

NOVEMBER 2018

# THE VICTORIAN

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## Daily Schedule

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

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

**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**

## Give Thanks!

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." - *John Fitzgerald Kennedy*

November- oh my! Another year is on its way out! This month we honor our veterans. Please join us in the lobby on the morning of November 6<sup>th</sup> as we acknowledge our veterans living at The Victorian.

Wonderful entertainers this month. 7<sup>th</sup>- Ethan Stone, 14<sup>th</sup>- Ken LeRay, 20<sup>th</sup>- Liz Saunders (note that this is the Tuesday before Thanksgiving) and to round out the month- 28<sup>th</sup>- Paul Ashley.

Charley and his team are creating a traditional Thanksgiving meal for residents and their guests on Thanksgiving Day. Please give as much notice as you can if you are going out for this meal- served at noon- or if you are having guests. Invitations are being mailed to family members.

"May your stuffing be tasty  
May your turkey be plump,  
May your potatoes and gravy  
Have nary a lump.  
May your yams be delicious  
And your pies take the prize,  
And may your Thanksgiving dinner  
Stay off your thighs!"

*Carolyn*

## Tell me a funny story!

It was our summer family vacation to celebrate my August birthday. The children had put my surprise birthday cake in one of the bedrooms and thought they had closed the door. But before dessert our family dog (part beagle) came down the hall to our dining room table and his face-especially his chin- were covered with whiteness. They thought Harvey was having a fit but quickly realized he had found the birthday cake and eaten some of the frosting. It was a hysterical scene. We all burst out in laughter at his adorable face. So we enjoyed the other side of the cake with a few candles on it!-

*Pem*

He was lying on my kitchen floor swearing his head off. Every other word was a cuss word. The air was blue. He finished installing our new dishwasher and left. A few weeks later, my son took me to the same appliance store to buy a new dryer. When we had agreed on a delivery date I said to the sales person, "Whatever you do, don't send the same person you sent to install the dishwasher, he was a terrible cusser." "Oh I know who you mean," said the salesperson, "I'll speak to him."

Once we got outside my son began to laugh and laugh. He said, "Mom, that was the same man!"- *Helen*

As Jane and I entered the Quad at Stamford a classmate was ahead with a strikingly beautiful blonde. He introduced her to me. I turned to introduce them to Jane and could not remember her name! -*Tom*

Fear not November's challenge bold—  
We've books and friends,  
And hearths that never can grow cold:  
These make amends!

~*Alexander L. Fraser (1870–1954),*  
"November," c.1918

## November 1<sup>st</sup> is 'Men Make Dinner Day'. Did your husband or father cook dinner at home? And for our men- did you cook?

When I was a child, we had the mumps. My mother was terribly sick. My father, who had already had them, ended up cooking our meals.

When I was a teacher, we had monthly meetings which lasted very late. I'd buy a small daisy ham, and the vegs to go with it. My husband cooked it. Nice to have a boiled ham dinner for a couple of days!

At my son's home, he served a portion of the striper he'd caught off Cuttyhunk. Three generations of male cooks-  
*Corinne*

My father seldom cooked dinner at home unless mother was ill, but boy was he a great outdoor cook in a simple grate on a huge stone outside cooker he built.

I love to cook, especially to bake sour dough bread (with ancient or new starters). I love smoking meat over charcoal and moistened wood chips etc.

- *Tom*

No men cooking meals- pizza once and it got stuck on the ceiling when he flipped the dough- *Christine*

I must have grown up in a different world. My father never even went into the kitchen. My husband, on the other hand, made very good salad dressing. - *Jerry*

Yes, my father made the dinner, my Ma was in heaven. - *Ada*

Ron got up every morning at 5:00am to open the shop. He cooked until 2:00pm when one of the boys would come from school to work and close the shop at 6:00 pm. I cooked dinner every night and, on occasion, Ron would put the steaks on the grill. - *Bev*

**November 4<sup>th</sup> is National Candy Day.**  
**What is your favorite kind of candy?**

When I was little, I loved Easter candy and the candy in my Christmas stocking. My Mom made fudge, I like caramel and peneuche with nuts. Liquorice is also great-though it makes your teeth black. - *Bev*

Heath Bar- *Jerry*

As a gift, I ask for a box of cranberry cordial chocolates from Stage Stop Candy in West Dennis. For everyday consumption, I like Hershey's kisses.- *Corinne*

Kit Kats! And of course anything chocolate from Candy Manor.- *Joan*

Chocolates, all kinds- *Oliver*

Hershey's Special Dark Chocolate and Trader Joe's dark chocolate covered nuts, eaten together.- *Tom*



November 11<sup>th</sup> will be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the armistice ending World War I. Many of us had fathers or even grandfathers who fought in this war.

This was an especially terrible war; soldiers faced the horror of trench warfare, poison gas and fields of barbed wire blocking their way. I salute my father and his comrade (pictured above)  
*George*



Milky Ways- *Alice*

Chocolate- *Christine, Ada and Barbara Ann*

**November 18<sup>th</sup> begins Puzzles and Games Week. What board games did you play as a child or did you play with your children?**

As a family we played Parcheesi, checkers, Chinese checkers, Monopoly and Rummy (cards). All these while we four children were growing up. After my marriage, we taught our daughter. Great memories!- *Gene*

Lots. Monopoly was favorite. Checkers (especially with Dad). Later as an adult, chess. And Jane and I played backgammon-  
*Tom*

I remember playing pick-up sticks, chutes and ladders, the card game War and Chickens. I can't remember any others-  
*Corinne*

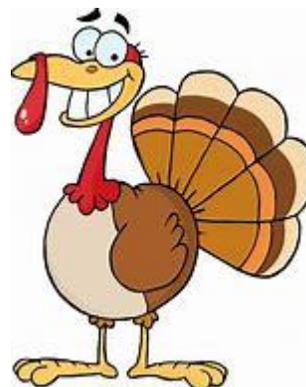
Monopoly and Parcheesi were favorites of mine-and I played them with my children. Now I play Scrabble with my daughter in Florida, via the internet- *Joan*

Chutes and ladders- *Edie*

As a child growing up my family played games almost daily. We played Parcheesi, board games and 'Flinch'. I remember there was a special pack of cards for that game. As I grew older we played penny ante poker. After we were married, we still played poker on holidays. Ernestine and I played games after supper most nights. The last game was muggins with a set of double 12 dominos. Ernestine beat me most every night!- *George*

**Russell Baker**

"It was dramatic to watch my grandmother decapitate a turkey with an ax the day before Thanksgiving. Nowadays the expense of hiring grandmothers for the ax work would probably qualify all turkeys so honored with 'gourmet' status."



**Well done my literate  
October Quiz Winners!**

Amy and Charley

Joan

Corinne

Gene

Abbie

Edie

Dorothy

Beverly

Maryanne

Helen

Pem

George