

## Executive Director Abraham Mathew

Dear seniors, associates, and family members,

Greetings. Happy New Year 2023! Hope you all had a great Christmas and were able to spend time with your loved ones. May God design this new year to be better than previous years for all of us. Our associates continue to inspire happiness.

I want to extend my special thanks to all our seniors and families who stopped by and dropped off a donation check to appreciate our associates. We used the donations given to us by you to each full-time employee accordingly. The associates extend their sincerest gratitude to each of you for your generous hearts. We had a great associates (staff) appreciation day.

On a side note, I am sure you all heard that I am being promoted to be the Director of Operations for all Six Buckner communities. As I am working with my team to recruit the next Executive Director for Parkway Place, I am confident we will find the best and most appropriate leader who loves our seniors. Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and love towards me. Though I am transitioning to a new role, I am still responsible for Parkway Place and will work with the new Executive Director. I will be at the community quite often after transitioning the new ED as I live in Houston.

Thank you for your continued inspiration on us every day. God bless you and may this new year, 2023, be the best blessing to all of us.

**Dr. Abraham Mathew**

**Senior Executive Director**

*Help us Congratulate December's Employee of The Month!*



Parkway Place is pleased to announce Miguel Arias as Employee of the Month for December! Miguel is a dishwasher on the culinary team. He has worked for Parkway Place for over 12 years.

On behalf of all of the staff at Buckner Parkway Place:

**Congratulations Miguel!**



### What's Happening:

Parkway Place Management team posing for a picture at the Associate Christmas Party

Right To Left: Kelly Stephens, Shima Reddy, Dragoslav Lukic, Abraham Mathew, Michelle Barroso, John Bender, Gina Powell, Patrick McMillan



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Buckner Children and Family Services partnered with International Paint LLC come out and make Christmas wreaths with the children in the afterschool program at Aldine. These wreaths will then be donated to Parkway Place and hung on residents' doors for Christmas.



Parkway Place would like to give thanks to resident Anna Olexy and Ella Phipps for helping Parkway Place look more festive this Christmas season!



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## New Year New Traditions

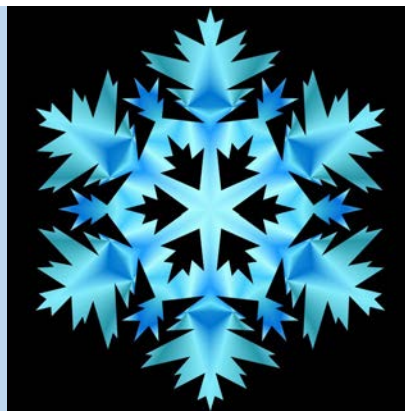
The end of the holiday season is marked by the coming of the new year. Each culture has its own tradition when it comes to celebrating. Here are 15 New Year traditions from around the world:

1. United States: Watching the ball drop
2. Brazil: Heading to the beach
3. Spain: Eating 12 grapes
4. India: Building a sculpture of an old man and burning it down
5. Japan: Eating soba noodles
6. France: Feasting with Champagne
7. Haiti: Sharing soup joumou
8. Denmark: Throwing old plates
9. Canada: Going ice fishing
10. Philippines: Serving 12 round fruits
11. Mexico: Giving the gift of homemade tamales
12. Greece: Hanging an onion outside the door
13. Colombia: Placing three potatoes under the bed
14. Ireland: Banging bread against the walls
15. Norway and Denmark: Celebrating with a towering cake

How do you celebrate the coming of the New Year?

## *January Facts!*

- ⇒ The name for January comes from the Roman god, Janus, who is always depicted with two heads. He uses one head to look back on the year before, and the other head to look forward into the New Year!
- ⇒ Oddly enough, couples tend to separate or divorce more so in January than any other month of the year.
- ⇒ In Pasadena, California, there has been a Rose Parade held every year since 1890. It has since been broadcasted worldwide and is typically viewed in over 100 countries around the globe.
- ⇒ If you were born in January, your birthstone is a garnet!
- ⇒ In leap years, January always starts on the same day as April and July.
- ⇒ Originally, the Roman calendar had only 10 months, and it excluded January and February.
- ⇒ January was a monumental year for Alaska! As of January 3, 1959, Alaska officially became the 49th state of the United States.



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## *Upcoming Events*

### Crazy Hat Day

January 13th is Crazy Hat Day! Residents and staff will all be sporting funky hats all day long. Parkway Place will be having a contest for craziest hat!

### National Hot Chocolate day

On January 31st, Parkway Place will be celebrating National Hot Chocolate Day with a pop up hot chocolate bar available for all residents and guests.

### Movie Matinee

Every Friday at 1:30pm, Parkway Place will be screening a movie in The Chapel. Residents will also be able to watch on Channel 2.

### Craft Time with Nikita

Lifestyle Coordinator Nikita Harchandani will be hosting a crafting class every Monday at 1:00 PM. Crafts could include blanket making, painting, jewelry making, and others.

### Young Frankenstein

On January 28th, Parkway Place will be taking a trip to the Stafford Play House to see the first performance of Young Frankenstein.

### Tech Time

Lifestyle Coordinator, Nikita, will be holding Tech Time in the Game Room every Wednesday at 10 AM for any resident who has questions about their phone, TV, or computer.

# JANUARY

1/1 Daniel Tennant

1/2 Grace Gonzalez

1/21 Janet McGuire

1/22 Margret Schilling

1/26 Bettie Cassady

1/27 Lanell Van Treese

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Birthday

## *Important Numbers To Know*

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