

JANUARY 2018

# The Victorian

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## Daily Schedule

**7:00-9:00- Breakfast**

**9:30-Catholic Communion  
(Thurs)**

**9:30- Nondenominational  
Communion (3<sup>rd</sup> Wed)**

**11:00- Word Game**

**11:00- Exercise Group  
(Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)**

**12:00-1:00- Lunch**

**1:30- See Calendar**

**4:00- Sing Along  
(Monday)**

**4:00- Word Challenge**

**5:00-6:00 – Supper**

**"January brings the snow, makes our feet and fingers glow."- Sara Coleridge**

Brrr- Winter is surely here and the first big snow-fall cannot be far away. For those amongst us who are enjoying their first January at The Victorian: please be reassured that whatever the weather throws at us we will be well fed, with no loss of power. Staff will be transported to and fro for their shifts and undoubtedly some will choose to sleep over to ensure there is no lapse in care. [All part of the service.]

This month there are 5 entertainers. 3<sup>rd</sup>- Harry French, 10<sup>th</sup>- Julie Charland, 17<sup>th</sup>- Ken LeRay, 24<sup>th</sup>- Rob Schane (Rob is a classical pianist and new to us) lastly Paul Ashley on the last day of the month.

Out and About is more challenging in the cold weather but plans are for movies on 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and shopping on 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. It will depend on the offerings at The Orpheum, and all travel is cancelled in the snow.

*"The first fall of snow is not only an event, it is a magical event. You go to bed in one kind of a world and wake up in another quite different, and if this is not enchantment then where is it to be found?"-JB Priestley*

Enjoy the magic of winter!

*Carolyn*

## What is the best thing about winter?

SNOW! And all related winter sports. –  
*Dorothy*

I love the snow. The air is so clear-*Helen*

Skiing. I never took ski lessons, but basically I taught myself how to ski. I skied all over New England and many other places in the world-  
*John*

Staying inside and seeing and hearing a heavy snow storm raging outside. I end up feeling 'cozy'. –*Corinne*

Snow- especially here where the snow stays white. It makes the world beautiful- *Joan*

Snow! I was born in Massachusetts. All my life we had snow. When I was a little girl I would look out the window and get on my snowsuit as fast as possible and jump in the snow- *Bev*

Well! It depends on where you are living. Winter is WONDERFUL in California! –  
*Barbara*

**January 9<sup>th</sup> 1788- Connecticut is celebrating its birthday as a state. Many of our residents are from there. What is your home state and what do you love about it?**

Maine- the changing of the seasons and beautiful trees.- *Margaret*

Cape Cod, Massachusetts. I love it.- *Helen*

the soft twinkle of a snowflake hitting the ground;  
the silence of winter mornings. gentle, calm, serene.  
~Thunderstormsuggestions.tumblr.com

Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home. It is no season in which to wander the world as if one were the wind blowing aimlessly along the streets without a place to rest, without food, and without time meaning anything to one, just as time means nothing to the wind. ~Edith Sitwell

I was just thinking, if it is really religion with these nudist colonies, they sure must turn atheists in the wintertime. ~Will Rogers

Illinois is my home state. I love the North Shore- Chicago, Marshall Field's Department Store-the openness of the people; the schools-Northwestern University, University of Chicago, University of Illinois; Lakeshore Drive, Lake Michigan.

The Art Institute of Chicago, one of the world's great museums of art with its superb collections. –*Oliver*

I was born and raised in Stratford, CT. My father walked to work every day until he bought a car. There was no bus service- *Ada*

I am from the state of Connecticut. I was born in New Britain, which during WWII was known as the "Industrial City of the World". The reason? There were six factories producing war goods for use in the war going on in Europe and in the Pacific Ocean region. In my opinion WWII was won due largely to the fact of New Britain producing so much used in WWII.-*John*

Massachusetts-its beautiful geography, its lovely cities and towns (especially Boston); its great history and its independence of thought. - *Joan*

Connecticut is my home state. Its blue flag going by in a parade with shield of three grapevines, representing the first three towns-Windsor, Wethersfield and Hartford. The Charter Oak which lived over a hundred years and grew in Hartford. In it was hidden the Royal Charter of 1662, so the governor general couldn't find it. I've seen the modest home in Coventry where Nathan Hale, a school teacher, lived. Captured by the English for being a spy, he was sentenced to death. His last words were;"I regret that I have only one life to give to my country."- *Corinne*

I like Massachusetts for the scenery from the Berkshire Mountains, the Connecticut River Valley to the coast, including Cape Cod, of course. Massachusetts also has the distinction of being one of the first states to be settled: Plymouth in 1620, Boston 1630 and Springfield in 1636. Additionally, it played a big role in the American Revolution. The state's place in the industrial revolution ties directly to Massachusetts's rivers, the Merrimack and the Connecticut, which flow down to the ocean- *George*

*Winter is the king of showmen,  
Turning tree stumps into snowmen  
And houses into birthday cakes  
And spreading sugar over lakes.  
Smooth and clean and frosty white,  
The world looks good enough to bite.  
That's the season to be young,  
Catching snowflakes on your tongue.  
Snow is snowy when it's snowing,  
I'm sorry it's slushy when it's going.  
~Ogden Nash*

That is hard to answer because I lived in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and New York and each was wonderful. I attended school in Rhode Island at Potowomut School in East Greenwich. There were only 3 of us in the third grade class so our teacher, Mrs. Joan Smith, could never be sick as there would be no-one to teach us. I went to college in Massachusetts where I met my husband. He went from the Harvard Dental school into the Navy. We were married in 1943 before he went to war. I'd just finished my sophomore year at college. We were married at Riverside Church. The weddings were scheduled every 15 minutes! Then my husband went to war and I returned to finish college. When he came home, (in one piece!) we made our home in Nyack, NY where we raised our family.- *Helen*

**January 11<sup>th</sup> is Milk Bottle Day. What was delivered to your house when you were a child?**

Mail, newspaper and milk- *Ada*

Milk and ice delivered each day- *Edie*

Our milkman left the glass quart on our doorstep, picking up the empties. In bitterly cold winter weather, the milk would expand so the cap was forced up, maybe about an inch. "Winter cream" mixed with snow and sugar made great ice cream. "Summer cream" whipped was great for strawberry shortcake-  
*Corinne*

Milk and bread by horse and wagon- Anon

Our milk was delivered twice a week from a dairy farm in the small town next to ours. In the winter the milk was delivered to the porch and by the time my Mom brought it in the milk was frozen on the top. It was so good mixed with hot chocolate. It is great to remember about the old days. Our kids don't know what they have missed. Hurray for the good old days- *Bev*

I grew up in Germantown, Pennsylvania. Coal was delivered down a big chute that went into our basement. The milkman delivered on his horse-drawn wagon. I could remember the horse's clip-clop on the brick paved streets. Mail was delivered twice a day at 9:30am and again at 3:30pm. The street lights were gas and a man came in late afternoon to turn them on and must have come back in the early morning to switch them off. Those were the good old days-  
*Maryanne*

When I was about six years old, my parents moved into a house at Oak Street in New Britain, CT. The only thing we had delivered to us was kerosene to be used in the kitchen stove. When we needed food or milk, I used to go to a grocery store up the street owned by a guy named Alex. He lived in a house next to the store that had an enclosed pathway (like a bridge). He used this so that he wouldn't have to go outside to go home. He had been born in Russia, but he spoke English, although he did speak with an accent.-*John*

Winter came down to our home  
one night  
Quietly pirouetting in on silvery-  
toed slippers of snow,  
And we, we were children once  
again.  
~Bill Morgan, Jr.



**January 25<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of the Emmys-celebrating excellence in television. What have been some of your favorite television shows over the years?**

Northern Exposure- we should see if the library has it for us to watch- *Christine*

Lucille Ball- *Helen*

I have fond memories of one show. We and two other couples rotated having supper at each others' home. After the meal, we sat and watched 'The Golden Girls'. We'd howl. Betty White who played "Rose" is still active- *Corinne*

I particularly enjoyed MASH and Mr. Rogers- and also all the British series like Brideshead Revisited- *Joan*

The following are all 5-star shows- All in the Family, Carol Burnett Show, The Vicar of Dibley, Same Time Next Year, MASH and As Time Goes By- *Maryanne*

Arthur Godfrey, Carol Burnett, Bob Hope and Upstairs Downstairs- *Fran*

American Bandstand. The boys were napping and I danced like a teenager again!- *Bev*

**Happy New Year  
2018**

*Winners of our  
December 'Christmas Carol' Quiz*

**Laurie Hill**

**Dorothy Shepherd**

**Edie Brammer**

**Joan Poskanzer**

**Sarah Wormer**

**Corinne Goodhall**

**Fran and Don Nesmith**

**Bev McVickar and Ben Nickerson**

"A snowflake is one of God's most fragile creations, but look what they can do when they stick together!"