



# SANTA RITA READER

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## Happy New Years 2011

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Can you believe that it is 2011? It will take me several days maybe even a couple of weeks to get use to writing 2011. We had New Years Eve party on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Many residents joined us and together we counted down the old year and welcomed the new. There were refreshments, party favors and lots of laughs.



Happy New Year! Christmas time has come and gone. We had a wonderful turn out of friends and family that joined the Christmas party. Each resident received a gift and Santa Claus made a special appearance. There was music and refreshments; everyone appeared to have a good time. Many expressed how pleased & surprised they were to receive a present. We thank all of the generous people in our community that donated such wonderful gifts!

January 16-21 is National Activity Professionals Week. Come say hello to the activity staff in the garden room or join us for an afternoon of music, crafts or exercise.

"We are quality of life professionals. Ours is the way of the heart as we reach out to all residents and their families and collaborate with our colleagues in all disciplines. We are tenacious in our commitment, compassion, imagination and vision as we weave a living community of hope and renewal. So that we may grow in wisdom, this is what we shall continue to do. . ." Excerpted from *The Activity Professionals Quality of Life Ethos, The Pleasure of Your Company.*

**Maria, Nedra & Ricardo**

### Facility Outings

- 06 – Wal-Mart & Big Lots
- 13 – Park Place Mall
- 21 – White Elephant
- 27 – Desert Diamond Casino

\*\*Check with activity department for sign up sheet and specific departure times.



### Mystery Chef

The 9<sup>th</sup> there

be a mystery chef. We are inviting a staff member to come in and make one of their favorite dishes. We don't know who it will be or what they will make. Join us for this special

### Did You Know?

315 entries in Webster's 1996 Dictionary were misspelled.

Donald Duck comics were banned from Finland because he doesn't wear pants. (Mickey Mouse wears pants but no shirt..)

Ketchup was sold in the 1830's as medicine.

The characters Bert and Ernie on Sesame Street were named after Bert the cop and Ernie the taxi driver in Frank Capra's "It Happened One Night"



### Dining Room Changes

Please be aware that the dining rooms will be locked between meal times for cleaning & set up. Anyone may still ask for beverages or snacks between meal times. Activities will continue to be held in dining room A.

### \*\*New Dining Room Hours\*\*

- Breakfast 7:00am – 8:15am
- Lunch 11:30am – 12:15pm
- Dinner 5:00pm – 6:15pm

### Did You Know? cont.

The Declaration of Independence was written on marijuana (hemp paper).

The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screeched."

There are no clocks in Las Vegas gambling casinos.

The name Wendy was made up for the book Peter Pan; there was never a recorded Wendy before!

A tiny amount of liquor on a scorpion will make it instantly go mad and sting itself to death.

Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of our beloved Residents that have recently passed away.

- 12/05 Maxine Brown 12/15 Gertrude Baliman
- 12/06 Socorro Corrales 12/24 Ruth

### Activity Highlights

- 02 – GV Community Church
- 04 – Piano w/ Mark Willis
- 07 – Orange Social
- 09 – Mystery Chef
- 11 – Piano w/ Sandy Sanford
- 14 – Resident Birthday Party
- 17 – Music w/ Lanny Klein
- 21 – Resident Council
- 23 – GV Baptist Church
- 24 – Animal League Visits



### Maintenance Day

Have you hugged your maintenance man today?? Okay maybe not hug but did you thank your maintenance staff today? Roger, Gil, Mike and Oscar make up the team that assists with keeping things running smoothly in our facility. Thanks guys! We couldn't do it without you!

## [NASA Space Shuttle Launches Solar Dynamics Observatory](#)

[NASA](#) undertook two space shuttle launches in February 2010. The [Solar Dynamics Observatory](#) (SDO) was launched February 11, 2010. SDO recorded sun flares and coronal mass ejections (CMEs) on August 1, 2010 resulting in a breakthrough discovery relating solar activity and magnetic fault zones. Scientists use SDO to analyze the sun's magnetic field and solar atmosphere.

## [Michael Jackson Unpublished Songs](#)

Michael Jackson's untimely death on June 25, 2009 brought an unprecedented [music industry deal](#) March 16, 2010 between Sony Corp and the Michael Jackson estate. The estate will receive over \$250 million for the publication of ten albums of previously unpublished Michael Jackson songs combined with popular Jackson music.[7]

## [Icelandic Volcano Eruption](#)

On April 14, 2010, the second eruption of the Iceland volcano Eyjafjallajökull caused disruptions in European airline travel until May 23, 2010. "If volcanic ash particles are ingested into a jet engine, they accumulate and clog it with molten glass, which can cause the engine to shut down," reported Victoria Gill at [BBC News](#). Europe's airspace chaos resulted in losses of €148 million (US\$200 million, GB£130 million). [1]

## [World Trade 9 11 Ground Zero Discovery](#)

According to the April 5 edition of [BBC news](#) scientists searched a decade later for any remains of over 1,000 people still missing from the 9 11 attack which occurred Sept 11 2001 and caused the collapse of the World Trade Center Twin Towers in New York City. On July 15, workers constructing the new [World Trade Center](#) discovered an 18th Century 32 ft-long ship (9.8m) hull in an abandoned riverbed at Ground Zero.[9]

## [Pakistan Flooding Disaster](#)

On July 26, 2010 huge quantities of rain flooded 1/5th of Pakistan. The resulting flood disaster affected [20 million people](#) creating the worst flood disaster in Pakistan. Over 1,700 people have died and close to 3,000 were injured. More people were affected in this [flood disaster](#) than the combined peoples of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, the 2005 Kashmir earthquake and the 2010 Haiti earthquake,

## [Gulf Oil Spill](#)

The [Deepwater Horizon drilling rig](#) exploded April 20, 2010 killing 11, and seriously injuring 17 others. Following the Deepwater Horizon explosion, oil was estimated to be leaking into the Gulf of Mexico at a rate of between 504,000 and 798,000 gallons a day throughout the summer - the Gulf oil spill resulted in 18 million to 30 million gallons accumulating in the Gulf of Mexico dwarfing both the Ixtoc I oil spill and Exxon Valdez oil tanker disaster.

## [Prince of Wales and Kate's Engagement](#)

On November 16, 2010 came the announcement of the [engagement of Prince William](#) to Miss Catherine Middleton. Prince William proposed to Kate Middleton on holiday in Kenya October 19, 2010 with his mother's, Lady Diana's, engagement ring, The wedding of Prince William of Wales and Kate Middleton will take place April 29, 2011 at Westminster Abbey.

## [Steve Landesberg from Barney Miller](#)

Calm level-headed detective Arthur P. Dietrich, was played by Steve Landesberg on the New York police sitcom *Barney Miller*. Shirley Jones, costar on *The Cleaner* said Landesberg "was a wonderful comic and superb actor who gave so much of himself in every performance." The death of Landesberg occurred December 20, 2010. [1]

## [Black Edwards Director of the Pink Panther](#)

Blake Edwards, American screenwriter, director, and producer joined forces with actor Peter Sellers delivering the comedy *Pink Panther* block buster movie series. Blake Edwards died December 15, 2010 leaving behind his wife celebrity actress Julie Andrews.[8]

## [Comedian Leslie Nielson from Police Squad](#)

The Naked Gun movie series a spoof on television's Police Squad and Airplane brought fame to celebrity comedian and actor Leslie Nielson, O.C. Nielson passed away November 28, 2010.[2]]

## [Tom Bosley of Happy Days and Murder She Wrote](#)

Better known as Sheriff Amos Tucker on Murder She Wrote, actor Tom Bosley died October 19, 2010. Award winning Bosley also starred as the *Happy Days* family father, Howard Cunningham, and as Father Frank Dowling in the *The Father Dowling Mysteries*.[9]

## [Tony Curtis in The Defiant Ones, Some Like It Ho](#)

On September 29, 2010, 1950s movie star and sex symbol, Tony Curtis died. Curtis played alongside Sidney Poitier in *The Defiant Ones* with Sidney Poitier, and alongside Marilyn Monroe and Jack Lemmon in *Some Like It Hot*, [14]

## [Eddie Fisher Marriage to the Stars Remembrance](#)

Pop singer Eddie Fisher became more famous for his marriages to movie star celebrities Connie Stevens, Elizabeth Taylor, and Debbie Reynolds than for his songs. September 22, 2010 marked the death of Eddie Fisher. [15]

## [The Lion Sleep Tonight Composer George Weiss](#)

George Weiss, famous composer and songwriter died August 23, 2010. Weiss wrote *The Lion Sleeps Tonight*, Louis Armstrong's *What a Wonderful World*, Elvis Presley's *Can't Help Falling In Love*, [13]

## [Art Linkletter, Dennis Hooper, Gary Coleman](#)

"*Kids Say the Darndest Things*" was a notable book written by famous television host Art Linkletter from segments of his popular television show.[5] Gary Coleman child star of *Diff'rent Strokes* became famous across North America for his catch phrase *Whatchu talkin' 'bout?*[4] Dennis Hopper became famous after starring in the classic 1969 movie *Easy Rider* which he also directed and helped to write.[6]

## [National Tragedy Polish President Lech Kaczynski](#)

A huge Polish national tragedy occurred April 10, 2010 when President Lech Kaczynski's plane crashed killing Kaczynski and top Polish public and military figures. In the obituary, former Polish president Lech Walesa mourned that "the Soviets killed Polish elites in Katyn 70 years ago, Today, the Polish elite died there while getting ready to pay homage to the Poles killed there." [11]

## [I Spy, Secret Agent, Robert Culp](#)

*I Spy* actor, Robert Culp, died March 24, 2010. Culp starred as secret agent Kelly Robinson alongside Bill Cosby in the 1960s *I Spy* series. After starring in numerous television roles, Culp was cast as the father in law of Ray Romano on *Everybody Loves Raymond*.[10]