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This Week's Activities:

Tuesday, Nov. 29: Tree Trimming at 12:30. When we're finished, we'll head to Steak & Shake for 1/2 priced holiday milkshakes!!

Thursday, Dec. 1: Annual Board Christmas Party for all residents. 6:00 at Hope House. Special entertainment holiday music provided by songstress Michelle Young.

Friday, Dec. 2: Brooke returns for another wonderful art class. We'll meet in the Treehouse at 10:00, unless it's too cold! If that is the case, we'll be at Hope House. Come see what Brooke has in store for us this month!

Friday, Dec. 2, Advent Tea at 3:00, downstairs at Hope House. Join us each Friday afternoon leading up to Christmas for some hot chocolate or a variety of teas and some yummy goodies. We'll listen to holiday music, perhaps work on some craft projects, and just take a break to enjoy each other's company during this festive season.



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Today, I'd like to include the thoughts/comments of a professional I do not know personally, but who, in her writings, interestingly, has expressed my feelings perfectly. I will not plagiarize her work. Instead, I will let you read her conclusion to "Celebrate Tradition, Relish Change: While I repeatedly enjoy the customary trappings of holiday traditions during the season, I relish new adventures and the observation of the continued evolution of Chattanooga." I feel that belief should be very well understood by anyone associated with Hosanna Community. No, we don't have premier ballet centers like the Tivoli near us, but if you look down Highway 153, you can see differing sections of housing, brand new start-up businesses, restaurants, an assisted living facility which is literally in our backyard, and the people that fill them. As Deborah Pettichord, the editor of the Chattanooga Magazine for the past 26 years, points out, "It is important to celebrate them all, from the big names to the nameless, the citizens who have taken part in the renaissance of a middle-sized city in the South." Deborah, thank you for your insight and gift of sharing your observations. I hope you, my readers, gain from Deborah and myself, as the Christmas spirit seems to be awakening.

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COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

There are fewer than four weeks until Christmas! Don't get caught up in the pressure to go, go, go, and buy, buy, buy this season. Appreciate the little things, be grateful for the bounty that each of us has been blessed with, and take time to enjoy those around you. Hosanna will have many activities planned, some off the property and some here at home. You don't have to do every activity, but we do encourage you to do some of them. Think about those people who have made an impact in your life. Is there something you can do to show them your appreciation? Homemade Christmas cookies or even a sincere card can be a thoughtful gesture to make. Let us know if there is something we can do to help YOU celebrate this season.

