

# 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**

## Brrr- January!

For those of you who are new to The Victorian, we are fully prepared for whatever winter throws at us. Charley always has enough food to see us through a storm, the generator is tested should we lose power, salt and shovels are ready to keep pathways clear and a 'Code Green' is called for staff- this has schedules juggled and drivers at the ready to ensure all shifts are staffed- and the odd staff member may choose to sleep over rather than face the elements!

Life at The Victorian continues in its usual way- movies are excellent at this time of year- in preparation for The Oscars. Trips are planned to The Orpheum for a Friday or two.

Our entertainers for the month are brave souls that do not fly south for the winter. 2<sup>nd</sup>- Dan McCarthy, 9<sup>th</sup>- Julie Charland, 16<sup>th</sup>- Kalifornia Karl, 25<sup>th</sup>- Liz Saunders and 30<sup>th</sup> – Paul Ashley.

So let's enjoy that first magical fall of snow and perhaps hope that is not followed by too many others!

*Plant carrots in January and you'll never have to eat carrots. ~Gardening Saying*

*Carolyn*

**January 3<sup>rd</sup> is 'March of Dimes Day'. FDR started this charity to fight polio. What are your memories of this great man?**

Years ago, a newsreel was shown before the movie. Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin met at Yalta in Crimea to talk about the "fate" of Germany. It was February 1945. Roosevelt wasn't well. He looked so gaunt that there was a very audible gasp from the audience. He died two months later on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 1945.- *Corinne*

I never got to see or hear him- my memories are all of studying his many accomplishments in political science classes-  
*Joan*

We gave dimes in school to help polio research. That was a lot of money for me in school; it cost ten cents to watch a movie-  
*Ada*

FDR held a talk hour once a week on the radio and our family would never miss tuning in to hear him. My brother attended the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD and when he graduated in 1938 (June) FDR spoke at the ceremony. The event was held outdoors in the football stadium and I remember him arriving in an open touring car. It was a very exciting weekend for me.  
*Maryanne*

He was on radio at noon when I came for lunch. Powerful voice, great message every time, speaking to all ages- *Christine*

The sugar covered landscapes of winter are breathtaking. Nothing can match the crystal clear silence of a winter morning or the sea smoke rising off a bay in soft tendrils. There is a special quality, not only to the scenery, but also to the quieter pace of life. Winter's peace is incomparable. ~Maine's DownEast & Acadia Regional Tourism

**January 5<sup>th</sup> is Twelfth Night and the traditional day to have all the Christmas decorations down. When do you take down your decorations?**

Whenever we felt like it! – *Jerry*

Don't remember when we took them down-probably when the tree began to drop needles. But we did attend an untrimming party once- in England- it was on the 5<sup>th</sup>- *Joan*

I took the tree down just before the New Year. The question brings back memories, of course; we spent Christmases in West Dennis. Knowing that I was retiring in September, I brought my window candles as usual and didn't take them home. They were stored in the cottage attic until the next Christmas- the first thing to be moved. – *Corinne*

**January 6<sup>th</sup> sees the awarding of the Golden Globes, What have been your favorite TV shows?**

I watch very little TV, preferring a good movie. However I enjoyed '60 minutes' on a Sunday night and 'What's My Line'.- *Oliver*

Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy, M.A.S.H. and Everybody Loves Raymond- *Fran*

When my kids were small, our favorites were Sesame Street and Mr. Rogers. Later I loved British mysteries and dramas like Downton Abbey.- *Joan*

A long time ago now, we and two other couples would meet for supper at one of our homes. Afterwards we'd watch The Golden Girls. That show was hysterical!- *Corinne*

'I love Lucy' - *Maryanne and Helen*

Laverne and Shirley- *Margaret*

M.A.S.H.- *Edie r and George*

CNN- all news, all the time-*Alice*

Any Sports- *Larry*

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*



Jeopardy and N.C.I.S.- *Dorothy*

Gilligan's Island and I Dream of Jeannie-  
*Charley*

The Voice- *Barbara*

The Bold and The Beautiful- *Elaine*



*Sharks are hardy creatures.... Sharks are as tough as those football fans who take their shirts off during games in Chicago in January, only more intelligent. ~Dave Barry*



**January is Bird Feeder Month and also Penguin Month. What are you favorite birds?**

Humming birds, cardinals, red winged blackbirds, robins, chickadees etc. etc. I had so much fun and joy watching the birds (and the acrobatic squirrels) at our feeder- *Tom and Jane*

Cardinals – I am from St. Louis!- *Ted*

I love penguins. I also love blue birds and all birds that talk- *Jerry*

Song birds, parrots, canaries, swans, sparrows, robins, chickadees, wrens, blue birds, blackbirds, orioles etc. – *Oliver*

Birds! I love all birds. I have a bird feeder outside my window. The birds are everywhere. I love the little sparrows and the large cardinals and everything in between. When I wake in the morning, I hear the birds cheeping on the bird feeder. It's wonderful to look out the window and start the day with them- *Bev* (Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could fly like they do!)

My favorite is the male goldfinch in summer. Such a beautiful yellow!- *Joan*

The chickadee is my favorite. A year - round bird, it is cute, friendly and fun to watch. If a person stands very still, with hand extended, with some seed in it, the bird will come for the seed. (I never had the patience). The handsomest is the bald eagle. I've had the good fortune to see one. – *Corinne*

Nuthatch, chickadee, titmouse, robin, red-wing blackbird, wren, blue jay, mourning dove, eagle, osprey; just to name a few. I know and love them all- *Ann*

**Winners of our December Quiz**

Pem  
Corinne  
Joan  
Fran and Claudia  
Gene  
Maryanne  
Dorothy

**Well Done!**