

# Rosewood News – December

The Monthly Resident, Family and Staff Newsletter

## Message from the Executive Director- Karima Kassam

### Season's Greetings from Rosewood Manor!

As we wrap up another wonderful year, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our residents, families and staff for making Rosewood Manor a warm and caring home.

Thank you for your generosity in 2025. We raised funds to purchase ceiling lifts for five additional resident rooms.

### Looking ahead:

2026 promises more exciting programs, continued improvements and cherished moments together.

### Holiday Wishes:

May your holidays be filled with joy, peace and love.

Thank you for being a part of Rosewood Manor family and more importantly, for the support you have provided me.

Warm Regards,  
Karima



## In Fond Memory

Bill Hoekstra  
Giovanni Cannata  
Loretta Eagle  
Sek Sel Ng  
Joan Tweedlie  
Winston Davidson

The next Resident Memorial  
Service is Tues., Jan 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30  
in the main lounge

## Family Group Meetings

Meetings are held quarterly (Feb, May, Aug, Nov) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 3:30pm. Next meeting: Tues., Feb 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 in the roseroom & via Zoom.

The meeting is facilitated by the Executive Director and the management team is present to provide department updates and to answer general questions.

## Meetings this Month

### Resident Council

Tues., Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30

## Holidays

Hannukah Dec 14-22  
Christmas Dec 25<sup>th</sup>  
Boxing Day Dec 26<sup>th</sup>  
New Years Day Jan 1<sup>st</sup>

## Resident Programs & Events

Please see the program calendars for a list of all programs & events. Calendars are posted in resident areas and available online [www.rosewoodmanor.org](http://www.rosewoodmanor.org)

## Pub & Entertainment main lounge Fridays @ 1:15

Dec 5<sup>th</sup> Pub with Lorraine \$

Dec 12<sup>th</sup> Pub with Susan

Dec 19<sup>th</sup> Pub with Bobby Bacchus \$



Join the Holiday Pub socials with Dave

Wed, Dec 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:15

Wed., Dec 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:15

Also, the Bar is open Wed., Dec 3 and 10<sup>th</sup> 4:00-4:30 for a before dinner drink. (\$ -beer, wine, highballs)

## Birthday Parties

### Main Building

Wed., Dec 10<sup>th</sup> @ 1:15

In the main lounge  
Piano with Cindy, Cupcakes

### Special Care Unit

Tues., Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 1:30

Music with Johann, Cupcakes

## Worship Gatherings and Fellowship

In the Main Lounge

Sat, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 WORD fellowship

Thurs., Dec 4 & 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 Christian Fellowship  
(English & Chinese groups)

Sat., Dec 13<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00- Caanan Church Choir

Sun., Dec 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1:15 Richmond Chinese Alliance Church

Sat., Dec 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00- Richmond Bible Baptist Church

Thurs., Dec 4, 11, 18 @ 3:30 Hymns with Herb

Tues., Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6pm Carol Sing with Herb

## Special Events this Month

Sat., Dec 6<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00

Songs with Agape love church Sunday school kids.

Sun., Dec 7<sup>th</sup> @ 1:15

Scouts Carolling

Mon., Dec 8<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30

Richmond Christian School Gr 5 Choir

Tues., Dec 9<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm

Mike's Critters Animal Show



Join this interactive show. Pet and view an exotic collection of fuzzy and not so fuzzy animals

Tues., Dec 9<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm

Blundell Elem Gr K/1 visit

Sat., Dec 13<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00

Piano Recital

Tues., Dec 16<sup>th</sup> @ 1:15

Bingo with Gr 4/5 Woodward Elementary

Wed., Dec 17 at 1:15

Staff, Resident and family Carol Karaoke

Sat., Dec 20<sup>th</sup> @ 1:15

Life Group Carollers

Tues., Dec 23 at 6pm

Carol Sing with Herb

# Resident, Family/Visitor & General Information

## Resident and Family Christmas Lunch

**Thurs., Dec 11<sup>th</sup>**

**11:30 - 1:15pm**

**Complimentary for Residents**

**\$12 per guest-2 guests maximum**

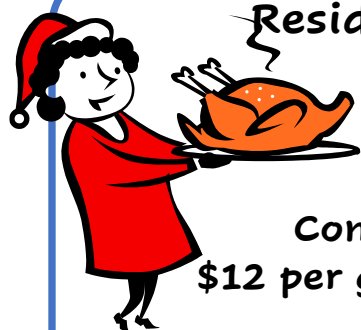
Meal service begins at 12:00

Seating on both floors in the main building and on SCU

**RSVP By Friday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>**

To Reception 604-271-3590 ext 121

Guest cost -charged to resident comfort funds.



### New Ceiling Lifts (5)

The installation of the five new ceiling lifts, originally scheduled for completion during the week of November 5–12, was delayed due to equipment delivery issues. The company completed the installation on November 28. These ceiling lifts will support evolving care and mobility needs of our residents.

### Flu and COVID Vaccine Update

Over the 2 months, we have vaccinated over 95% of our residents against the Flu and COVID viruses. We encourage everyone to regularly perform hand hygiene, and refrain from visiting if feeling unwell. Masks are available at the entrances for staff and visitors to use.

### Mask Mandate for the Viral Respiratory Illness (VRI) Season Update

We are working closely with VCH Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) to ensure full compliance with flu-season guidelines. We are currently awaiting an announcement from the Medical Health Officer (MHO) regarding a potential mask mandate for staff and visitors in resident common areas. Once we receive an official order, we will share a memo with families and post the information within the home.

### Quarterly Antipsychotic Review

In compliance with the Ministry of Health Mandate for the reduction of inappropriate antipsychotic use, Rosewood Manor continues to hold antipsychotic medication reviews with the physicians, pharmacist, nurses, and VCH Clinical Resource Nurse. Residents who are taking antipsychotic medications without an appropriate diagnosis will be reviewed and their Substitute Decision Maker will be contacted every 3 months to review and provide consent for the use of the medication.

### Overtime Funding Cut

Effective November 1, 2025, The Ministry of Health will stop funding overtime costs for Long Term Care homes in BC. The leadership team in collaboration with the unions. We have developed algorithms to utilize during shift vacancies to ensure our residents receive safe care. We continue to hire nurses and care aides to build up our casual pools to reduce the need for overtime.

### Building Updates

**Projectors TV's on all SCU floors** – Through our partnership with UBC IdeaLab's zinnia TV project aimed at enhancing dementia care, we have expanded this initiative to all SCU floors. Zinnia TV is designed for residents with dementia and provide cognitive and motor stimulation, supporting our commitment to promoting non-pharmacological treatment approaches. Expect to be complete by mid December.

**Immersive Virtual reality headsets** - Through our partnership with UBC IdeaLab- we have access to 5 VR head sets that will be used with residents in the main building and SCU.

**Special Care Unit Re-roofing Project** - The new roof is 95% complete. We are waiting for some materials to get the work completed. The target date of completion is early December.

**North Spa Shower Room** – The leak in the shower room has resurfaced and hence we have closed off the shower room until repairs are completed. The estimate time of completion is end of December. Staff have been utilizing the use of the shower room on the South side and on the Second floor. Thank you to our staff who have modified their work routine during this time.

**LED Lighting Project** –Luma Tech Solutions Canada will be changing our existing lighting fixtures to LED fixtures to reduce carbon emissions and reduce our energy cost by approx. 30%. This project will start on Dec 1st with completion date by Dec 19.

### Aramark Support Services (Housekeeping, Laundry, Dietary)

**Holiday meals:** Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Years Day

## Staff Information and Events



**Wed., Dec 17 at 1:15  
In the main lounge**

**Staff, Resident and family Carol Karaoke  
and talent show**

**Join in the lounge for hot chocolate and some  
holiday cheer.**

**Look for the sign up sheet by the time clock.**

### GPA Staff training

**Gentle Persuasive Approaches in Dementia Care:  
Supporting Persons with Responsive Behaviors**  
Staff training this month (Care, Recreation, Nursing)  
**Since October, 107 staff completed the training**

Guest Wifi: RM-Guest Pw: RWM-W00d!

This newsletter is available on the website [www.rosewoodmanor.org](http://www.rosewoodmanor.org)  
Copies of this newsletter are available at reception

### Territory Acknowledgement:

We acknowledge that we live and work on the traditional unceded homelands of the Coast Salish peoples and Musqueam Nation.