

## A Message from the Executive Director, Faith Bandama

*Greetings to all,*

I am enjoying the beautiful colors and the cool brisk breezes that come with autumn. But autumn reminds me of what is to come: the cold winter nights. Winter can still be exciting, with snow, ice skating and skiing. We at the Blaire House along with the residents are looking forward to serving you during the winter season, a time when we will greet our residents, families and friends with a number of fun-filled events.

Please do not hesitate to join us this season. Our mission here at Blaire House of Worcester is to provide the utmost care and respect to our residents in a safe and supportive homelike environment. To obtain this, we take care of your family as if they were our family.

*Sincerely,*

*Faith Bandama, Executive Director*



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

To many, the holiday season officially begins on Thanksgiving and ends in January. This is one of America's favorite times of the year. Enjoy the season, everyone!

## SCHEDULED EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### DECEMBER

3 ..... Ceramics with Diane  
19 ..... Music with Toney  
21 ..... Exalted Praise Community Choir  
24 ..... Jolly Jills  
30 ..... Music with Mike

### JANUARY

7 ..... Ceramics with Diane  
27 ..... Music with Mike  
28 ..... Jolly Jills  
TBA ..... Music with Toney

### FEBRUARY

13 ..... Painting with Diane  
22 ..... Exalted Praise Gospel Choir  
24 ..... Music with Mike  
TBA ..... Music with Toney

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**December Birthdays**  
Maxine F., Joseph L., Lynn P.,  
Sharyn P., Dorothy R., Gertrude R.

**January Birthdays**  
Gildo C., John N., Judith S., Francis W.

**February Birthdays**  
Paul S., Sally W.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **HOLY COMMUNION** with Deacon Paul of St. George's Parish is every 1st Tuesday of every month at 1:30 PM.
- **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FIELD TRIP**  
December 11th, time TBA
- **CHRISTMAS FAMILY DINNER**  
December 15th at 2:30 PM
- **RESIDENT CHRISTMAS GATHERING:**  
December 20th
- **EXALTED PRAISE COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR AND THE VOICES OF ZION:**  
Saturday, December 21st at 3 PM

## BLAIRE HOUSE OF WORCESTER WELCOMES OUR NEW EMPLOYEES



**Carmen C. – LPN**

**Abby K.T. – Speech**

**Mariam M. – Activity Aide**

## LATIN AMERICAN DANCING

Latin American Dancing is a combination of the Spanish and Portuguese culture, African culture, the indigenous people of Central and South America, Mexico and the Caribbean. Latin dances include: salsa, mambo, merengue, rumba, bachata, bomba and plena. Norma, a resident here at Blaire House of Worcester, loves to dance. Her favorite dances are the salsa, merengue, and the cha cha cha. Pictured are her and Jose



## HALLOWEEN 2019 AT BLAIRE HOUSE OF WORCESTER

The residents celebrated Halloween by pumpkin decorating, having their faces painted, dancing and judging costumes that staff members were wearing. The staff costumes were judged according to which one had on the most appealing costume (zany, scary, etc.) There were 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. 1st place was Elvis (Elvis from Rehab,) 2nd place was Snow White (Shayna,) and 3rd place was a tie between Jabien (staff son) and Ellen (Director of Nursing.)



*Shayna P. as Snow White.*



*Top left to right: Ellen (DON,) Lynn (Rehab,) Elvis (Rehab,) Shayna (Secretary,) Kristen (HR,) and Abrianna (Activities.)*

*Bottom left to right: resident John, Jo (Business Office,) Jabien (staff son) and resident Paul.*



*Gloria B. shows off her pumpkin.*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR: CHARLEEN FORBES

*Hello everyone,*

Well, the fall is here, the leaves are displaying a wonderful array of colors, but cold weather and winter are on the horizon. I hope that your preparations for this great season are going well. Please remember that all are welcome to give us your ideas and input. Your participation as family members is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to come in and join us during our activity programs. If you have any questions, please call and ask to speak with Charleen Forbes, the Activities Director.

*Thank you,*

*Charleen Forbes, ADPC*