 2022



A very happy holiday to everyone! The home has been very festive this holiday season and we could not have done it without the our community partners,

staff, friends and family. Thank you for making seasons bright for our KPH family.



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Ketchikan Pioneer Home
Resident Council



KETCHIKAN THEATER BALLET

The Ketchikan Theater Ballet came to preform after being absent for over two years from the home. The ballet team brought their interpretation from the Nutcracker to KPH just prior to their seasonal performance. Residents were given time later in the week to watch the whole performance livestream but nothing compares to seeing them in person as one observer stated "I cried they were so beautiful." It was a lovely performance bravo ladies you brought magic to KPH.



From the Kitchen: Our new head of Food Services, Gene took some time out from behind the hot stove to teach us the art of ginger bread house decorating. Candy glass windows with glowing panes are a pretty addition to the holiday decor and they taste pretty good too. Fish tacos night, fresh banana bread and a prime rib New Years Dinner are wonderful additions to our holiday menu. Thank you Gene, and thank you kitchen staff!

RESIDENT COUNCIL

Resident Council took on the difficult job of judging the Ugly Sweater Contest.

THE RESULTS ARE IN... Lois, Roberta & Julia your shirts are UGLY!



January Meeting Agenda:

- New Officer Elections
- New Year New Budget
- Adopt a Pet????





PIE FOR SALE

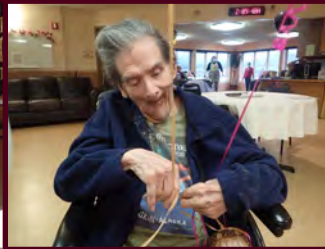
ROTARY INTERACT PIE AUCTION

Rotary Interact went to work for KPH with the annual pie auction with donation to our elders. The teens used their streaming skills to have a live Facebook auction this Thanksgiving Holiday. We celebrated in the spirit with yummy apple pie making. I think everyone can agree the new school auction was amazing but we'd prefer the old school of Rotary making and eating pies with us. Let's make big plans for next year. For those who made pies, ate pies and organized the auction thanks for the dough !



40th Birthday for KPH

Governor Jay Hammond celebrated the opening the home on November 18th, 1981 with Martine Oaksmit who was celebrating a 101 years of life on the same day. Together they held a ribbon cutting ceremony to the Ketchikan community. Today we celebrate with balloons, Elvis and a very big cake! Happy 40th KPH and many more!





100th Birthday: November this year we celebrated a **Century Birthday** for Ernest “Ernie” DeBoer. He’s still as busy as ever. He and Tinker Bell cut a rug around the KPH and he isn’t slowing down!

The Ketchikan Daily News published an article of his birthday this year in November. Staff and residents wished him well on this very special birthday.

I thought to share a story of my own.

I met Ernie close to his birthday. Little did I know he was the architect for one of my children’s favorite activities at Ward lake pond. Ernie had the Forest Service personnel scratching their heads on how these particular frogs were found in Ketchikan. I was never able to determine how a young Ernie managed to get a bucket of frogs from Washington here but I imagine it was an interesting trip on Alaska Airlines.

I go with my children to the pond during the summer months. We spend our time listening to the frogs cry of love while collecting fiddle heads and eating peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Locals walk the paths and visit with me as my children, in rubber boots and nets, come up with creative ways to capture the elusive froggies that go quiet when approached and taunt us when we walk away. We look for tadpole and cast a line towards jumping fish when croakers camouflage is beyond our abilities to locate. Thank you, Ernie, you brought many memories for me of my kids with those stowaways froggies. No frogs were harmed in the life of this story but a few were manhandled and there were a lot of wet socks. **Charlotte Darrington-Activities Director**

New Residents



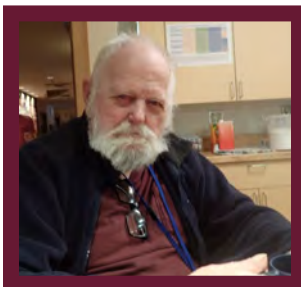
Meet **Dan**, who joins us from Metlakatla but spent many a year in Ketchikan. He has a wonderful smile and is always ready for a football game.

Welcome Dan we love having you!



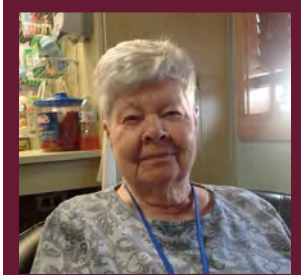
Meet **Romona**, who spent her time on Prince of Whales Island working in the School District with the littles and at the local grocery store.

Welcome Ramona we love having you!

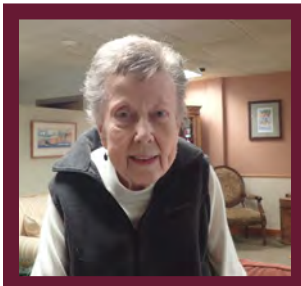


Meet **Richard**, the master checkers player. I have never been so beat at a game before. Come play a game and test your skills. My moneys on Ricard.

Welcome Richard!



Meet **Gayle**, she has slipped right into the Pioneer Home visiting with residents and participating in music singing and social groups. **Welcome Gayle!**



Meet **Elaine**, Does she look familiar? She worked as an admin position at the Pioneer Home. She is a skilled puzzle builder and fits right into our home, staying busy getting her steps in.

Welcome Elaine we love having you!



Meet **Russell**, just off of Prince of Whales Island. He's down for a card game and an adventurous story in rural Alaska.

Welcome Russell we love having you!



Chona Rodriguez started out in the KPH over 15 years ago this month. Thank you Chona for your dedication to the Home and for all the years of service and care for our residence. Your dedication and love shows.

We love having you!



Christmas Cheer



Learning the Ropes



The Ketchikan High School CAN students came to the Pioneer Home ready to learn the ropes. They helped take blood pressures and learned how our excellent Certified Nursing Assistances help out our residence everyday. The students taught the staff and residents new games and fun activities. One resident stated, "You know I'm an old guy and you need to tell those kids how nice it is to have them here." Thank you KHS we loved having you and can't wait to see you next semester!

Baby It's Cold Outside!

The local community showed their Christmas cheer and resilience to cold weather. This year the Ketchikan High School Choir, Community Choir, Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church and Clover Pass Church showed up for some outdoor caroling! Temperatures are dropping but our hearts are warmed by your holiday spirit. The warmest of holidays to you all.



Christmas



Activities



While decorating cookies this holiday season we discussed some of the residents favorite holiday treats. Norwegian Krumkake, Snowball Cookies and Banana Bread were determined to be a local favorites. Savory snacks? Salmon Spread of course! The bakers at KPH went to work lead by our New Social Worker Johanna Johnson who brought in her family recipe for Krumkake cookies and showed local residents the art of the special flat iron and pin rolling technique to

make the circular cookies. Juanita made banana bread with the KPH Kitchen and Charlotte and Jennie got their hands dirty with the local residents and made salmon spread three ways. It was determined by majority that the residents had the best recipe for salmon of cream cheese and Worcestershire.



Honoring our Veterans



Thomas Williamson
Army



James McKellar
Navy



Harry Jim Diamond
Alaska Territorial Guard



Happy New Year!





In Loving Memory

Elanor Jacobsen

10/25/2021

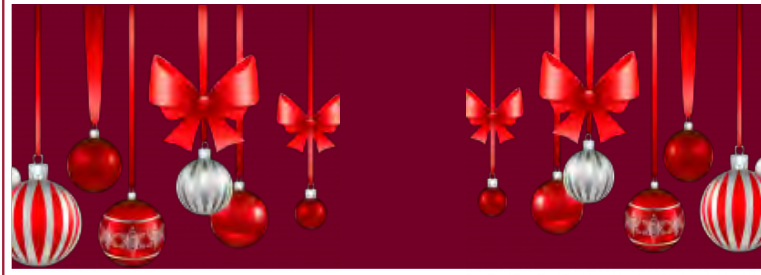
Patricia Davidson

11/9/2021

Mamie Alexander

12/13/2021





Now OPEN!

Hair Salon

Hair Salon will be open Tuesdays
from 9:30 to 12:00

Shampoo	\$5.00
Shampoo & Style	\$15.00
Haircut Styles Ladies	\$25.00
Haircut style Men	\$10.00
Trim Beard or Shave	\$5.00
Perm Trim & Style	\$65.00
Color, Trim & Style	\$65.00

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We cannot do what we do without you!

To all those who donate and give this holiday season we say thank you. A special thanks to our sponsors this holiday:

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Trees for a Cause

Ketchikan Theater Ballet

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Happy Holidays