# HILLCREST SUITES NEWSLETTER

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# **EDITOR'S DESK**

#### By Vicki Bruno

Residents, family and friends,

Happy New Year! It's a new year and I am looking forward to spending 2025 with all of you. I am getting to know you better and I hope you are getting to know me a little better. The one thing that I want you to know about me is that I am always open to suggestions. I have some things planned for this new year that I hope will be fun and exciting. Not every one is going to enjoy the same activities so I am adding more variety. I love seeing the increased participation in activities and am striving to see participation increase even more. Beginning this month, we will be tracking, getting updates, getting live sighting videos, and learning the habits of wildlife. We will start with Esmeralda, a sloth in Costa Rica, Marigold Puddlefoot, who is a loggerhead sea turtle, off the Florida coast, and Long'oipa a 7 year old lion in Northern Kenya. Other animals we will be tracking include another lion, a gorilla, a penguin, a polar bear, an elephant and a dolphin. I will be passing on all the information to you as soon as I receive it in our new forum, "Wild Tracking" (posted on your activity calendar each month.) I hope to see you all at some or all of our activities. Let's all have a great time in 2025!

Vicki

**Activity Coordinator** 

### **DECEMBER IN REVIEW**



We started the month with a visit from the Salvation Army.





We had to fit a lot of things into a short period of time. We made reindeer tree decorations, snowmen, angels, gingerbread men and, on the sweeter side, candy sleighs

and even decorated Christmas cookies! We decorated our stockings and hung them on the garland, with care, in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.



While some enjoyed peace and quiet in the new living area.



We played Hilly Bill Bingo, Putt Putt Pool, had an auction, and played another holiday version of Family Feud. Georgia is shown here with her prizes for winning Family Feud!

We finished up the month with "Mistletoe Madness." Some residents cashed in the gift certificates that they received in their stockings for some fun merchandise.





## **RESIDENT OF THE MONTH**



This month's featured resident is Donna. Though Donna didn't want me to take her picture, she was more than happy to let her faithful companion, Jack-Jack, get his picture taken. Jack-Jack is wearing a sweater that says "Favorite Child" and has a perpetual smile that lights up a room and warms the heart. Donna said that she has done many things to acquire Jack-Jack and spends a lot of time on the phone making arrangements for things like training and keeping his shots up-to-date, in order to maintain a clean, safe, healthy and happy environment for everyone. Though, it's a lot of work and it keeps Donna very busy, she states that his love and companionship is well worth it.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

January 3- Come & Play Putt-Putt Pool
January 4- Happy Birthday Thomas
January 6- Wild Tracking Starts
January 9- Come and create your own 2025
Vision Board

January 12- Popcorn & A Movie
January 19- Happy Birthday Steve