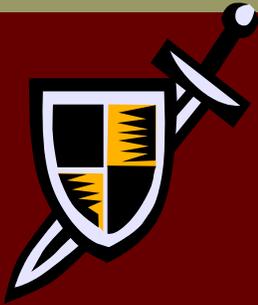


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**JOHN GEORGE HOME**

**The Gentleman**

# Happy New Year!

2013 is over and the New Year has certainly brought some interesting challenges but we trust that you made some creative resolutions and are no longer buried in the snow. The residents had a wonderful New Year's celebration and discussed ways to make this year even better than the last. Some of the guys didn't want to start the year with resolutions because they made them feel like failure was looming, but others had long lists of things that they were going to accomplish, including new diets, less TV and more activity. Often times the New Year allows us to start over and regain a balance between who we are and what we want to be. The John George Home residents have a "retired" perspective but still have the desire to improve and make efforts towards a better life. So, whether you are a list maker or one that avoids the trap of setting goals—we hope that your year brings excitement, energy, and closeness with those you love. Thank you for sharing another year with us. We truly appreciate that the Home is on your list of things to get involved with this year.



-Carrie Good, Administrator

*"Except for an occasional heart attack I feel as young as I ever did." -Robert Benchley*



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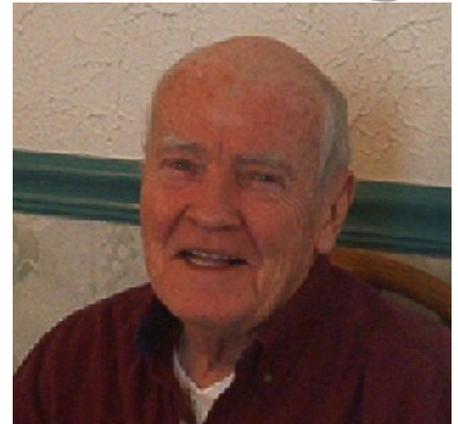
Hello, my name is Blanche. I recently joined the John George Home staff and am very excited to be a part of this community. I am eager to get to know everyone and look forward to sharing news with you. Please stop in anytime, I would welcome the opportunity to meet you. It may take me awhile to learn it all but I am honored to be able to serve our residents and staff. Thank you.



# Meet Daniel Crowley

Dan Crowley was born in Jackson, Michigan in 1935. He has lived here most of his life, so it's safe to say he's seen and done it all. He recalls being able to see movies at the theatre for only 12 cents and proudly remembers winning the 1951 Soapbox Derby. Dan has worked over seventeen different jobs in his life including working on a Submarine Tender for the U.S. Navy where he supplied the subs with food and loaded torpedoes. He also was the Assistant Fire Chief of Jackson for some time. Dan and his wife Mary Elice were married 39 years and have six children and twelve grandchildren.

While living in Florida after the death of his wife, Dan decided to move back to Jackson to be closer to family. He has been living at the John George Home for eight years and says that his favorite part of living here is the food. "We have the best cooks in the county," Dan said. He has been around for all the major changes at the Home and hopes that he can spend his last days here with his friends and family.



## Thank you for the memories! It was a great year!



A wonderful performance by the fourth and fifth graders from Northwest.



The men enjoyed a day at Comerica Park watching the Tigers play the Twins.



A good time was had by all at a Halloween party with the gals from the Friendly Home.



Santa came and brought smiles to all the men this holiday season.



The men square danced with some lovely ladies in the summertime to stay busy.



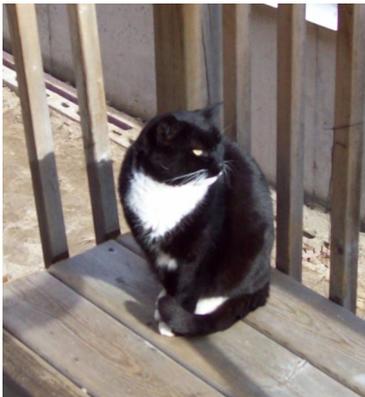
The first annual foosball tournament brought out the men's competitive side.

# Can you relate?

Three men were discussing the challenges of getting older. One said, "Sometimes I catch myself with a jar of mayonnaise in my hand, while standing in front of the refrigerator, and I can't remember whether I need to put it away, or start making a sandwich."

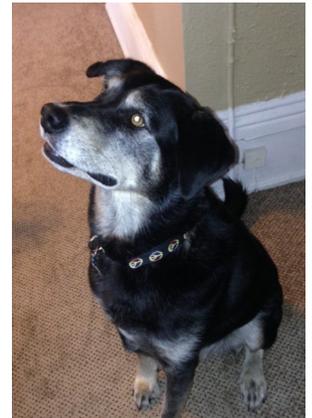
The second man chimed in with, "Yes, sometimes I find myself on the landing of the stairs and can't remember whether I was on my way up or on my way down."

The third one responded, " Well, fellas, I'm glad I don't have that problem. Knock on wood," as he rapped his knuckles on the table, and then said, "That must be the door, I'll get it!"



## Close Friends

Everyone should have a friend in their life that makes you smile, hugs you when you are sad, walks with you when you need a break and reminds you that you are loved and needed. **Sylvester** and **Jay Bear** do that for the men at the John George Home. These two furry friends help our men feel alive and brings them an incredible amount of joy. Make sure that you hug your friends today and if you need one, come over! We would love to share ours with you.



"I'm very pleased to be here. Let's face it, at my age I'm very pleased to be anywhere." George Burns.

## Picasso?

We recently started weekly art classes for the guys and you wouldn't believe the results. Our Resident Council President, Dale Crowell, teaches the class and they choose different projects and mediums each week. They display their art in the hallways and would love for you to come and view them. Gay Hock, Activities Director, is looking for volunteers to teach the men a new craft. They love to paint and draw, but would enjoy woodworking and clay art as well. They say that you can't teach an old dog new tricks but you should see some of their creations. We are proud of them and eager for more opportunities. Please join us and see if you can find the Picasso in our house!



# Winter Wonderland Word Search

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