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## WHAT IS THE BEST GIFT TO GET MY LOVED ONE?

Gifts for senior citizens should be practical as well as thoughtful. If you are having a difficult time thinking of the perfect gift to give the senior citizen on your list, then look no further. Here are the 10 best gifts for senior citizens.

### Gift Cards, Prepaid Phone Cards and Gift Certificates

Most senior citizens live on a fixed income and money is a constant concern. One of the best gifts for senior citizens is a gift card, prepaid phone card or gift certificate.

### Large Print Reading Materials

Many seniors have difficulty seeing regular sized type in books and magazines. A great gift for senior citizens is a large print version of their favorite book or magazine. Large print editions of books are usually available for special order through your local bookstore.

### In Home Services

One of the best gifts for senior citizens is pre-paying for in home services they need but may not be able to afford to pay for themselves. In home services that are perfect for gifting to senior citizens include housekeeping, cooking, lawn care, errand running, barbers and hairdressers.

### Gifts to Warm the Body

Seniors are often colder than younger people, so some of the best gifts for senior citizens include gifts to keep them warm. Some great ideas include blankets, electric blankets, fleece cover ups, Snuggles, slipper socks with non-slip treads on the bottom, blanket throws and hats.

### DVD Collection of Old TV Shows

Want to treat your senior loved one to a trip down memory lane? Why not give them DVDs of their favorite old TV shows or CDs of their favorite old radio shows? If your senior citizen loved one doesn't have a DVD or CD player, include one as part of the gift.

### Games, Jigsaw Puzzles, Crosswords and Word Searches

Games and puzzles are always one of the best gifts to give senior citizens. Board games, jigsaw puzzles, crosswords, word searches and even logic puzzles can all be enjoyed by seniors. If your senior loved one has vision issues, there are many large print games, puzzle books and playing cards on the market. [Read more...](#)

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Cindy Rapp  
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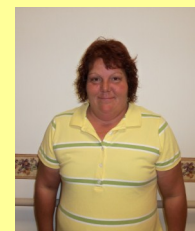
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**Mary Wilson**

Dietary Manager  
Jerseyville Estates

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# A Note from the Administrator

What a wonderful turn out we had for our Thanksgiving feast! Over 250 friends and families ate with their loved ones. Thank you for being part of our "Manor family".

Christmas is in the air, we have started hanging up our Christmas lights and Rita has been unpacking decorations for the holiday season. Many of our residents have already asked when we are putting up the Christmas trees. Rita does a beautiful job decorating our home, especially this time of the year. Our December calendar is getting full. We have Christmas caroling, cookie baking, and ornament making just to name a few activities. Rita has put a spin on the traditional bingo game this month with gift wrap bingo-you never know what you can win!

On Dec. 14th mark your calendars for our Family Fun Night Christmas party starting at 6pm. Bring the little ones to see Santa! This Christmas we wanted to give back, so we have adopted a local family in need this holiday season. We currently are raffling off a 4ft. predecorated Christmas tree with engraved wooden ornaments. All the proceeds will go to the family. It is currently on display in the front common area.

The Manor at Craig Farms wishes you and yours a blessed Merry CHRISTmas,

Shelley Bollman



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## HONOR, COURAGE, COMMITMENT

Jack Schulte, Lex Kilcore, Norman Fraembs, Tony Hennrich

Honoring Those Who Have Served



# A note from the Administrator

November was a busy month at Jerseyville Estates. The residents enjoyed going to the movie theater and seeing "What If." They said it is a really good movie and if you have the opportunity, go see it.

We have a lot to be thankful for and celebrated Thanksgiving with the residents and their families with a wonderful meal and fellowship. The residents also really enjoyed the children who came to trick or treat.

We are looking forward to the holiday season, Christmas carols, decorating our community, lots of activities and of course, parties. The residents have been busy making fleece lap blankets to donate to our local nursing homes for Christmas. The Cooking Club will be busy baking lots of goodies for our local doctor offices. We have planned lots of Christmas movies and snacks throughout the month.

We welcome Ed Boker who will be doing a Bible study with the residents monthly. Janelle Marshall's students will be putting on a Christmas song piano recital for the residents on December 16th. We are planning a party to honor our volunteers on December 19th. We will be having our Resident Christmas Party with Santa on December 20th. Entertainment will be provided by Joe Powell.

We want to wish the residents and their families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Amy Chapman



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Resident of the Month

Geraldine "Gerri" Becker

Geraldine (Gerri) Becker made Jerseyville Estates her home in March of this year. She was born and raised in Jersey County. She married her husband James in 1947 and was married to him for 50 years before he passed in 1997. Together they had 3 children, Kay, Gordon and Sue. Her and her husband also raised her 5 brothers and sisters. She has 7 Grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Gerri loves to reminisce about going to her cousins or the neighbors to play jump rope when she was a child. Her favorite food is mashed potatoes and gravy and when asked what advice she would give to the younger generation she said, Just be careful when going out. There are lots of careless people in the world and you have to watch out for them and yourself.

Congratulations Gerri, for being Jerseyville Estates Resident of the month for November 2012.



# A Note from the Administrator

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas around here. After having a wonderfully, successful family Thanksgiving meal here on November 17th the Manor is beginning to unfold into a beautiful Winter Wonderland. I would like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to Beverly Logan, dietary manager and her awesome staff for putting together a delicious meal for everyone on Saturday. We had a great turnout and I enjoyed seeing all of our extended family here. Time goes by so fast...it seems like we just did this a few months ago.

Make sure you check out our calendar for December. Amy has a very busy month planned. We have several different groups coming in this month to help the resident's celebrate the holiday season. I would like to especially highlight our in house shopping day on Friday, December 7th. Come get a jump start on your Christmas shopping as she has several vendors signed up to sell many great items.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season but remember the real reason for the season as you celebrate with your family.

God bless you all and Merry Christmas.

Brooke Fox



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Mary Burns

Manor at Mason Woods resident of the month is Mary Burns. Mary is very active at the Manor and enjoys reading, working word puzzles and exercise class. Mary always has a smile on her face and enjoys meeting new people. She encourages everyone to stop by the Manor to see what a beautiful place she lives in.





# A Note From the Administrator

November was certainly a month to give Thanks! We served our annual Thanksgiving Feast on Saturday, November 10th to over 250 residents and their guests. A huge thank you to Crystal and the kitchen staff as well as those staff members helping to serve you on that day!! We have received numerous cards and compliments from our family members. We are thankful to spend another year with you and your families. December is such a busy month. Norm and Jill have lots of Christmas crafts to keep our residents busy. We have lots of decorating to do as we transform our home into a Winter Wonderland. I am sure our residents will enjoy the caroling by several groups that will be visiting this year. Please also be sure to join us for our annual Christmas Party Friday, December 14th at 6pm. Most of all we want to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Cindy Rapp



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Resident of the Month

Irene Brewer

Irene Brewer is still settling into her surroundings here at The Manor at Salem Woods. Never the less she stays highly involved with community events and activities, especially crafts. Irene is a long time friend of many of our residents, make her transition much easier. Irene is an avid crafter, often showing both residents and staff new and interesting possibilities. The residents and staff of The Manor are so glad that we can call Irene both neighbor and friend.

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## Senior Resources Links

- [AARP](#)
- [Alzheimer's Disease Education & Referral Center](#)
- [Illinois Dept on Aging](#)
- [Illinois Health & Wellness](#)
- [Illinois Healthcare & Family Services](#)
- [Illinois Supportive Living Program](#)
- [National Council On Aging](#)
- [Social Security](#)
- [Senior Corps](#)

**Jerseyville Estates is especially designed to assist mature adults in maintaining an independent lifestyle. You'll delight in the many amenities of our community.**



**The Manor at Mason Woods is an attractive community in a beautiful, serene setting that provides comfort, safety and security for mature adults. We're proud to make The Manor at Mason Woods affordable and we welcome everyone.**

**The Manor at Craig Farms is located in a beautiful wooded setting and comes complete with a gazebo for relaxation and enjoyable conversation.**



**The Manor at Salem Woods is a safe, secure environment and we try to eliminate the worries which come with living alone. You and your family will have comfort in knowing that you live in this community—built just for you and your needs.**

You'll be proud to call  
The Manors  
your new home too!



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